

Press Release

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Passing of J. Martin Schröder Pioneer in Dutch Aviation

It is with profound sadness and deep respect that we share the news of the passing of **Martin Schröder**, founder and former CEO of Martinair. On 2 October 2024, at the age of 93, Martin Schröder passed away – a man whose influential vision and leadership have left a lasting impact on the aviation industry.

Martin Schröder was a true pioneer. His legacy began in 1958 with the founding of Martin's Air Charter, a modest charter airline that quickly grew into the iconic Martinair. Under his leadership, the company became a key player in both passenger and cargo transport, a testament to his spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship. Schröder firmly believed that air travel should be accessible to all, and this belief lay at the heart of his life's work.

His determination and foresight not only shaped the development of Martinair, but also paved the way for its close cooperation with KLM and, eventually for Air France KLM Martinair Cargo. Thanks to his dedication and vision, we now serve as a leader in the global air cargo market. And we still benefit from his success daily.

“Martin Schröder will be remembered as a man who pursued his dreams with passion and perseverance. His name will remain closely linked to aviation in the Netherlands and beyond. His vision, courage and innovative spirit will continue to inspire us all”, states **Adriaan den Heijer, EVP Air France KLM Cargo and managing director Martinair.**

Our thoughts are with his wife Tineke, their children and grandchildren, and the rest of his family. We offer them our heartfelt condolences and would like to wish them strength during this difficult time.

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Photo credit: AFKLM Cargo - At the controls of a Martinair Boeing 747-200



Photo credit: AFKLM Cargo - Retired but fully engaged until the very end.