



Nico Buchholz has a background on aeronautical engineering and management from establishments in North America and Europe. He is an accomplished global Executive with 30+ years unique international experience covering all continents, mostly in the aerospace (OEM & Airline) industry and Rail and Leasing. Being successfully result driven his broad experience is recognized in areas such as technical developments for new aviation products as well network planning, technical customer support, contract negotiations, strategy, communications, marketing and sales, procurement paired with an unbiased analytical approach combined with engaging and mobilizing teams.

His career so far spans the EVP aircraft procurement, fleet management, trading and strategy for Lufthansa Group and all 15 airlines as well as past exec functions for aircraft & engine manufacturers (Airbus, Bombardier, Rolls-Royce) in the fields of Marketing, Sales, Support, Strategy and Procurement. He further served on the boards of aircraft leasing companies whilst also acting as a Senior advisor for two major US airlines on re-fleeting and procurement. Currently he is a senior advisor to some airlines as well as to a global consultancy practice, he works closely with a small OEM and advises also in the general mobility area. Furthermore he is also member and cofounder of the Flightlevel 500 network, working with financing organizations and in the OEM world.

He retired from Bombardier Inc in Montreal as SVP Strategic Initiatives after the conclusion of the CSeries Sale to Airbus. Prior to driving several strategic opportunities across the business, he was hired in 2015 as SVP and Chief Procurement Officer in Montréal. His responsibilities included procurement across Bombardier's four business segments, namely Commercial Aircraft, Business Aircraft, Aerostructures and Engineering Services, and Bombardier's train business. His functions included leading the Corporation's supply chain activities, managing relations with suppliers globally and restructuring.

Before joining Bombardier, Nico Buchholz was Executive Vice President, Lufthansa Group Fleet Management for nearly 15 years in Frankfurt. Aside from fleet strategy and aircraft evaluation for a fleet of approximately 700 aircraft, his role encompassed aircraft procurement, asset management and sales for all airlines in the Lufthansa Group. His team was instrumental in the development of various aircraft from major OEMs, including the CSeries (A220), the Boeing777X, the A320NEO, the Boeing747-8 as well as working on new engine programs.

From 1998 to 2001, Mr. Buchholz worked at Rolls-Royce in Berlin, where he was responsible for marketing and sales contracts, customer service and communications of German products to worldwide customers in the military, airline and private sectors.

Earlier in his career, he worked in global product marketing at Airbus Industrie in Toulouse, in the department for technical and commercial aircraft evaluation, and subsequently in marketing. Latterly, he was in charge of aircraft sales for Germany, Finland and Sweden as well as coordination with the Star Alliance.

Born in Hamburg, Nico Buchholz has enrolled at the Berlin Technical University in Aeronautical Engineering, with a focus on Flight Operations, Aircraft Design and Air Traffic. Further Education was received at Cranfield University in Air Transport Management as well as joining an executive program at Columbia University and London Business school. He also served in the German Navy.