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My name is Ruud Leukel. I was born in the south of Holland in 1965 and moved to Amsterdam in 1990 as I wanted to work for an airline.

I started with Northwest Airlines and worked there for 5 years at the reservations department.

In 1995 I moved to Martinair and started at the Distribution Department. In 1998 I became Supervisor at the Martinair Ticket office at Schiphol. This was a very challenging job. I stayed there for 13 years.

In 2011 Martinair stopped flying passengers and I had to find a new job.

That is the time that I moved to the Cargo department and became Duty Manager of the Martinair Cargo fleet.

Unfortunately the amount of Cargo planes went from 10 to 4 due to the fact that the MD11 Freighters were phased out. As they were not replaced by other cargo planes, all Duty Managers had to find a new job.

For me that was already the 2nd time in 5 years that I had to find a new job.

On 01 January 2014 all Martinair personnel were taken over by KLM and I became a KLM employee.

In September 2016 I was hired at the KLM animal Hotel as Shiftleader. It is a great job and a lot of my friends are a bit jealous as I get to see so many different animals.

Especially at home I have 2 jealous kids who always love it when I show them pictures of the animals we had.

Now I'm living in Lisse which is famous for its Keukenhof. A huge park with all kind of flowers. They get 1.3 million visitors in 8 weeks!

I like to play tennis, go to the movies and my favourite holiday destination is Bali