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Greater Anglia and Stadler extend FLIRT maintenance partnership

Stadler Rail Service UK will continue to maintain Greater Anglia's fleet of 58 FLIRT bi-mode and electric multiple units for the next two years. The two parties have agreed a full-service contract extension to ensure the continuity of the maintenance and technical support of one of the UK's best performing train fleets. The milestone coincides with Stadler's tenth anniversary in the UK, having grown into a nationwide supplier of services to the rail industry, committed to providing reliable public transport.

Since entering service in 2019, the Stadler-built FLIRTs have become a cornerstone of the operator's reliable and efficient regional and intercity routes – thanks largely to the bi-mode technology which enables service on electrified and non-electrified lines.

The fleet has now surpassed 50 million miles in passenger service – equivalent to more than 2,000 trips around the world. Greater Anglia have become widely recognised as one of the UK's best-performing train operators, and the FLIRT units have helped transform rail travel across the region through improved accessibility, greater capacity, enhanced passenger comfort and more resilient performance.

Greater Anglia ordered the FLIRTs from Stadler in 2016, meaning the contract extension coincides with Stadler's tenth year of operations in the UK. In that time, Stadler has grown into a nationwide business delivering rail servicing and maintenance and supporting the introduction of new rolling stock fleets in all four corners of the country.

Paul Patrick, Managing Director for Stadler Rail Service UK, said:
"We're proud to continue our successful partnership with Greater Anglia. The contract extension is a strong vote of confidence in our team and the quality of our services. Over the past ten years, we've significantly grown our footprint in the UK, with operations across the country including Norwich, Newcastle, Liverpool, Glasgow and Cardiff, creating skilled jobs and investing in local communities. We look forward to building on this success and further strengthening our position in the UK rail industry."

Martin Beable, Chief Operating Officer for GBR Anglia, said:
"Greater Anglia is pleased to confirm this new 2-year maintenance agreement with Stadler for our fleet of Class 745 and 755 trains. We're looking forward to working with Stadler to build on the major improvements in service and reliability these new trains have already been delivering for our customers and communities."

About Stadler

Stadler has been building trains for over 80 years. The provider of mobility solutions in rail vehicle construction, service and signalling technology has its headquarters in Bussnang in eastern Switzerland. Around 18,000 employees work at eight production and six engineering sites and over 95 service locations, including around 6,000 employees in Switzerland. Stadler is the world's leading manufacturer of vehicles with alternative drive systems (hydrogen and battery) and rack railway vehicles. The company is aware of its social responsibility for sustainable mobility and therefore stands for innovative, sustainable and durable quality products.

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