

# CMA CGM announces upgrade to service between Jeddah and North Red Sea in partnership with Folk Maritime

SERVICES UPDATES

**Effective from April 2024, CMA CGM will operate NRX (North Red Sea Express), a joint upgraded service connecting Saudi Arabia Jeddah Islamic Port to NEOM, North Red Sea ports of Sokhna in Egypt, Aqaba in Jordan and Yanbu in Saudi Arabia, expanding logistic capabilities in the North Red Sea and reinforcing Saudi Arabia's growing strategic position as a global logistics hub.**

This service will be operated in partnership with Folk Maritime, Saudi Arabia's pioneering independent feeder and short-sea shipping operator.

The weekly service will provide two vessels catering to cargo transshipping from both Jeddah Islamic Port Terminals Red Sea Gate Terminal (RSGT) and DP World Jeddah (DPW Jeddah). It aims to facilitate the growing market and trade needs of the region, whilst simultaneously ensuring the smooth handling of cargo and seamless delivery to local organizations.

NRX will cater to the needs of customers who seek growth within these key regional ports. It will also help to reduce carbon emission by offering reliable and effective alternative sea solution between Jeddah, NEOM and Yanbu.

The first sailing of the NRX service will take place from Jeddah on April 9th, 2024 by M/V JIN SHUN HE.

CMA CGM is pleased to partner with Folk Maritime in this upgraded service connecting Jeddah ports to the growing market needs of NEOM and other key ports in the North Red Sea. This service will not only contribute to Saudi Arabia expansion of its logistic capabilities in the North Red Sea, but also serve our customers with a better offering in this key region where CMA CGM Group has been pioneering direct calls to the port of NEOM since March 2023.

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**Rotation will be the following:** Jeddah RSGT – Jeddah DPW – NEOM – Sokhna - Aqaba – Yanbu – Jeddah RSGT



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