



D-Orbit signs contract with SpaceX for expanded launch capacity on upcoming rideshare missions

Fino Mornasco, Italy, May 6th, 2025 — [D-Orbit](#), the global leader in space logistics and orbital transportation, announced today they **signed a contract with [SpaceX](#) for additional launch capacity on upcoming Transporter rideshare missions**. The agreement of **sixteen ports** across multiple missions supports D-Orbit's ongoing mission to provide **responsive and reliable in-orbit delivery and operations services for commercial and institutional customers worldwide**.

This new capacity will enable D-Orbit to further scale its offering of launch, last-mile delivery services, and in-orbit demonstration opportunities for third-party payloads. It also reflects the company's commitment to ensuring continuous, high-frequency access to space for its growing customer base.

"With a strong flight heritage, proven technology, and a clear roadmap toward in-orbit servicing, we are proud to continue launching with SpaceX," said **Monica Valli, VP of Operations at D-Orbit**. *"These secured ports allow us to maintain the flexibility and reliability our customers require while continuing to expand the range of services we can deliver in orbit."*

ION Satellite Carrier (ION) is D-Orbit's proprietary orbital transfer vehicle designed to deploy satellites into precise orbital slots and operate hosted payloads post-deployment. Since its first mission in 2020, D-Orbit has launched 17 ION missions with increasing complexity, and four additional launches are scheduled for 2025. The growing fleet of IONs is also the foundation for the development of next-generation in-orbit services, including edge computing, data relay, and advanced in orbit demonstrations.

D-Orbit's infrastructure-as-a-service approach is enabling a new chapter of scalable, sustainable space operations, helping pave the way toward a circular space economy.

About D-Orbit

D-Orbit is a market leader in the space logistics and transportation services industry with a track record of space-proven services, technologies, and successful missions.

Founded in 2011, D-Orbit is the first company addressing the logistics needs of the space market. ION Satellite Carrier, for example, is a space vehicle that can transport satellites in orbit and release them individually into distinct orbital slots, reducing the time from launch to operations by up to 85% and the launch costs of an entire satellite constellation by up to 40%. ION can also accommodate multiple third-party payloads like innovative technologies developed by startups, experiments from research entities, and instruments from space companies requiring a test in orbit. Finally, ION can also be rented for edge computing applications and space cloud services to provide satellite operators with storage capacity and advanced computing capabilities in orbit. D-Orbit's roadmap includes becoming a relevant player in the in-orbit servicing market, which is forecasted to become one of the largest, growing markets within the space sector.

In April 2025, the company announced a strategic business combination with the Planetek group to integrate new capabilities in cloud-based space applications, AI-powered data processing in orbit, and near real-time data services.



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With offices in Italy, Portugal, Greece, the UK, and an experienced US team focused on bus design, manufacturing, and commercialization, D-Orbit is the world's first certified B-Corp space company and a registered benefit corporation.

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