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HUGO ECKENER
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Hugo Eckener’s early career was as a newspaper reporter. He joined Zeppelin as a publicist in 1906 and assisted in the development of Zeppelin’s rigid airships and in training pilots. He was instrumental in popularizing airship travel, in particular transoceanic flights. In 1929 he commanded the Graf Zeppelin (LZ127) on the first-ever round-the-world commercial flight.

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