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Czech Airlines Technics expands the base maintenance portfolio with latest models of Airbus and Boeing

CSAT has gained competitive advantage as they can now service the narrow-body A320neo and B737 MAX at Prague Airport

Czech Airlines Technics (CSAT) has expanded their base maintenance to airlines and leasing companies operating Airbus A320neo in Prague. They recently completed the first two overhauls at Vaclav Havel Airport in Prague. CSAT recently received its new authorization from the Civil Aviation Authority of the Czech Republic. They also introduced Boeing 737 MAX base maintenance services at the start of this year.

Pavel Hales, Chairman of the Czech Airlines Technics Board of Directors said, "This year, we have managed to expand the portfolio of base maintenance services with the two models of the latest generation narrow-body aircraft manufactured by both Boeing and Airbus. We have gained another competitive advantage on the market thanks to the fact that we can now service these modern aircraft in our hangar at Prague Airport. In relation to the required operating limitations within which aircraft must undergo regular overhauls, the certification process was conveniently timed. All the operators of these aircraft can now use our complex services. In addition, we can also combine this type of regular checks with the aircraft storage in Prague, which is still of greater interest."

Thomas Krook, Director Technical Operations of Novair said, "The customer experience from planning to work completion, documentation and re-delivery was very good. We were very happy with the product and services in Prague and Novair will likely be a returning customer at CSAT."

Regular mandatory checks, more demanding repairs, modifications to aircraft systems and structures, cabin modifications, engine exchanges and exchanges and repairs of landing gear and other aircraft components are a part of aircraft base maintenance services provided.

Last year, despite the COVID-19 pandemics, Czech Airlines Technics managed to successfully complete over 70 base maintenance overhauls. Finnair, Transavia Airlines, Smartwings and NEOS are among the most important Czech Airlines Technics clients in the base maintenance division.

Alitalia signs AerFin for component support of their Embraer fleet

The BeyondPool contract will cover the supply, repair and overhaul of rotable components as well as a dedicated on-site inventory

AerFin has signed a component support contract with Alitalia, the flag carrier of Italy, to serve the component requirements of their fleet of Embraer E175 and E190 aircraft. The BeyondPool contract will cover the supply, repair and overhaul of rotable components as well as a dedicated on-site inventory holding at the airline's main base in FCO, Rome, to meet the immediate operational needs of their E-Jet aircraft.

Chris Hooley, Director – Airframe Services, said: "We are delighted to announce this component support contract with Alitalia which provides them with a flexible level of support as the airline navigates through this period of transition. Our in-house technical experience on the E-jet platform along with our cost-effective and flexible commercial approach makes us the ideal partner for Alitalia and we look forward to supporting them in tailoring this agreement to accommodate their future requirements in an exciting new chapter for the airline."

The signing of this contract reinforces AerFin's position as the market leader for delivering flexible component support solutions to the E-Jet market. Alitalia is the latest airline to join AerFin's BeyondPool customer portfolio, including; Bamboo Airways, Finnair, Great Dane Airlines, IKAR and British Airways CityFlyer.

STS Aviation's AOG Recovery ready to be deployed at moment's notice

As part of the company's certified, nose-to-tail aircraft maintenance support service, STS Aviation Services has on-wing repair and fuel tank defect teams ready to cover Europe

STS Aviation Services have strengthened their response to challenges by deploying AOG Recovery Services, a fleet of mobile, rapid-response teams made up of highly experienced Engineers. Despite the pandemic, the STS AOG Recovery teams have returned more than 50 AOG aircraft to revenue-generating service in double-quick time.

Patrick Meyer, Sr. Vice President of STS Aviation Services' Shannon Ireland said, "Rapid reaction is nothing new to our team, and our AOG Recovery expertise is evident. Our company has a proud history of supporting leading commercial, cargo and military operators while ensuring fleet availability around the clock. STS AOG provides a full repair and certification solution, allowing customers and operators to focus on other issues while we focus on getting their aircraft back in to service."

As part of the company's certified, nose-to-tail aircraft maintenance support service, STS Aviation Services has on-wing repair and fuel tank defect teams ready to cover Europe and be deployed on a moment's notice.

Lee Burgess, Director of Operations for STS Aviation Services said, "Our experienced AOG engineers are rostered around the clock providing a speedy recovery solution to AOG situations all across Europe. As the global aviation industry continues to recover from the pandemic, our team remains on its 'front foot' and will be proactively contacting airlines to ensure that we remain front and center when it comes to getting their aircraft back into revenue-generating service."

STS AOG Recovery teams deploy specially allocated vans kitted out with fall arrest equipment, compressors, and a wide variety of test equipment. In addition, each support van is stocked with a full range of specialist tools that allow our engineering teams to be fully self-sufficient, attending to its customers' needs when working AOG or helping with base maintenance critical path events.

With specialist AOG Recovery teams standing by globally, STS Aviation Services is ready to assist with scheduled and unscheduled aircraft maintenance events.

B&H Worldwide opens JetCell storage system for protection of jet engines in storage

This system creates a moisture-free, regulated and controlled environment around the equipment regardless of local conditions

B&H Worldwide has further expanded the scope of its specialized services with the introduction of the JetCell storage system at its Singapore facility. This system is designed to deliver long-term protection for jet engines in storage thereby creating a moisture-free, regulated and controlled environment around the equipment regardless of local conditions.

Modern jet engines are built using composite materials and advanced electronics and require specialist handling from experts for both storage and transportation. When stored they require very precise moisture free surroundings. The new JetCells being implemented by B&H feature small industrial air dryers within the storage enclosure which are

capable of delivering very low levels of relative humidity with a virtually maintenance free operation over long periods of time.

B & H Worldwide Group CEO, Stuart Allen said, "Customers in the aerospace logistics arena are rightly demanding the highest levels of quality and care when it comes to long-term storage of their aircraft engines. With the introduction of these JetCells at our Singapore facility we are able to provide another service enhancement specifically tailored to meet their requirements and which will help to keep aircraft engines in pristine condition while they are within our facility in the Free Trade Zone at Changi".

Two different types of JetCell have been installed meaning the Singapore facility can handle both Trent 700 and Trent XWB engines, among others. Their introduction means the B&H team will be able to maintain very low levels of humidity and keep the engines in optimal conditions.

VisionSafe's Emergency Vision Assurance System for Embraer Praetor 500 & 600

This feature will enhance safety on Embraer's Praetor business jets

Embraer and VisionSafe Corporation announced that VisionSafe's EVAS or Emergency Vision Assurance System is now available for the Praetor 500 and the Praetor 600 business jets. The new feature will be available through a Supplement Type Certificate (STC) issued by VisionSafe Corporation. The EVAS system provides a clear space of air through which a pilot can see flight instruments and out the front windshield for landing the plane in the event of cockpit smoke.

Marsha Woelber, Head of Worldwide Executive Jets Customer Support & Aftermarket Sales, Embraer Service & Support said, "This feature will enhance safety on Embraer's Praetor business jets. This reflects the continuous improvement Embraer brings to its successful business jet portfolio."

Chris Skurat, Director of Sales for Business Aviation at VisionSafe said, "Embraer's constant commitment to safety is reaffirmed in announcing this partnership with VisionSafe. Having EVAS available as an STC on Embraer's flagship Praetor aircraft is a milestone for business aviation. We are thrilled to announce EVAS is now available on all Embraer business aircraft, giving their clients the option of adding EVAS to their aircraft as an aftermarket upgrade."

In addition to the Praetor aircraft, the Legacy 450 and the Legacy 500 business jets are also eligible to be upgraded with the system. In 2020, a similar STC was issued by VisionSafe for the Legacy 600, Legacy 650 and Lineage 1000 business jets. In addition, EVAS is available as loose equipment for the Phenom 100 and Phenom 300.

GE Aviation and Safran launched CFM RISE, next step towards sustainable engines

This program will demonstrate and mature a range of new, disruptive technologies for future engines that could enter service by the mid-2030s

GE Aviation and Safran launched CFM RISE, a bold technology development program targeting more than 20 percent lower fuel consumption and CO2 emissions compared to today's engines. This program will demonstrate and mature a range of new, disruptive technologies for future engines that could enter service by the mid-2030s. GE and Safran also signed an agreement extending the CFM International 50/50 partnership to the year 2050, declaring their intent to lead the way for more sustainable aviation in line with the industry's commitment to halve CO2 emissions by 2050

John Slattery, President and CEO of GE Aviation said, "The relationship between GE and Safran today is the strongest it has ever been. Together, through the RISE technology demonstration program, we are reinventing the future of flight, bringing an advanced suite of revolutionary technologies to market that will take the next generation of single-aisle aircraft to a new level of fuel efficiency and reduced emissions. We fully embrace the sustainability imperative. As we have always done in the past, we will deliver for the future."

Olivier Andriès, CEO of Safran said,"Our industry is in the midst of the most challenging times we have ever faced. We have to act now to accelerate our efforts to reduce our impact on the environment. Since the early 1970s, breakthrough engine efficiency and reliability have been the hallmark of our historic partnership and our LEAP engine already reduces emissions by 15 percent compared to previous generation engines. Through the extension of our CFM partnership to 2050, we are today reaffirming our commitment to work together as technology leaders to help our industry meet the urgent climate challenges."

The program is being led by a joint GE/Safran engineering team that has laid out a comprehensive technology roadmap including composite fan blades, heat resistant metal alloys, ceramic matrix composites (CMCs), hybrid electric capability and additive manufacturing. The RISE program includes more than 300 separate component, module and full engine builds. A demonstrator engine is scheduled to begin testing at GE and Safran facilities around the middle of this decade and flight test soon thereafter. Technologies matured as part of the RISE Program will serve as the foundation for the next-generation CFM engine that could be available by the mid-2030s.

Central to the program is state-of-the-art propulsive efficiency for the engine, including developing an open fan architecture. This is a key enabler to achieving significantly improved fuel efficiency while delivering the same speed and cabin experience as current single-aisle aircraft. The program will also use hybrid electric capability to optimize engine efficiency while enabling electrification of many aircraft systems.

Gogo AVANCE achieves record breaking 2000 inflight connectivity installations in four years

The first Gogo AVANCE L5 installation was done in October 2017, highlighting Gogo's leadership in business aviation inflight connectivity and entertainment.

Gogo Business Aviation has once again set a new standard for inflight connectivity with its AVANCE L5 and L3 systems now installed and flying on 2,000 business aircraft. Combined, the two systems have flown nearly 600,000 flights, consuming 262.61 terabytes of data. Gogo achieved these milestones in less than four years following the first AVANCE L5 installation in October 2017, highlighting Gogo's leadership in business aviation inflight connectivity and entertainment.

Sergio Aguirre, president of Gogo Business Aviation said, "The AVANCE L5 and L3 improved performance and functionality over our Classic ATG systems continue to thrill our customers and drive demand. The need for quality connectivity has never been more important than it is today, and we don't see that slowing down."

The Gogo AVANCE L5 platform delivers a 4G experience to business aircraft of all types and sizes, from light jets to the largest global business jets, and will be able to take advantage of the new Gogo 5G network, scheduled to be launched in 2022. AVANCE L3, which launched in January 2018, provides an excellent user experience that is customizable across three configurations and comes in a lightweight, smaller form factor than the L5, making it an ideal solution for smaller aircraft including turboprops and light jets.

AVANCE L5 and L3 inflight connectivity systems today are certified on virtually every aircraft make and model from turboprops to large heavy iron ultralong-range airframes direct from the factory or in the aftermarket.

China Airlines sign AFI KLM E&M to support their GE90 engines powering B777F fleet

This contract covers PBH, such as MRO on engine and LRU, engineering support including spare engine support, transportation, On-Wing and on-site support

AFI KLM E&M and China Airlines have signed a formal agreement to support the GE90 engines powering the airline's fleet of Boeing 777F aircraft. It binds the two parties exclusively over the long term with (PBH) "Power By the Hour" support solutions. This contract covers PBH, such as MRO on engine and LRU, engineering support including spare engine support, transportation, On-Wing and on-site support. China Airlines will also benefit from AFI KLM E&M's engine predictive maintenance solution Prognosâ for Engine.

Dominik Wiener Silva, Vice President Sales Asia Pacific AFI KLM E&M said, "He was delighted with this major and historic agreement which demonstrates the high value and reputation of AFI KLM E&M's services in the global market, especially in Asia. We have worked hard to adapt our offer to the needs of China Airlines. We have demonstrated that our solutions offer the best guarantees in terms of reliability and performance. We are honored that China Airlines, a new AFI KLM E&M customer, has placed its trust in us by awarding us this major contract."

Air France-KLM Group is the second largest GE90 operator in the world. As an airline-MRO, and through an extensive technical development program, AFI KLM E&M has acquired unparalleled resources and expertise in GE90 engine overhaul and maintenance. With its extensive in-house repair, overhaul and test capabilities, AFI KLM E&M provides MRO services supporting nearly 450 GE90 engines of international airline customers. AFI KLM E&M, combining both operator experience and more than 80 years of MRO experience, providing daily operational support to customers, is the largest non-OEM provider of GE90 services. Thanks to its long-standing engineering expertise as an MRO center of excellence, AFI KLM E&M is able to optimize the costs of maintenance programs by avoiding premature removals for overhaul, optimizing shop visit workscopes and minimizing costly parts replacement.

Wang, Houng, Senior Vice President China Airlines Engineering & Maintenance Organization added: "AFI KLM E&M's ability to provide us with a dedicated and customized support program and adhesion to our bidding process gave us confidence. We worked closely and transparently with them to get a better understanding of each party's expectations. We are confident that this understanding, combined with AFI KLM E&M's expertise and skills in GE90 maintenance, will contribute positively to the effectiveness of the support we will be offered."

To gain the trust of China Airlines, AFI KLM E&M has demonstrated its performance and compliance in terms of facilities and work methods. China Airlines will thus join a strong community of AFI KLM E&M customers on the GE90, further strengthening AFI KLM E&M's footprint on the GE90 PBH market, which is particularly important in China and Southeast Asia. AFI KLM E&M has thus taken a new step in its Asia Pacific market by entering the Taiwanese market. This step is the continuation of a close relationship between the two groups since China Airlines and Air France-KLM are Skyteam partners. Taipei is a destination served by both French and Dutch airlines.

TUS Airways partners with AJW Group for a new Power-by-Hour support contract

The multi-year PBH contract recognizes AJW's global reputation in the marketplace and the agility with which it comprehensively supports start-up airlines with complete supply chain solutions.

AJW Group has secured a new Power-by-the-Hour (PBH) support contract with Cypriot carrier, TUS Airways. AJW ensured a flexible service launch for the A320 operator, initially with Pool Access and increasing to the full Power-by-the-Hour service contract once operations stabilise beyond the pandemic. The multi-year PBH contract recognizes AJW's global reputation in the marketplace and the agility with which it comprehensively supports start-up airlines with complete supply chain solutions.

Michael Weinstein, CEO of TUS Airways explains the main deciding factors for selecting AJW, "We are pleased to work in partnership with AJW Group as we start our operation with A320 aircraft. The Group has the expertise and global capability to support our supply chain needs so that we can focus on a flawless customer experience. We look forward to working in partnership with AJW to ensure that we deliver the highest rates of operational reliability."

Christopher Whiteside, Chairman and CEO of AJW Group, said "We are delighted to support TUS Airways with their supply chain needs and look forward to deepening and strengthening our relationship as they expand in the years ahead."

TUS Airways began commercial operations in 2016 with a fleet of Saab and Fokker aircraft, operating out of Larnaca International Airport in Cyprus, offering both charter and scheduled services. AJW is a market leader in designing and delivering tailored solutions to meet large and small-scale fleet and start-up needs.

Turkish Technic renews parts package agreement with Boeing for three years

Renewal of tailored parts package agreement between Boeing and Turkish Technic to provide a dynamic balance between airplane availability and inventory costs for Turkish Technic

Boeing and Turkish Technic announced a renewed tailored parts package agreement, extending the maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) provider's current contract by three years. The contract will enable Turkish Technic to reinforce its efficiency, reliability and access to a global network of parts and component services.

"Our renewed parts agreement with Boeing is a testament to our commitment to providing the best final product to our customers," said Mikail Akbulut, president and CEO, Turkish Technic. "Without a doubt, the cooperation between Turkish Technic and Boeing is another milestone in meeting the demands of the market."

Through this agreement, Turkish Technic will continue to streamline maintenance operations with price and availability benefits from the renewal agreement. This Tailored Parts Package three year renewal expands the companies' previous agreement with 9,000 part numbers. The parts include a range of Boeing and supplier parts sourced through both Boeing and partner entities.

"As our industry continues to manage challenges caused by the pandemic and subsequent recovery, our partners are committed to finding unique solutions that will provide value to their organization and final product for their customer," said Ted Colbert, president and chief executive officer, Boeing Global Services. "We greatly appreciate that Turkish Technic has continued to place their trust in Boeing's large and cost competitive supply network, gaining predictability and flexibility with the custom agreement."

Turkish Technic is one of the world's leading aviation services providers, with comprehensive maintenance, repair, overhaul, modification and reconfiguration services performed by highly qualified workforce from around the world. Commercial and government customers can access more than 13 million parts with Boeing, as well as 24/7 technical expertise and support on a broad range of spare parts issues.

VD Gulf and Joramco sign framework agreement on MRO Cooperation

Both the independent MROs aim to expand their existing capabilities, capacity and optimize their synergies

VD Gulf and Joramco have signed a framework agreement on MRO Cooperation in which both the independent MROs aim to expand their existing capabilities, capacity and optimize their synergies for a one-stop-shop upscaled customer experience, in addition to encouraging and promoting sustainable development for both organizations.

Jeff Wilkinson, Joramco said, "We are excited to work hand in hand with VD Gulf to extend our support and commitment to our valued customers across the globe. This successful collaboration shows that Joramco and VD Gulf are both trusted MRO companies and will form the future of the MRO industry in the region to adapt to customers' needs".

Mikhail Khoroshaev, Executive President VDT & Accountable Manager VD Gulf said, "As we enter a new era following the COVID-19 pandemic, it is prudent that MROs across the globe endeavor to work jointly as witnessed in other industries. With their complementary resources, such cooperation will open new frontiers globally for the two MROs."

The agreement was signed by Jeff and Mikhail during the MRO Middle East 2021, the Gulf region's leading annual conference and exhibition for commercial aviation maintenance.

China Airlines extends the agreement for inventory technical management for B777 fleet with HAECO

The extension of partnership in these challenging times is a testament to HAECO's strong operational relationship

HAECO and China Airlines have extended their long-standing agreement to provide inventory technical management support to the airline's expanding Boeing 777 fleet. The new agreement will run until 2029 and includes the addition of six Boeing 777F aircraft, while the first two aircraft were delivered in December 2020 and all aircraft will be entering into service by 2023.

The contract extension covers component MRO, repair management, component pooling, component engineering, consumable and expendable parts support services, AOG support as well as onsite consignment stock in Taipei to all 16 of CAL's Boeing 777 passenger and freighter fleet.

William Arblaster, Executive General Manager of HAECO ITM, said, "We are delighted to continue our partnership with China Airlines. The extension, in these challenging times, is a testament to our strong operational relationship."

HAECO ITM has been providing inventory technical management support to CAL since 2014. The ongoing co-operation between the two companies affirms the high-quality services provided by HAECO ITM, and the company will continue to ensure its customised, cost-effective solutions bolster CAL's strong fleet performance.

Cathay Pacific and HK express sign contract with Airbus Flight Hour Services for A320 fleet support

The multi-year, maintenance-by-the-hour contracts cover integrated component services, including on-site stock, pool access, and repair services.

Cathay Pacific Airways and HK Express have signed contracts for Airbus's Flight Hour Services (FHS) to provide support for their A320 Family fleets. These extend the service relationship with Cathay Pacific and welcome HK Express as a new FHS customer. The multi-year, maintenance-by-the-hour contracts cover integrated component services, including on-site stock, pool access, and repair services. The airlines will also benefit from Airbus's engineering expertise and FHS local representatives in Hong Kong.

Neil Glenn, Director Engineering at Cathay Pacific Airways said, "Our A350 fleet has been supported by FHS since 2016 and we are pleased to be expanding this service to cover our A320 fleet."

Mandy Ng, CEO of HK Express, said, "We believe this agreement with Airbus to provide component management services on our A320 fleet will help ensure we achieve our operational and reliability targets, allowing us to provide a best-in-class service to our customers."

"Airbus's FHS will support the operational ramp-up at Cathay Pacific and HK Express," said Bruno Bousquet, Head of Airbus Customer Services Asia-Pacific. "These new contracts will enable us to work even closer with both carriers to offer them the best services to cope with the new market reality."

Airbus has finalised 11 FHS contracts with operators worldwide over the last six months. The latest contract agreements demonstrate the continued interest in Airbus's integrated maintenance service, proving more relevant than ever in post-crisis times when airlines need to carefully monitor their costs and contain investments.

Embraer's Eve Urban Air Mobility and Skyports partner to develop UAM across Asia And US markets

The agreement extends the relationship between the two organizations, which began in early 2020 while Eve was incubated at EmbraerX

Embraer's Eve Urban Air Mobility Solutions and leading vertiport company Skyports have formed a partnership to develop urban air mobility (UAM) solutions, with a focus on vehicle-vertiport operations in early adopter markets in Asia and the Americas. The agreement extends the relationship between the two organizations, which began in early 2020 while Eve was incubated at EmbraerX. As UAM nears initial launch in multiple markets around the world, the companies will use Eve's zero-emission and low noise eVTOL vehicle, Urban Air Traffic Management (UATM) software, and UAM services to develop a concept of operations that will inform operational procedures, as well as vehicle and services development.

Duncan Walker, Chief Executive Officer at Skyports, said: "Our partnership with Eve paves the way for rapid innovation in UAM, accelerating innovation to meet the growing demand for eVTOL services. We are looking forward to the expanded partnership, unlocking new opportunities in this fast-growing market."

André Stein, President and Chief Executive Officer of Eve, said: "In transition to a low carbon economy, the aerospace industry depends on disruptive innovation to create a more sustainable future. With urban air mobility, we have a unique opportunity to co-create vertiports, vehicles, and operation, designing a new and optimized mobility ecosystem from the ground up. We are thrilled to have Skyports in this journey to develop UAM solutions in Asia and the Americas, bringing us a step closer in providing commuters and travellers with an entirely new, zero-emission, experience."

Together, the companies aim to rapidly advance and disrupt the industry by bringing Eve's innovative eVTOL vehicle to the market, where passengers will experience the future of electric transportation and a new model of sustainable mobility. As part of this collaboration, Skyports will contribute to a market readiness exercise and a vehicle concept of operation study in Brazil, furthering Eve's development of the UAM market in the region. The organizations have already worked together developing a concept of operations with Airservices Australia and are currently collaborating to develop UAM operations in the UK.

Airbus selects Liebherr-Aerospace to supply cockpit static inverter for A320 and A330

Liebherr-Aerospace's cockpit static inverter offers a more reliable, lightweight, fully digital solution and is based on wide band-gap technology together with enhanced connection functions

Liebherr-Aerospace has been selected by Airbus to supply the cockpit static inverter for the Airbus A320 and A330 families. The agreement marks a historic milestone for the company. It is the first contract in the segment of aircraft systems ATA Chapter 24 – Electrical Systems – and opens Liebherr the door to deploy its know-how and latest standalone power electronics technologies in this high potential business sector.

"Airbus and Liebherr have been cooperating since the very beginnings of Airbus. Every civil Airbus aircraft model flies with Liebherr technology on board. Now, we are very happy to add standalone power electronics to our already broad systems and components portfolio, and we are looking forward to further expanding our collaboration with Airbus in Power-on-Board technologies", said Francis Carla, Managing Director and Chief Technology Officer, Liebherr-Aerospace & Transportation SAS.

Liebherr-Aerospace's cockpit static inverter will replace the current version. It offers a more reliable, lightweight, fully digital solution and is based on wide band-gap technology together with enhanced connection functions.

Two Liebherr companies have developed the cockpit static inverter: Liebherr-Elektronik GmbH, based in Lindau (Germany), Liebherr's center of excellence for electronics and a major player in its field, is responsible for all activities regarding the hardware, including production, and Liebherr-Aerospace Toulouse SAS, Liebherr's center of excellence for air management systems in Toulouse (France), provides the inverter's software. Both companies have vast experience in power electronics and joined forces to offer Airbus the latest technology.

Aero Staking selects GA Telesis as their global distributor of aircraft tooling equipments

This partnership represents GA Telesis' Tarmac Solutions commitment to supporting airlines and MROs in reducing their overall maintenance costs while finding those solutions all in one location.

GA Telesis has signed an agreement with Aero Staking to become a global distributor of their extensive product line of aircraft tooling, bearings, and bearing testing equipment. This partnership represents GA Telesis' Tarmac Solutions commitment to supporting airlines and MROs in reducing their overall maintenance costs while finding those solutions all in one location. To date, the Tarmac Solutions division of the Flight Solutions Group (FSG) has expanded its portfolio of aftermarket supplier partnerships, dramatically providing greater overall tool and GSE options for its customers globally.

Jason Reed, President of GA Telesis' Flight Solutions Group said, "Aero Staking brings a unique product line to the industry, and we are delighted to partner with them as an exclusive distributor to support airlines and MROs with these critical tools. Our customers recognize GA Telesis as the global leader in aftermarket support solutions, and our new Tool and GSE line has been wildly popular to date. Together with this latest agreement, FSG has diversified itself into a full-service business unit of USM supply-chain, logistics, new parts distribution, and tooling/GSE offerings."

Aero Staking is pleased to welcome GA Telesis to their distributor network, offering the latest in standard and custom-designed bearing tooling solutions to airlines and MROs around the world.

JET MS signs Aviatema for providing high-quality customized aircraft covers for clients

The new partnership with Aviatema further adds value and weight to JET MS's commitment to servicing all of its present and future clients' requirements

JET MS has signed an agreement with Aviatema to offer a more divergent range of services to its clients across the aviation industry. Aviatema are providers of bespoke engine and aviation covers, and exemplifies the JET MS commitment to expanding the circle of its aviation partners to better serve existing and future clients.

According to Ms. Pavilonyte, JET MS Business Development Representative, "I am extremely pleased to have played such a decisive role in another important partnership for JET MS. This new partnership will allow the company to grow further and offer a wider variety of services to our clients. As a young female representative, being offered an opportunity to show my abilities in such a highly-rated company as JET MS displays its progressive attitude to gender equality across the aviation industry."

Marians Purmalis, Aviatema Representative, said of the new partnership, "We are pleased to announce our partnership with JetMS, a well-known private and business jet maintenance company. We are also happy that we can contribute to the growth of JetMS by providing high-quality customized aircraft covers for their clients."

As a complete one-stop-shop, JET MS is a leading provider of base and line maintenance services for business and regional aircraft, along with providing full logistic chain services and engineers' consultations. Also, while supplying a wide range of other aircraft maintenance solutions including spare parts supply, avionics, landing gear, aircraft conversion, painting, and many more valuable services, this new partnership with Aviatema further adds value and weight to JET MS's commitment to servicing all of its present and future clients' requirements.

Collins Aerospace unveiled Electronic Cabin Bag for efficient inflight services

It digitalizes and automates cabin crew tasks while enabling passengers to use their personal electronic devices for inflight shopping and service requests.

Collins Aerospace has unveiled their new touchless in-flight solution called Electronic Cabin Bag (eCB) for increasing the operating efficiency of inflight services and enhancing passenger experience. This solution is now available to airlines across the globe. It digitalizes and automates cabin crew tasks while enabling passengers to use their personal electronic devices for inflight shopping and service requests.

By digitizing documents, inflight processes and inflight inventory, the eCB solution puts the information that the cabin crew needs to better serve passengers on a single device, replacing traditional paper-heavy processes. The solution also eliminates the need for passengers to touch high-traffic call buttons.

Clotilde Enel-Rehel, general manager for Commercial Aviation & Network Services for Collins Aerospace said, "eCB gives airlines a boost in efficiency and ancillary revenue while simultaneously helping their passengers and crew feel confident in returning to travel. The data and analytics generated by eCB will also enable airlines to make informed decisions to better support their strategic and tactical planning."

In addition, eCB enables airline passengers to access real-time onboard inventory of food, beverage and inflight shopping at any stage during the flight, with the knowledge that what is being shown to them is what is available to purchase. eCB is further enhanced when the aircraft has a satellite connection to enable real-time credit card payment verification — reducing the levels of fraudulent transactions.

Philips to equip the ACJ aircraft with on-board monitoring and medical equipments

This new agreement will enable instant access to uniquely comprehensive in-air medical care supported by the latest technology for ACJ clientele.

Airbus Corporate Jets (ACJ) and Philips have signed a partnership to equip the ACJ aircraft with industry-leading on-board monitoring and medical equipment. As part of its continuous customer care approach and the excellent connectivity on-board the ACJ aircraft, this new agreement will enable instant access to uniquely comprehensive in-air medical care supported by the latest technology for ACJ clientele. Philips Tempus IC2 patient monitor can be operated on board, enabling flight crews to monitor vital signs of travellers and transmit data to ground-based medical support. Once connected, those support teams can view the medical data in real-time, allowing for key decisions to be made in a timely manner both on the ground and in the air that can help to avoid unnecessary medical diversions.

"We are pleased to partner with Philips in offering our customers state of the art inflight medical care. This is an enhancement of our customer services portfolio that our ACJ customers will benefit from," said Benoit Defforge, ACJ President

"When it comes to in-flight emergency preparedness and safeguarding the care of air travellers, remote access to data and ground based medical support is becoming increasingly important" said Ryan Landon, General Manager for Emergency Care at Philips. "With connected monitoring like Philips Tempus IC2 patient monitor and HeartStart FRx, flight and ground crews alike can access the right tools and information to make confident decisions in the air and provide better, more holistic care."

Current ACJ customers will have the opportunity to select from one of three packages providing different levels of support depending on their needs, while clients purchasing new aircraft will automatically receive the full comprehensive package for a 3-year period. Each package will feature elements to support an in-flight incident, including comprehensive 24/7 medical support, covering pre-flight, in-flight and crewcare, which is provided by Flightcare Global.

Additionally, the package will support ACJ customers' operational risk management by providing access to Osprey Flight Solutions' aviation alerting system, delivering proactive and preemptive rapid analysis and data. The current environment has enhanced medical and risk management support solutions. This unique collaboration reflects a significant evolution in the Corporate Aviation Industry, highlighting the importance of providing flexible and adaptable levels of services and client support.

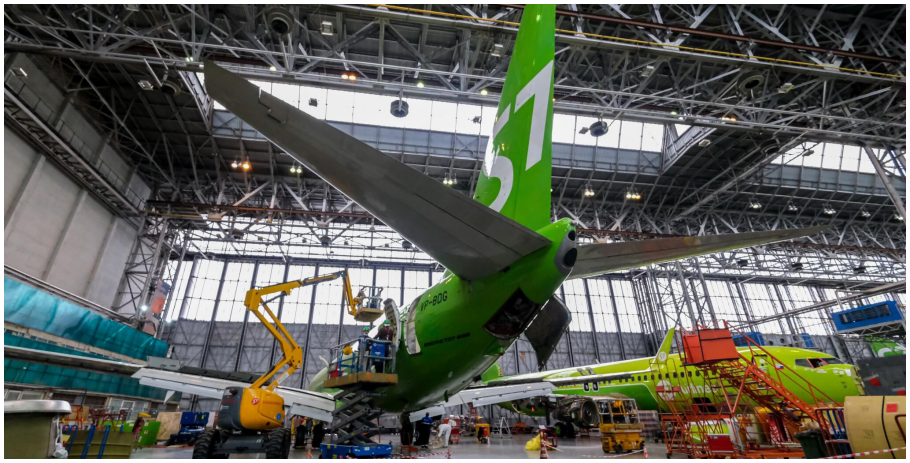
S7 Technics all set to open first repair base in Russia for Honeywell APU

About 85 per cent of the construction work is completed

S R Technics is all set to open a new repair base in Russia and CIS for the repair of Honeywell auxiliary power units by the end of 2021. S7 Technics has already received the status of Honeywell partners for the authorized services to APU of 131-9A/B and RE-220 types installed on Airbus A320, Boeing 737 and Russian SSJ-100.

In this new facility the S7 Technics specialists will perform major repairs of aircraft auxiliary power units, which include total reassembly, cleaning of parts, components and assemblies, as well as their inspection. The unusable parts will either be repaired or replaced with new original spare parts. After the assembly of the APU, the characteristics of the installation will be confirmed on the test cell.

Nikita Babkin, Director of Sales and Business Development for the repair of power plants S7 Technics said, "The new S7 Technics production site will allow airlines from Russia and CIS to achieve the time and cost savings, as they will not need to send the Honeywell APU for



repairs abroad. The expected production capacity of the workshop will be up to 50 repaired APUs per year."

Operation of the MRO facility will be carried out under the EASA Certificate Part-145 of S7 Technics.

Currently the internal work is in full swing for the reconstruction of former warehouse premises into production facilities. This will be the site for major repair of APUs. Apart from the construction of an additional extension as the spare parts warehouse and a Test Cell for testing APUs after the repairs is completed. In addition to the construction work, the purchase of most of the main equipment intended for washing, inspection of APUs and some types of repairs is also being carried out. The remaining part of the tools will be delivered upon completion of the construction of the facility.

CSI leasing expands in Asia-Pacific, opens new subsidiary in Japan

The company now has seven leasing subsidiaries in the Asia-Pacific region and services customers in more than 40 countries worldwide.

CSI Leasing has expanded its Asia-Pacific operations by opening a subsidiary in Japan. This expansion follows the recent launch of CSI Leasing India Pvt. Ltd. in November 2020. The company now has seven leasing subsidiaries in the Asia-Pacific region and services customers in more than 40 countries worldwide.

The new entity CSI Japan will immediately begin servicing CSI's existing portfolio of global customers with subsidiaries in Japan and will seek new business with companies headquartered there as well. CSI's parent company, Tokyo Century Corporation and its network of global subsidiaries, will also offer CSI's fair market value technology leasing expertise to its own customer base.

Steve Hamilton, chairman and CEO said, "CSI has several customers with operations in Japan. This new subsidiary is first and foremost driven by the demand from those existing customers. That, along with Tokyo Century's continued support and exposure to their clients, will provide substantial opportunities for CSI to grow its already significant multi-national customer base. A subsidiary in Japan will allow us to provide an even more seamless experience to our global customers."

Cheng Chiin, CSI's current managing director and CEO of Asia-Pacific said, "I am thrilled at the opportunity to lead this expansion to Japan. With the continued support from colleagues at Tokyo Century, along with support from the entire global CSI team, I am confident we will thrive in the Japanese market. CSI is known for lease structure flexibility and I believe many of our offerings will be new and beneficial for those in the region."

Cheng Chiin Ong will manage the new subsidiary in Japan. He has been with CSI for 10 years, and has more than 20 years of leasing experience. She has a proven track record of success in leading the region, including CSI's subsidiaries in Malaysia, Singapore, China and Hong Kong.

In addition to leasing, CSI's subsidiary, EPC, offers end-of-life IT asset disposal solutions that provide data sanitization, remarketing and recycling for technology equipment with a vast network of facilities strategically located around the world.

Safran Aircraft Engine Services to develop new maintenance facility at Brussels Airport

With this development the Safran Aircraft Engine Services Brussels will specialize in the maintenance of the latest-generation LEAP-1A and LEAP-1B engines

Safran Aircraft Engine Services and Brussels Airport have signed a long-term partnership for the construction of a new building for Safran to develop its new maintenance activities. With this agreement, Brussels Airport has once again demonstrated its ambition and expertise in the real estate field and its commitment to sustainable development.

With this development the Safran Aircraft Engine Services Brussels will specialize in the maintenance of the latest-generation LEAP-1A and LEAP-1B engines, from under-wing inspection to partial disassembly as part of Safran Aircraft Engines' worldwide MRO network.

Arnaud Feist, CEO of Brussels Airport said, "We are delighted that Safran Aircraft Engines has chosen Brussels Airport as the location for its Line & Site Operations center of excellence, thus strengthening our long-standing partnership of more than 20 years. As a key player in the aeronautical maintenance sector, Safran Aircraft Engine Services Brussels can count on our expertise in real estate to develop and intensify its activities. This new sustainable development project fits perfectly with our future vision for our Cargo Area. Not to mention that this will lead to new jobs being created, which in turn will further strengthen Brussels Airport's position as Belgium's major economic engine".

François Planaud, Director of the Support & Services division of Safran Aircraft Engines said, "We are delighted to extend our long-standing partnership with Brussels Airport, which allows us to establish a site of excellence for our after-sales activities in Belgium. The location of this new facility meets a two-fold purpose: develop and modernize our global maintenance network to support the growth of the LEAP fleet worldwide, as well as reduce the carbon footprint of our operations and infrastructure as part of Safran's commitment to decarbonizing the industry."

A subsidiary of Safran Aircraft Engines, the world's leading commercial and military aircraft engine manufacturer, Safran Aircraft Engine Services Brussels has been based at Brussels Airport for 23 years where about 200 staff ensures the maintenance and repair of aircraft engines, in particular the CFM56.

Boeing 737-10 successfully completed the first test flight

The test flight was from Renton Field in Washington to Boeing Field in Seattle and lasted for over 2 hours.

Boeing's 737-10, the largest airplane in the 737 MAX family, recently completed a successful first flight from Renton Field in Washington and landed at Boeing Field in Seattle. This flight was the start of a comprehensive test program for the 737-10. Boeing will work closely with regulators to certify the airplane prior to its scheduled entry into service in 2023.

"The airplane performed beautifully," said 737 Chief Pilot Capt. Jennifer Henderson. "The profile we flew allowed us to test the airplane's systems, flight controls and handling qualities, all of which checked out exactly as we expected."

Stan Deal, president and CEO of Boeing Commercial Airplanes said, "The 737-10 is an important part of our customers' fleet plans, giving them more capacity, greater fuel efficiency and the best per-seat economics of any single-aisle airplane. Our team is committed to delivering an airplane with the highest quality and reliability."

The 737-10 can carry up to 230 passengers. It also incorporates environmental improvements, cutting carbon emissions by 14 percent and reducing noise by 50 percent compared to today's Next-Generation 737s.

Silver Airways transitions their entire fleet to ATR with operating lease from TrueNood

The new ATR was designed and named 'Silver Warrior' to celebrate the work forces resiliency, determination, and teamwork

TrueNoord has signed a long-termoperating lease with Silver Airways for ATR72-600.The turboprop entered Silver Airways' fleet at the end of May and is flying in Silver's network within the southeast United States and the Bahamas.

Garry Topp, Sales Director for TrueNoord responsible for the Americas said, "As Silver Airways transitions its entire fleet to ATRs we're especially pleased to provide this aircraft at a time when they are seeing rapid growth in demand. Identifying opportunities for re-marketing and successful placement of our aircraft into new markets that consolidate our growth in a challenging environment is a cornerstone of our business strategy. Aptly named 'Silver Warrior', and bearing new brand livery, this is TrueNoord's first turboprop placement in North America and our first

aircraft on lease with Silver Airways."

Steve Rossum, CEO of Silver Airways said: "We have enjoyed working with the TrueNoord team and this beautiful ATR will assist us in providing safe, reliable, and customer-friendly service to our valued passengers. We are delighted with the sleek, new livery that was designed and named 'Silver Warrior' by our loyal and dedicated team members to celebrate our work force's resiliency, determination, and teamwork."

Anne-Bart Tieleman, CEO – TrueNoord said, "This is a significant moment for TrueNoord as we develop our footprint across the Americas. We are pleased to be part of a recovering US market and we welcome Silver Airways to our regional airline lessee family as they fully transition their fleet to ATRs. There is evidence of renewed confidence amongst airlines that can deploy regional aircraft to cope effectively with fluctuating regulations due to COVID-19, varying passenger numbers, and seasonal peaks. TrueNoord is geared up to support airlines that need to factor in short frequent flights, inhospitable terrain and environmental considerations. Our portfolio in the region also comprises six Embraer 170s leased to Republic Airlines and a pair of E195s at Azul Linhas Aereas – we are currently exploring additional opportunities."

Silver Airways is headquartered in Fort Lauderdale, Florida with maintenance facilities in Orlando, Florida and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

SAF Group operates three more three five-blade H145 for emergency medical services in France

The H145 is an ideal platform for EMS with the largest cabin in its class and unbeatable payload

SAF Group will be operating three more five-bladed H145s for emergency medical services (EMS) in France. These three aircraft will be based in Grenoble, Valence, and Montpellier. They will complement the three H145s already ordered by SAF in 2018 and 2020, the first of which was delivered recently and will be deployed for EMS missions in Belgium.

SAF CEO Tristan Serretta said, "Introducing six new H145s in France and Belgium in just twelve months is in line with our strategy to increase the capacity of the growing number of EMS services that place their trust in us. This increase of our positioning is made possible by the level of performance and the versatility of this successful helicopter. SAF is determined to help demonstrate, together with the heads of emergency services, that having the right performance and at the right cost is key to saving lives".

Airbus Helicopters CEO, Bruno Even said, "We are delighted that SAF has once again renewed its trust in Airbus Helicopters. This new contract highlights the lasting partnership between our two companies that has spanned more than two decades. The H145 is an ideal platform for EMS with the largest cabin in its class and unbeatable payload, it is capable of undertaking the most demanding missions. We are happy that the five bladed H145 is gaining momentum in France and playing a key role in the modernization of the EMS fleet in the country."

SAF is a key actor of EMS in France and Europe. This French company already operates 55 Airbus helicopters including a Super Puma, H135s and H125s. The H145 will bring increased capabilities for the EMS missions.

The new version of Airbus' best-selling H145 light twin-engine helicopter adds a new, innovative five-bladed rotor to the multi-mission H145, increasing the useful load of the helicopter by 150 kg. The simplicity of the new bearingless main rotor design will also ease maintenance operations, further improving the benchmark serviceability and reliability of the H145, while improving ride comfort for both passengers and crew. The helicopter's high-mounted tail boom and wide opening clam-shell doors facilitate access to the H145's spacious cabin.

Today, Airbus has more than 1,470 H145 Family helicopters in service around the world, logging a total of more than six million flight hours. For EMS alone, there are more than 470 helicopters of the H145 family conducting air rescue missions worldwide.

AJW and Arena Investors come together for acquisition of aircraft, engine and components

The partnership leverages AJW's operational expertise and global network together with Arena's extensive experience in aviation-related investments.

AJW Group and Arena Investors have announced a joint venture which will focus on selective acquisitions of commercial aircraft, engines and components. The partnership leverages AJW's operational expertise and global network together with Arena's extensive experience in aviation-related investments.

Vivek Nayar, Arena Investors said, "We are thrilled to be forming a partnership with AJW, one of the most storied and reputable firms in the aviation services industry, with its wide geographical reach and customer base. AJW's experiences, combined with Arena's flexible capital solutions, are especially relevant at a time when there are great liquidity needs in the industry. We look forward to helping to solve those needs."

Ian Malin, Chief Financial Officer of AJW Group said, "We are pleased to be working with Arena on this exciting project. Arena brings a vast and diverse experience to the table investing in the aviation sector in complement to AJW's extensive operational expertise. There are a number of compelling opportunities in the marketplace which we look forward to pursuing together."

Through a newly formed entity based in Dublin, AJW and Arena will jointly acquire a targeted portfolio of aircraft and engines to be managed and monetized through AJW's global network. The joint venture will be funded with committed capital of up to USD 100 million.

Blackhawk Aerospace expands to form Blackhawk Aerospace Technologies by acquiring Columbia avionics

Columbia avionics develops new STCs using avionics packages for Citations and other business jets.

Blackhawk Aerospace has expanded their portfolio of products and services by acquiring assets from Columbia Avionics & Aircraft Services. Blackhawk plans to expand on Columbia's success and add a new focus on creating STCs for the turboprop market, which their global network of certified dealers can provide to aircraft owners and operators. Additional capabilities include maintenance, airframe modifications, and avionics installations.

Jim Allmon, Blackhawk Aerospace President & CEO said, "Blackhawk Aerospace Technologies is a great addition to our family of companies. The avionics STC development capabilities of the company will not only provide our dealers with more offerings for their customers, but it will also help Blackhawk to certify engine-to-avionics integrations more quickly and efficiently. We couldn't be more excited to welcome this new team to the family."

Columbia avionics develops new STCs using avionics packages for Citations and other business jets. The new venture will be called Blackhawk Aerospace Technologies (BAT).

TAP Air Portugal selects Skyselect to transform parts purchasing

SkySelect acts as an extended purchasing arm to airlines and MROs

Skyselect recently signed a contract with TAP Air Portugal to facilitate cost savings and a streamlined approach to the airlines' parts purchasing. SkySelect is an extended purchasing arm for aircraft material powered by smart algorithms and robotic process automation. Tap Portugal, the flagship carrier of Portugal is leveraging their industry knowledge, customer support and automated technology to transform their maintenance operations.

Paulo Baracat, Sourcing & Procurement Director, TAP Air Portugal said, "SkySelect is a quintessential partner because they've taken a rigorous and manual approach to parts purchasing and not only streamlined it into user-friendly software but coupled it with unrivaled high-touch customer service. SkySelect is saving us time, money and capturing previously unforeseen opportunities."

Erkki Brakmann, Founder and CEO, SkySelect said, "We're very happy to not only work with influential carriers such as TAP Air Portugal, but to also drive real cost savings, especially when the commercial aviation industry is on its road to recovery. Because of the demand shock, there is an abundance of aftermarket aircraft parts available, which provide an opportunity for significant material cost savings. SkySelect is helping airlines and MROs capture that opportunity."

SkySelect acts as an extended purchasing arm to airlines and MROs. They empower people with technology and algorithms to do the work of matching real-time demand from buyers with supply. This process is already driving tangible time and cost savings.

Vallair successfully delivers second passenger to freighter converted A321 aircraft

In parallel with this delivery Vallair has also been preparing its next two aircraft scheduled for conversion

Vallair recently delivered its second Airbus A321 freighter conversion MSN 891 to SmartLynx Malta on lease. The aircraft will operate on behalf of DHL. The aircraft was prepared for delivery at Vallair's specialist MRO & Painting facility in Montpellier, France immediately following its conversion in the USA. Maintenance requirements for this aircraft were minimal; however the aircraft has been repainted in Vallair's dedicated paint hangar in the south of France.

Patrick Leopold, Director of Trading & Leasing at Vallair said, "We are delighted to see the successful delivery of our second A321 freighter conversion. This is, of course, another significant milestone for Vallair and serves to showcase the full remit of our capabilities. From acquisition of suitable feedstock by our Cargo Conversions and Trading & Leasing teams and the support of our dedicated Aerostructure facility enabling us to repair and replace the thrust reversers, to the maintenance and painting carried out by our MRO team in Montpellier, at every stage and at every level Vallair has been able to ensure the safe and efficient redelivery of this aircraft."

In parallel with the delivery of MSN891, Vallair has also been preparing its next two aircraft scheduled for conversion. By carrying out heavy maintenance in advance of induction at its Montpellier facility, Vallair anticipates a significant reduction in turn-around-time for the entire conversion process.

Sources have revealed that the A321 freighter variant is far better for the environment due to its circa 15 per cent reduction in fuel burn versus its most direct competitor, as well as offering exceptional range, payload, and additional cost benefits. The innovative design particularly benefits from a lower cargo hold allowing it to offer shipping of containerised cargo in addition to its normal cargo positions. From an air logistics point of view, this makes the A321F the most attractive, and cost-effective narrowbody proposition as the ability to offer containerisation of cargo reduces turn-around times and therefore increases load efficiency.

The Vallair team in Montpellier is experienced in major repairs, skin and frame changes, with larger repairs carried out at its specialist aerostructure repair facility in Châteauroux. In addition, Vallair supports lease transitions, incorporating aircraft reconfiguration, painting, and cabin refurbishment as well as aircraft parking and storage. This affords Vallair's MRO division a great deal of flexibility in its offering as the paint facility can be used in conjunction with maintenance or modification input. Composite and sheet metal repairs on a variety of aircraft structures and components can be undertaken at Vallair's aerostructure facility which also manages an extensive pool of rotable assets available for sale, lease, or exchange.

Luxaviation becomes first operator to offer Gulfstream G600 for charter in UK

Luxaviation Group all set to expand their European and Middle Eastern fleets

Luxaviation Group is expanding its European and Middle Eastern fleets by becoming the first operator to offer a Gulfstream G600 for charter in the UK. The 2021 G600 joins the fleet at London Luton Airport, offering a near-supersonic, high-speed cruise of Mach 0.90 and exceptional interior design. Aircraft are also being added to Luxaviation Group's fleet in locations including Turkey, where a Bombardier Challenger 300 is joining the fleet under non-charter private management.

George Galanopoulos, Luxaviation Group's head of charter sales, Europe said, "As the world eagerly awaits the easing of restrictions with growing optimism, the Middle East and London will soon become thriving global charter destinations again. The clean-sheet G600 will be a perfect jet for the resurgent UK travel market, easily connecting London to key cities and economic centres as far away as Beijing, Hong Kong and Singapore. Despite the best efforts of coronavirus, the UK is still open for business in so many ways, as proved by the hosting of the G7 summit of world leaders in Cornwall in June. And we're confident international sports teams will be visiting the UK this year for classic events such as the ongoing Euro soccer championships and the British Open golf in July."

An Embraer Lineage 1000 and an Embraer Legacy 600 will also be joining the fleet in June, on the San Marino Air Operator Certificate (AOC). Both aircraft will be available for charter and managed by Luxaviation Group's Middle East team. With the addition of the Gulfstream G600 and Global 7500 in April 2021, Luxaviation now has one of the youngest long-range charter fleets in the UK.

SIA launches carbon offset program, customers can offset the carbon emissions via microsites

The offsets will be provided via the BlueHalo digital solution, which has been developed by Australia-based Tasman Environmental Markets (TEM).

The Singapore Airlines (SIA) Group has launched a voluntary carbon offset programme, which will enable customers across its passenger and cargo airlines to offset their own carbon emissions via dedicated microsites. Singapore Airlines and Scoot customers will be able to offset carbon emissions on the respective airline microsites at any time before or after a flight. SIA and Scoot will also match the offsets that these customers purchase for the first six months from the launch of this programme.

The voluntary carbon offset programme will be further enhanced to allow SIA customers to use their KrisFlyer miles and HighFlyer points to offset their carbon emissions towards the end of 2021.

Ms Lee Wen Fen, Senior Vice President Corporate Planning, Singapore Airlines, said, "Through the SIA Group's voluntary carbon offset programme, our customers now have an opportunity to offset their emissions through accredited projects that provide clear benefits to people and the planet. Matching their offsets is our way of encouraging our customers to fly carbon neutral. The programme supports the Group's commitment to buttress our sustainability efforts, and reinforces our leadership position in the airline industry as we recover from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic."

The offsets will be provided via the BlueHalo digital solution, which has been developed by Australia-based Tasman Environmental Markets (TEM). This allows customers to immediately calculate and offset the emissions associated with their journey.

Mr Peter Castellas, Chief Executive Officer, TEM said, "SIA is committed in its efforts to reduce carbon emissions, and tackle the environmental impact of air travel. Empowering customers to take action on climate change by offsetting their emissions is an imperative in the way we will be returning to travel. We are thrilled to partner with a powerful global airline to make a powerful positive impact on people and the planet."

The high-quality carbon offset projects selected by the SIA Group have a proven and measurable impact on communities and the environment. Contributions from the SIA Group's customers would help to protect forests in Indonesia, support renewable solar energy projects in India, and provide efficient, clean burning cookstoves for rural families in Nepal.

Milestone Aviation and Wiking Helikopter come together to boost renewable energy sector

Milestone Aviation and Wiking Helikopter Services entered into a three-year lease extension partnership for Airbus H145 Helicopter.

Ernst Nassl, CEO of Wiking, said, "We are pleased to strengthen our relationship with Milestone through this three-year lease extension of the H145 and appreciate the team's continued support and expertise. This reliable and high-performance offshore aircraft will help us continue to deliver safe, fast and efficient offshore operations across the North and Baltic sea areas."

François Arnaud, SVP Commercial Europe and Latin America at Milestone, said: "The renewable energy sector is an exciting market and we have a growing number of helicopters operating in the space. This deal allows us to continue our efforts in diversifying our portfolio which has been a top priority for Milestone. We are also delighted to continue supporting Wiking Helikopter Service and further develop our strong partnership with them."

The helicopter was delivered to Wiking in June 2018 and will continue to be operated across Wiking's seapilot and offshore windfarm operationsin the German North Sea and Baltic Sea regions.

GM and Liebherr collaborate on hydrogen fuel cell power system for aircraft applications

Liebherr's strong position as a leading on-board aircraft system supplier along with GM's leadership in hydrogen fuel cell technology will develop an integrated system for commercial aircraft.

General Motors and Liebherr aerospace will be collaborating on development of a HYDTROTEC hydrogen fuel cell technology-based electrical power generation system for aircraft applications. They will explore possibilities to leverage Liebherr's strong position as a leading on-board aircraft system supplier, together with GM's leadership in hydrogen fuel cell technology, to develop an integrated system, customized to the performance and economic requirements of commercial aircraft.

Liebherr-Aerospace and GM have recently signed a joint development agreement covering the development of an electrical power generation system to demonstrate how hydrogen fuel cell-based power systems could be used in aircraft application. This demonstrator will be based on GM's HYDROTEC hydrogen fuel cell technology. The construction and testing of this demonstrator will take place in a specialized laboratory of multi-system integration testing at Liebherr-Aerospace in Toulouse (France). The demonstrator will incorporate GM's precisely crafted fuel cells, HYDROTEC power cube and fuel cell system, along with the GM's controls and models.

GM Executive Director – Global HYDROTEC Charlie Freese said, "Aircraft are a great litmus test for the strength and versatility of our HYDROTEC fuel cells. Our technology can address customer needs in a wide range of uses – on land, sea, air or rail, and this collaboration with Liebherr could open up new possibilities for aircraft, transitioning to alternative energy power sources."

GM's fuel cell business benefits from decades of investment in engineering and manufacturing expertise with high volume processes that can bring economies of scale to fuel cell production.

Francis Carla, Managing Director and Chief Technology Officer, Liebherr-Aerospace & Transportation SAS said, "The change from the conventional to a hydrogen technology-based electrical power generation system means major systems modifications on board the aircraft that could result in better, more efficient performance of the plane. This we want to prove and test thoroughly. The advantage of GM's HYDROTEC fuel cell technology is that it has shown promise in extensive automotive and military programs, where it has shown to be reliable from the engineering and manufacturing perspectives. We are developing low emissions aerospace solutions."

GM, a leader in fuel cell technology, and Liebherr, with extensive expertise in technology integration in aircraft, are pooling their skills for this project. Lower emissions and lower noise than conventional aircraft operation: with these fuel cell advantages, among other things, both companies see a great opportunity for use in aviation. GM, through its relationship with Honda, is one of the world's most advanced fuel cell developers in many industrial fields, now entering into aeronautics.

Ryanair takes delivery of its first Boeing 737 'Gamechanger' aircraft

This new aircraft is a Gamechanger in terms of reduction of fuel consumption by 16 percent per seat, low noise emission by 40 percent and lower CO2 emission by almost the same amount.

Ryanair took delivery of its first Boeing 737-8200 Gamechager aircraft in Washington. The delivery of this aircraft is the first of a firm order of 210 B-737s for USD 22 billion. This new aircraft is a Gamechanger in terms of reduction of fuel consumption by 16 percent per seat, low noise emission by 40 per cent and lower CO_2 emission by almost the same amount.Ryanair's Michael O'Leary said, "We are delighted to take delivery of our first new technology Gamchanger aircraft. These new Boeing 737 aircraft will help Ryanair lower costs, cut fuel consumption and lower noise and CO_2 emissions as we invest heavily in new technology to deepen our environmental commitment as Europe's greenest, cleanest major airline. Each B737 aircraft offers 197 seats (compared to our 189-seat current 737 fleet). However, our customers will enjoy more leg room, new Boeing "Sky Interiors" and lower fares, while reducing their environmental footprint by switching to these new aircraft."

Due to regrettable delivery delays, Ryanair could take delivery of just 12 of these aircraft during Summer 2021, with 6 delivering in Ryanair colours and 6 in Malta Air colours. Ryanair expects to take delivery of an additional 50 of these B737 "Gamechanger" aircraft before Summer 2022, which will enable the Ryanair Group to rebound strongly, offering new routes, lower fares, and rapid traffic recovery to many partner airports across Europe as the tourism industry rebuilds from the devastating impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Eve Urban Air Mobility Solution and Ascent partner to boost urban air mobility in Asia-Pacific

The partnership will advance the entry of Eve's electric vertical takeoff and landing vehicle (eVTOL) aircraft into Ascent's growing technology platform

Eve Urban Air Mobility Solution and Ascent announced a partnership focused on accelerating the development of the Urban Air Mobility ecosystem in Asia-Pacific markets. The partnership will advance the entry of Eve's electric vertical takeoff and landing vehicle (eVTOL) aircraft into Ascent's growing technology platform that allows users to book charter flights as well as flights by the seat and orchestrate UAM operations seamlessly.

The partnership aims at enabling the progressive entry of Eve's eVTOLs throughout the region dedicated to air taxi, cargo and air medical services. Ascent currently includes a data base of air operator partners that are dedicated to UAM operations, throughout Thailand and the Philippines, and is set to expand its presence in the region. Additionally, the parties expect that Eve´s Urban Air Traffic Management (UATM) services will be fully integrated into Ascent technology to ensure secure and scalable operations.

"This partnership with Eve is a leap forward for Ascent toward achieving our ambition to democratize sustainable urban air mobility. Joining forces with Eve, and by extension counting with the active support from the Embraer Group, will enable us to accelerate our development for a larger impact, secure the entry of market-fit all-electric aircraft, and provide safe and secure operations at scale thanks to urban air traffic management integration," said Lionel Sinai-Sinelnikoff, Founder & CEO of Ascent.

"We are pleased to announce this partnership with Ascent as it aligns with our strategy to develop the urban air mobility ecosystem through collaborative efforts and to be a truly global player. Armed with Ascent's data and platform, we will be well positioned to enter into the Asia Pacific market. On our end, we are committed to supporting Ascent's growth and its ambition to democratize air mobility," said Andre Stein, President & CEO of Eve Urban Air Mobility.

Ascent, Asia's first technology-powered UAM service, was designed to make cities more connected by moving people seamlessly and affordably by air—using helicopters today and eVTOLs in the future. With Ascent's first-hand data and growing footprint, Eve will enhance its dedicated solutions accordingly to ensure the best aircraft to deploy and bring to market for Ascent air operator partners. With the new partnership, the companies will establish a proof of concept to demonstrate the extent of Ascent's platform and market penetration while offering increased accessibility to a broader segment of the Asia Pacific region. Ascent will then facilitate the entry into market of Eve dedicated solutions.

Benefitting from a startup mindset and backed by Embraer's more than 50-year history of aircraft manufacturing and certification expertise, Eve unveils a unique value proposition by positioning itself as an ecosystem partner by offering a suite of products and services. Eve's human-centered, eVTOL design represents a simple and intuitive design that continues to reach development milestones, including the first flight of the engineering simulator in July 2020 and proof of concept in October 2020. In addition to the aircraft program, Eve is harnessing the expertise of both Embraer and Atech, a subsidiary of the Embraer Group, in providing globally recognized air traffic management software to create the solutions that will help safely scale the UAM industry going forward.

Avolon signs a firm order for 500 electric eVTOL from Vertical Aerospace

This agreement will revolutionise air travel with zero emissions aircraft.

Avolon and Vertical Aerospace recently announced an order of USD 2 billion for 500 electric eVTOL aircraft. This agreement will introduce the ultra-short-haul aircraft category to commercial aviation, a game changing development that will revolutionise air travel with zero emissions aircraft. The order highlights Avolon's commitment to sustainability and responsible investment and its position as an industry leader and innovator.

Dómhnal Slattery, Avolon CEO, said, "Avolon is proud to be a launch customer for the VA-X4 aircraft, demonstrating our commitment to a net zero carbon economy and to driving innovation in the global aviation sector. Our order with Vertical will also accelerate the inevitable commercial roll-out of zero emissions aircraft. Before the end of this decade, we expect zero emission urban air mobility, enabled by eVTOLs, to play an increasingly important role in the global commercial aviation market. Our global scale and deep industry relationships, combined with Vertical's technological leadership makes this a winning alliance. We are excited about the synergies and opportunities that both businesses will bring to the agreement. We believe the global reach of the Avolon platform will accelerate the inevitable adoption of eVTOLs as a new, safe and zero emissions mode of ultra-short-haul air transport."

The agreement will combine Avolon's scale and deep industry relationships with Vertical's leading technological position in the eVTOL space and will see both companies collaborate throughout the development, road map to certification and subsequent commercial roll-out of the VA-X4. Avolon will join Microsoft, Rolls-Royce, Honeywell, and American Airlines as equity investors in Vertical, working also with Virgin Atlantic who will be a VA-X4 launch airline customer in Europe.

Stephen Fitzpatrick, CEO of Vertical Aerospace, said, "We are delighted to announce this aircraft order with Avolon, one of the leading aircraft lessors in the world. Avolon's proven management team and strong track record of starting, and scaling, a global leading business made this an attractive opportunity and represents a critical milestone for us. This agreement, with an established aviation company like Avolon will allow us to plug into their global commercial network of airlines, reaching key decision makers in a fast and efficient manner."

"This order reaffirms Avolon's position as an industry pioneer. With Vertical, we will revolutionise air travel and continue to reduce the impact of our industry on the environment. In Vertical, we have identified a long-term strategic operator that shares our vision for a cleaner and more efficient mode of air transport. As we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, air travel will be materially reshaped with airlines needing to embrace emerging technologies that decarbonise air travel. We strongly believe that the VA-X4 will lead this transformation," Slattery further added

The commitment to the VA-X4 places Avolon at the forefront of technological change in the industry and underlines Avolon's belief in the electrification of air transport. Avolon's existing young and fuel-efficient fleet will be complemented by an investment in a new category of ultra-short-haul aircraft that will produce zero emissions. Avolon, through its newly incorporated affiliate Avolon-e will become the customer for the VA-X4 and subject to appropriate operating, delivery and business requirements being met, will order aircraft valued at USD 1.25 billion with delivery commencing in late 2024, with an option to acquire additional aircraft up to a value of USD750 million. Avolon has been established by Avolon to focus on investment in the zero-emissions eVTOL sector.

Boeing to provide maintenance support for P-8A Poseidon to German Navy along with ESG and Lufthansa Technik

The signed memorandum of understanding may lead to more definitive agreements should Germany select the P-8A Poseidon as its next maritime surveillance aircraft.

Boeing has signed a contract with ESG Elektroniksystem und Logistik-GmbH and Lufthansa Technik to offer indigenous and cost-effective support, training and maintenance solutions that will bring the highest operational availability to the German Navy to fulfill their missions. The signed memorandum of understanding may lead to more definitive agreements should Germany select the P-8A Poseidon as its next maritime surveillance aircraft.

Dr. Michael Haidinger, president of Boeing Germany, Central & Eastern Europe, Benelux & Nordics said, "Our partnership with ESG and Lufthansa Technik is another testimony to who we are and how we operate in Germany. We are shaping meaningful and long-term industry partnerships that impact the local economy."

Boeing, ESG and Lufthansa Technik have identified opportunities to collaborate in a number of areas and will explore these in more detail, including training and simulation, cyber security, systems integration, certification, environmental compliance, communications systems, electronic attack and electronic protect systems, aircraft and engine sustainment, component support services, predictive maintenance analysis and logistics services.

Christoph Otten, CEO of ESG said, "This cooperation agreement underlines once again that we take our responsibility seriously when it comes to ensuring urgently needed capabilities. As Boeing's strategic partner for the P-8A Poseidon fleet, we are pleased to be able to make the Bundeswehr a viable offer characterized by effectiveness, efficiency and the reliable delivery of services. As a long-standing partner of the German Bundeswehr and Navy aviators, ESG stands ready with its proven core competencies, solutions, services and products, particularly in the areas of systems integration, aviation certification and secure communication systems."

Lufthansa Technik has a long history in technical support of Boeing airplanes around the world. In addition, under Boeing's Performance-Based Logistics program, Lufthansa Technik also provides hardware support to the Italian fleet of Boeing KC-767A tankers and has facilitated outstanding aircraft availability for the Italian Air Force.

"Lufthansa and Lufthansa Technik have been partners with Boeing for more than 60 years. The companies know and value each other. This partnership is an excellent starting point for us to provide technical support at the highest level for this new aircraft, should our long-standing customer, the German Bundeswehr, procure P-8A," said Michael von Puttkamer, Head of Special Aircraft Services, Lufthansa Technik.

The P-8A Poseidon offers unique multi-mission aircraft capability and is the only aircraft in service and in production able to meet the full range of maritime challenges faced by European nations. With the P-8A, Germany will be able to leverage full integration and interoperability with NATO nations in the region. Additionally, the P-8A offers significant capability to meet Germany's collective defense obligations as part of Germany's NATO membership and commitment to EU defense and security, including the maritime domain.

Boeing to deliver 14 extended-range Chinook to UK Royal Air Force

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Boeing has been awarded a USD 578 million Foreign Military Sales contract from the US Special Operations command to deliver 14 extended-range Chinook helicopters to UK Royal Air Force (RAF). The extended range Chinook gives the RAF fleet more versatility to execute the domestic and international heavy-lift missions that only the Chinook can facilitate.

Andy Builta, Boeing vice president and H-47 program manager said, "These Chinooks are the future of heavy-lift, built on an existing foundation of advanced capability and life cycle affordability. This contract for Block II aircraft sets the stage for the next 60 years of Chinook excellence on the battlefield."

and the RAF recently celebrated the 40th anniversary of the first Chinook delivery to the UK. Boeing will also celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Chinook's first flight later this year.

The United Kingdom will be the first international operator of a Block II Chinook. Deliveries are scheduled to start in 2026.

Boeing has more than 4,600 employees in Pennsylvania supporting the Chinook, the V-22 Osprey, the MH-139A Grey Wolf and a number of services and engineering efforts. Including suppliers and vendors, Boeing's activities support an estimated 16,000 jobs in Pennsylvania.

Bill Forbes promoted as Director of Avionics Sales at Elliott Aviation

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Bill Forbes is promoted to the Director of Avionics Sales at Elliott Aviation. Bill has over 25 years of aviation maintenance experience. He joined the avionics sales team at Elliott in 2018 as Avionics Sales Manager and has helped lead the company's industry-leading Garmin G1000 NXi, Garmin G5000, and Collins Aerospace Pro Line 21™ Modernization programs. He has also been instrumental in the company becoming a top-five Gogo dealer.

Before joining Elliott Aviation, he was the VP of Operations for Executive Aircraft Maintenance in Scottsdale, AZ, where he led a team that received the Garmin Platinum award 10 years in a row. Earlier in his career, he served as Avionics Manager for Cutter Aviation in Phoenix, AZ, where he led the facility to be the top-performing avionics facility in the southwest for multiple avionics brands for four years in a row.

Greg Sahr, CEO of Elliott Aviation said, "We're excited to have Bill take the lead of our avionics sales team. He has earned the trust of the operations team and has been instrumental in our success as Garmin's leading G1000 NXi and G5000 programs and Pro Line 21 modernization. He also has a great vision to enhance our avionics OEM partnerships to offer new avionics solutions to more airframe operators."

Bill will oversee all avionics sales at Elliott Aviation's three facilities, which employs over 50 avionics technicians. The company has completed over 370 Garmin G1000 and G1000 NXi installations and nearly 130 legacy G1000 to G1000 NXi upgrades in King Airs, over 50 Garmin G5000 installations in Citation Excel/XLS and Beechjet 400A/Hawker 400XP, and over 40 Pro Line 21 modernizations in Hawker, Premier I/IA, and King Air.

Major top management changes at Spairliners

Taco Stouten is appointed as the Head of Sales and marketing while Rene Popp is the new Head of Engineering, Asset and AOG-Desk.

Spairliners have made two major changes to their management team. Taco Stouten is appointed as the Head of Sales and marketing while Rene Popp is the new Head of Engineering, Asset and AOG-Desk. Prior to joining Spairliners, Taco Stouten has 12-years of experience with Airbus where he held roles in the Sales and Marketing department as Manager for Cabin Market Insights and Airline Marketing Manager amongst others. At Airbus, he developed a solid track record in aircraft sales, including A380, and helped generate substantial revenue for the company.

Thies Möller, CEO and Managing Director of Spairliners said, "With his extensive product knowledge, exceptional sales acumen and passion for new technologies, Taco is best equipped to lead Spairliners' sales organization to further broaden our customer base and drive revenue growth. We are delighted to have him join our team. Taco has proven to be highly skilled in identifying customer needs and providing airlines with customized

and cost-saving solutions for their fleet requirements. We are confident that he will build on these skills to further elevate our highly flexible component support solutions, especially as we diversify our products to better address the changing needs of A380 operators and increase our focus on innovative offerings for Embraer E-Jet family operators."

As the new Head of Engineering, Asset & AOG-Desk, René Popp will bring a wealth of industry knowledge and experience to Spairliners, after having worked at Airbus as well as SAFRAN, where he was overseeing business units in commercial, technical and contractual negotiations as Director of Customer Relations.

Benoît Rollier, CFO and Managing Director of Spairliners said, "We are excited to welcome René to the Spairliners family. He has led a wide variety of corporate and customer projects to success and will be of great value as we further develop our engineering expertise and asset management strategies."

René will be taking over from Francois de Larambergue, who will take on a new role within Spairliners' shareholder, Air France Industries KLM Engineering & Maintenance. The new appointments will support an internal reorganization aimed at increasing the focus on market demands and efficiency in a rapidly changing business context. As part of these efforts, Jens Rehder has been appointed Head of Finance & Account Management, adding the leadership of the account management team to his existing responsibilities. Benjamin Gabrielle takes on the responsibility of procurement and supplier contract management, as he is appointed Head of Procurement & Supply Chain Solutions.

Henrik Höjer appointed as the new CEO of CTT Systems

CTT SYSTEMS is the market leader of aircraft humidity control systems

CTT Systems has appointed Henrik Höjer as new CEO, he will succeed Torbjörn Johansson. Henrik Höjer is currently Senior Vice President at RUAG Simulation & Training. CTT SYSTEMS is the market leader of aircraft humidity control systems.

Tomas Torlöf, chairman of the board in CTT said, "The board welcomes Henrik Höjer as next CEO in CTT Systems. Henrik is an appreciated leader with long experience from aviation and international businesses. Henrik has the background and personality to lead CTT and continue the execution of our long-term strategy."

Henrik Höjer said, "I look forward to beginning at CTT, a leading company in an emerging niche, with a strong value and sustainability proposition. CTT has a strong market position with a clearly defined strategy. It will by a pleasure to engage with the organization and continue to jointly develop CTT and drive its market"

Henrik Höjer is 55 years old and is since 2017 Senior Vice President at RUAG Simulation & Training with 500 employees in Switzerland, France, Germany and UAE. Prior to this he has more than 20 years of experience from Saab in leading positions at Saab's aviation business unit (today Aeronautics) and CEO for Saab Training Systems AB. Henrik has MSc in Industrial Economy.

Airbus promotes Catherine Jestin as EVP to promote digital transformation

Catherine will work to reinforce the transversal cooperation across Airbus functions company-wide in order to continue the successful deployment of the Digital Design, Manufacturing & Services (DDMS) programme

Catherine Jestin is appointed as the Executive Vice President and Information Management at Airbus. In this role, Catherine will join the Executive Committee and report to Guillaume Faury, Airbus CEO. Catherine will work to reinforce the transversal cooperation across Airbus functions company-wide in order to continue the successful deployment of the Digital Design, Manufacturing & Services (DDMS) programme, established to enable co-design capabilities and digital continuity system-wide. She will also lever- and coordinate digital talent pools across the organisation to support wider transformation of Airbus' ways of working through state-of-the-art digital tools, technologies and processes, while ensuring the Company is at the forefront of environmentally sustainable IT practices.

Guillaume Faury said, "This nomination comes at a time of particular importance for the digital transformation of Airbus, as we emerge from the COVID-19 crisis and prepare ourselves for the next phases in the development of our civil and military activities. The main focus of this new organisation will be to foster digital innovation across Airbus' industrial ecosystem and our products and services portfolio, accelerating data analytics, artificial intelligence, automation and services for Airbus' customers as well as digital security for the Company."

Catherine currently holds the position of Chief Information Officer (CIO) at Airbus, a role that she has held since March 2020. In this position, she is responsible for driving state of the art Information Technology systems and solutions in support of Airbus employees, customers and suppliers. Prior to this role, Catherine was Chief Information Officer at Airbus Helicopters, a role that she held from July 2013 to February 2020.

Before joining Airbus, Catherine held a variety of positions, between 2007 and 2013 at Rio Tinto in Montreal, Canada within the field of Information Systems & Technology (IS&T). Catherine also spent 17 years at Accenture and was nominated to Partner in 2002, a position that she held for five years.

Christophe Simon joines Sales and Development team at Heli-One

Christophe brings with him an exceptional track record of sales success for a diverse range of programs

Christophe Simon recently joined the Sales and Business Development team of Heli-One. He will be based in the UK and will work with existing customers and grow business development opportunities in Europe, Middle East and Africa.

Christophe has been working in the aviation industry for over 20 years, with the majority of his time in sales roles in organizations such as Airbus, Thales and Bombardier/Mitsubishi Heavy Industries. He has a wide ranging sales background from aircraft sales, power by the hour programs, avionics solutions, support contracts and technical services.

"I am excited to commence this new chapter in my career with Heli-One. After starting my professional journey on military helicopters two decades ago, I am looking forward to applying my skills and experience with Heli-One, one of the most recognized and trusted names in the business. Heli-One has an extensive product and service offering and I am looking forward to working with operators and owners to find collaborative solutions," said Christophe.

"Christophe brings with him an exceptional track record of sales success for a diverse range of programs. His strategic and optimistic approach in working with customers and business stakeholders will be well-valued and utilized at Heli-One," said Carolyn Forsyth, GM Sales & Marketing, Heli-One.

"The EMEA market has great potential and Christophe's addition to the team is key to growing Heli-One's business development opportunities there. His experience in a variety of markets will be beneficial to increasing Heli-One's brand awareness in the region," said Christian Drouin, VP Heli-One.

Prior to Heli-One, Christophe was with Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (formerly Bombardier Commercial Aircraft) in aircraft sales in European markets. Christophe started his career in Avionics Engineering and subsequently has a deep commercial and technical background. He also holds a fixed-wing aircraft pilot's license.

Kevin Smith appointed VP of F-22 Program at Lockheed Martin

In his new role, Smith will be responsible for the development, manufacture and sustainment of the F-22 Program in partnership with the US Air Force.

Kevin Smith will be succeeding OJ Sanchez to become the Vice President of F-22 Program at Lockheed Martin. In his new role, Smith will be responsible for the development, manufacture and sustainment of the F-22 Program in partnership with the US Air Force.

OJ Sanchez, vice president and general manager of the Integrated Fighter Group, "Kevin's integrated experience across our platforms paired with his fighter pilot background will allow him to lead and partner with the F-22 enterprise. This position will build on the Raptor's dominant foundation to deliver the air power solutions of the future."

Prior to assuming this new role, Smith served as director, F-35A US Air Force Program Manager, with responsibility to integrate all aspects of the F-35 Program, including delivering on Air Force F-35 milestones. His earlier experience includes director, F-35 Domestic Business Development; F-22 Modernization Business Development lead; and project lead for F-22 advanced technology development as part of the F-22 Improvement and Derivatives team.

He joined Lockheed Martin in 2002 after serving in the Air Force as a fighter pilot. Through his Air Force career, he flew A-10s and F-15Es, led the F-22 operational requirements team at Air Combat Command, and served as the Deputy Commander, Air Force Command and Control Battle Lab.

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