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Portugal based Hi Fly offers the first Airbus A380 for "wet lease" operations



His Fly, a Portuguese charter airline with an all-Airbus fleet has become the first operator of a second-hand A380. It's a move that marks the beginning of a new era for the programme and demonstrates Airbus' continued commitment to the passenger favourite double-deck widebody airliner. After discussions with the lessor and potential customers, a deal

came together with Hi Fly, a specialist in 'wet lease' operations, also known in the aviation industry as ACMI (aircraft, crew, maintenance and insurance). The company will lease the aircraft and crew to airlines who, for example, need to replace a grounded aircraft or want additional short-term capacity to meet passenger demand.

AirAsia X places order for 34 more Airbus A33oneo

AirAsia X, a long-haul budget airline based in Malaysia has placed an order with Airbus for an additional 34 A330neo widebody aircraft. The most recent agreement reaffirms AirAsia X's position as the largest airline customer for the A330neo, with the total number of aircraft ordered by the airline increasing to 100. All the A330neo aircraft ordered by AirAsia X are the larger A330-900 model. AirAsia X will be the first airline in Asia to operate the A330neo, with deliveries of aircraft on order with Airbus



scheduled to start in the fourth quarter of 2019. The A330neo will be operated by AirAsia X out of its bases in Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia.

Airbus launches AirSense, signs strategic partnership with Aireon



irbus Defence and Space has Aintroduced AirSense, an advanced analytics solution enabled by multi-source surveillance data, based on global Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) data. AirSense is based on various aircraft positions data feeds. Airbus has signed a strategic partnership with Aireon, a provider of global, spacebased ADS-B data to enable AirSense to accurately track any aircraft in realtime and identify flight-related events around the globe. The partnership also paves the way to further develop applications for better industry operations delivered through the various Airbus service offerings.



Vietjet to purchase 50 more Airbus A321neo



Vietjet, an international low-cost airline from Vietnam has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Airbus for the purchase of an additional 50 A321neo single aisle aircraft. The newest agreement will see the carrier's backlog of orders for the A320 Family rise to 129 aircraft, including 123 A321neo and 6 A321ceo. Vietjet will use the additional aircraft to meet growing demand for its services on both its domestic and international networks.

Mexican based Viva Aerobus places order for 25 Airbus A321neo, 16 A321neo upconversions

Viva Aerobus, the ultra-low-cost carrier based in Mexico, has firmed up an order for 25 incremental A321neo and 16 upconversions of A320neos to A321neos to their existing purchase agreement. This latest order brings the all-Airbus operator's total orderbook to 80 A320 family aircraft (including 15 A320ceo, 24 A320neo, and 41 A321neo) and the airline's total backlog from 36 to 61 aircraft.



Japan Coast Guard signs HCare Smart contract with Airbus Helicopters



Japan Coast Guard (JCG) has signed an HCare Smart full-by-the-hour material management contract with Airbus Helicopters for a period of five years. Beginning in July, the contract will cover complete maintenance support, including parts-bythe-hour for JCG's H225 fleet. With the provision of all the parts needed for the maintenance of the rotorcraft in one single contract, this will yield better cost control and forecasting, as well as more efficient everyday management for JCG.

China Aircraft Leasing Company signs CFM engines to power its Airbus A320neo aircraft

China Aircraft Leasing Company (CALC), a full aircraft value-chain solutions provider based in Hong Kong has selected CFM International's advanced LEAP-1A engine to power 17 firm and up to 50 option new Airbus A320neo family aircraft. Additionally, CALC finalised an order for CFM56-5B engines to power three firm, nine option Airbus A320ceo aircraft. These two agreements are valued at \$550 million US at list price.





Qinetiq takes delivery of Empire Test Pilot School H125 from Airbus Helicopters



Qinetiq, a British multinational defence technology company headquartered in Farnborough, Hampshire, UK has received the latest Empire Test Pilot School (ETPS) H125 helicopter from Airbus Helicopters. The handing over was done by Colin James, Airbus Helicopters' UK Managing Director to

Nic Anderson, Managing Director Air and Space, Oinetig. Under the existing modernisation programme, the world-renown test pilot flight school will take delivery of four H125s, which will make up ETPS' new generation, single-engine helicopter fleet. All four ETPS H125 will be delivered following complex customisation by Airbus Helicopters' UK design team, which equips the aircraft with, among other things, a 3-axis autopilot, dedicated communications equipment and a traffic awareness system. Besides, the aircraft will be equipped with a Flight Test Instrumentation suite which, similar to Formula 1 telemetry data, transmits data to the ETPS base at Boscombe Down in real time allowing students, both in practical and class-based environments, to test and evaluate aircraft design and performance.

Boeing and VietJet partner for 100 737 MAX

Boeing and VietJet have signed a Memorandum of Understanding for an additional 100 737 MAX airplanes. The agreement, which includes 80 737 MAX 10s and 20 737 MAX 8s, is valued at more than \$12.7 billion at current list prices. The Vietnamese low-cost carrier will become the largest MAX 10 customer in Asia once the contract is completed. VietJet plans to leverage the added capacity of the MAX 10 to satisfy surging demand on high-dense domestic routes, as well as on popular destinations throughout Asia.



Boeing, Volga-Dnepr Group and CargoLogicHolding sign deals on freighter package, crew optimization service and further collaboration

Boeing, Volga-Dnepr Group and CargoLogicHolding signed a package of agreements that will further optimise the cargo transportation leaders' airplane fleet and worldwide operations. The contracts includes a letter of intent to purchase 29 Boeing 777 Freighters, confirmation of an order for five Boeing 747-8 Freighters, the purchase of a crew pairing solution, and an agreement to collaborate on future freighter projects. CargoLogicHolding intends to place an order for 29 Boeing 777 Freighters, valued at \$9.8 billion according to list

prices. The agreements also include a commitment for both companies to explore other freighter solutions, such as new production 767 Freighters or converted cargo jets such as the

737-800 Boeing Converted Freighter. Boeing Global Services will provide also AirBridgeCargo – a Volga-Dnepr Group airline – with a Crew Pairing solution to support the planning and



operation of the airline's 300 crew members. The programme creates optimised work duties, enhancing crew efficiency and improving airline productivity.



Vistara places order for up to ten Boeing 787 Dreamliners



Vistara, an Indian domestic airline has confirmed an agreement for six Boeing 787-9 Dreamliners, with options for four more jets. The agreement, valued at \$2.8 billion at current list prices, will enable Vistara to become the first operator of the 787-9 in the country. Additionally, the new Dreamliners will mark the first widebody airplanes for the Indian carrier and will help commence long-haul operations.

GECAS signs for 35 737-800 Boeing converted freighters



GECAS and Boeing have reached an agreement for 35 additional 737-800 Boeing converted freighters. The deal, which includes 20 firm orders and an option for 15 more, would take GECAS' 737-800BCF order book from 15 to 50 and enable GECAS to serve the growing express air cargo market. The commercial aircraft leasing and financing arm of General Electric is the launch customer of the new 737-800BCF. It received the first converted jet in April and leased it to a Swedish cargo carrier.

Rolls-Royce Trent 7000 engine gets ticket to fly



The Rolls-Royce Trent 7000, which powers Airbus's most recent aircraft, the A330neo, has secured its 'ticket to fly' from the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), with the first production engines also delivered to the Airbus facility in Toulouse, France. The certificate was presented to Rolls-Royce by Trevor Woods, Certification Director, EASA.

GKN Aerospace to launch new wiring facility in Pune, India



GKN Fokker Elmo has signed an MOU with the State of Maharashtra in India for investment in a second manufacturing facility for wiring interconnection systems in the country. The new site, a fully owned GKN Aerospace business, is located in Pune, the second largest city in Maharashtra, after Mumbai in the state Maharashtra and is scheduled to come online in the fourth quarter of this year. Production will start in the first quarter of 2019, the workforce is expected to grow to 800 in 2027.

CAE unveils CAE 700MR series flight training device for military helicopter training

CAE has launched the CAE 700MR Series flight training device (FTD), a next-generation FTD designed specifically for military helicopter flight and mission training. The CAE 700MR Series FTD offers a realistic and cost-effective simulator for military helicopter flight and mission training. The CAE 700MR Series FTD is based on the proven CAE 3000MR Series full-mission helicopter simulator, but in a fixed-base platform with dynamic seat for vibration and motion cueing. The CAE 700MR Series

FTD is designed to meet or exceed worldwide accreditation standards for helicopter flight simulation training devices (FSTD), such as the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Type IV and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) FTD Level 7.



Israeli Aerospace Industries, Aero Vodochody introduce F/A-259 striker aircraft for future combat missions

Israeli Aerospace Industries and Czech aircraft company Aero Vodochody have introduced a cost-effective, combat proven fighter attack aircraft. The F/A-259 Striker is a multirole aircraft for close air support, counter-insurgency operations and border patrolling with interception capabilities.

The F/A-259 Striker combines the robustness and effectiveness of its successful predecessor, the L-159 Alca, with the most modern advances in avionics and aircraft systems technology. Powered by the same Honeywell F124 engine and using benefits of a wet wing, F/A-259 Striker provides enhanced performance, great maneuverability, and a high range.

In the picture: Benjamin Cohen, General Manager of Israel Aerospace Industries' Lahav Division, Giuseppe Giordo, the President and CEO of Aero, Jeffrey Scott, Director of Business Development USMC (Ret.), Draken International.



Aviall to provide exclusive North American distribution for Sabena technics' Vigiplane product



A viall, a subsidiary of Boeing has signed an exclusive agreement with Sabena technics to distribute its Vigiplane security monitoring system for aircraft on ground. Under this agreement, Aviall will provide exclusive supply chain distribution support for Vigiplane in North America.

Using the most recent technologies, Vigiplane offers 24/7, 360-degree monitoring for aircraft on ground and is accessible from all mobile devices. Its high-definition cameras operate autonomously from aircraft systems and are monitored through a secure, cloud-based server. The device, which does not require any certification or cabin modification, can be easily and quickly installed on all aircraft types.

"Teaming up with Boeing is a great way for us to give a broader range of operators worldwide easier access to our innovative device," said Philippe Rochet, Chief Operating Officer of Sabena technics Group. "We look forward to working closely together and building on this relationship as we continue to focus on delivering new solutions to the industry".

Monarch Aircraft Engineering to set up £2M component maintenance centre in Northampton



Monarch Aircraft Engineering (MAEL), the MRO division of Monarch Airlines, has decided to launch a new component maintenance centre in Northampton.

The new Centre, in which MAEL has invested approximately £2 million, is being located in Northampton as that is midway between its Luton and Birmingham base maintenance facilities, and on the motorway network within four hours' drive of all of its UK line maintenance stations.

20 people will work at the new component maintenance centre, with 10 new jobs being created. The Centre will be led by Lee Burgess, MAEL's Head of Maintenance.

"Our new Northampton facility will enable us to more effectively and efficiently support our burgeoning line and base maintenance facilities across the UK. This multimillion pound investment in new facilities, equipment and, most importantly, skilled engineering talent, is an integral part of our long term growth plan and will play a vital role in our success in the years ahead," said Chris Dare, Managing Director at Monarch Aircraft Engineering.



Scoot expands communication network services with SITA technology



Scoot, a Singaporean low-cost airline owned by Singapore Airlines, has renewed its long-term communication network services with SITA as the airline continues to expand to new locations globally. SITA AirportHub is simplifying the way Scoot connects its central IT systems to the airports in its rapidly-growing route network. The IT infrastructure is typically in place within three weeks, enabling Scoot to be flexible and agile as it adds new destinations throughout Asia, Europe, Africa and America.

Jason Chin, Vice President, IT, Scoot, said, "Scoot currently has an extensive network of 66 destinations across 18 countries and territories, and plans for aggressive growth are in place. It is vital that our IT infrastructure is connected among our partners and efficient enough to support our expansion. SITA is a reliable partner in efficiently getting airports connected. With SITA's global footprint, speed and

flexibility, we can focus on expansion and adding new routes to our network."

AirportHub removes the complexity of dealing with local telecom providers and adds flexibility and agility to route management. SITA's system is at present operational at more than 440 airports and provides 7,000 customer connections worldwide. SITA's network services will connect Scoot destinations globally to its reservation system, Departure Control Services and disaster recovery site.

Sumesh Patel, SITA President, Asia Pacific, said, "These are exciting times at Scoot as it rapidly grows its business. Expansion can bring challenges but SITA is delivering sophisticated communication network services to alleviate some of those. Our continued partnership with Scoot ensures that the airline remains agile. We are supporting the Scoot team as it brings its great passenger experience to airports around the world."

China Eastern Airlines selects AFI KLM E&M for Boeing 7879 component support

China Eastern Airlines has signed a component support contract with AFI KLM E&M for its Boeing 787-9 fleet, which will eventually include 15 aircraft. The agreement covers repair services, access to a regional spare parts pool as well as the provision of a local parts stock, and additional services in the field of training and industrial development support.

AFI KLM E&M has designed a competitive and bespoke offer to convince the Chinese company, which was looking for an MRO service provider capable of providing exceptional component support, combining expertise, availability and quality. With its 'airline-MRO' profile, backed by both airlines KLM and Air France flying the 787, AFI KLM E&M has developed an exceptional experience on this product regarding both maintenance and operations. In total, AFI KLM E&M has already contracted sixteen airlines globally.

AkzoNobel delivers Wizz Air's 100th aircraft coated with exterior topcoat systems

Wazz Air, a Hungarian low-cost airline with its head office in Budapest has received its milestone 100th aircraft coated with AkzoNobel's exterior topcoat systems.

The two companies have enjoyed a long partnership since 2003, when the airline was founded. Wizz Air specifies AkzoNobel coatings systems for new Airbus aircraft deliveries and for maintenance and repaint work. The latest generation and highly durable base coat clear coat system (Aerobase + Aviox Clearcoat UVR) is now keeping the



aircraft in Wizz Air's fleet sky-ready.

"We would like to congratulate Wizz Air on growing their fleet and achieving this milestone," said John Griffin, Director of AkzoNobel's Aerospace Coatings business. "We've built a strong relationship with the team at Wizz Air, and we feel proud that they see our products and services playing a part in their success. We look forward to what comes next."

Sorina Ratz, Acting Head of Corporate Communications, Wizz Air said, "Reaching a fleet of 100 aircraft is a remarkable achievement for us and we are happy to have AkzoNobel as our long-term valued partner alongside. As we aim to double our fleet in the coming years, we are looking forward to our fruitful collaboration."



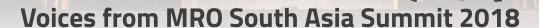
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With the 'Make in India' programme launched by the Government and a number of initiatives incorporated in the new aviation policy, there is a wind of change blowing over this sector. I am happy that The STAT Trade Times have taken the initiative to create a platform for all the players to come together under one roof providing networking opportunities and participate in discussions for translating these opportunities into realities.

Dr. R. K. Tyagi President, THE AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA





You have done a lot to enhance awareness of Aviation in India for over 3 decades. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

Dr. Dinesh Keskar SVP, Boeing Commercial Airplanes





It was a pleasure to be part of the MRO South Asia summit and also the panel discussion. The summit was unique and well organized and attended. Congratulations to you and the entire team for organizing such a successful event.

Ashish Saraf Vice President, Industry Development, Strategic Partnerships & Offsets, Airbus India





It was a well-conceived summit and my pleasure to have interacted with the industry. I look forward to contribute and will like to take the relationship further.

AirMarshal Sukhchain Singh(Retd) Indian Air Force





The show was quite a pleasant surprise for us and we really enjoyed the level of personnel that attended from the airlines. I feel like the content was also very interesting and it was a crucial lesson on learning more about how to succeed in doing business in India.

Ryan McComas Global Business Development, STS Aerospace



There are a whole lot of unexplored opportunities, and STAT Times will be glad to have you associated with **2nd Aerospace & Defence MRO Summit 2019** to explore all of them!

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First Boeing Apache, Chinook helicopters for India complete first flights

Boeing and India has taken a major step toward modernising the Indian Air Force's helicopter fleet by completing the maiden flights of Apache and Chinook helicopters destined for delivery next year.

"We look forward to delivering this phenomenal capability to India," said David Koopersmith, vice president and general manager, Boeing Vertical Lift. "From coastal operations to high-altitude mountainous missions, these aircraft will play vital roles with the Indian armed forces."

India will ultimately take delivery of 22 AH-64E Apache attack, and 15 CH-47F(I) Chinook transport, helicopters.

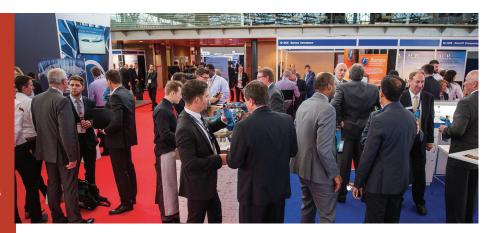




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Grow

from 6,320 aircraft in 2018 to 7,660 in 2027

Add

3,410 new aircraft while retiring 1,800

Generate

\$221 billion in MRO demand through 2027

Generate
\$59 billion in
engine maintenance



Tata Technologies, Vidarbha Defence Industries Association partner to launch aerospace and defence centre in Nagpur, India



Tata Technologies Ltd., a global engineering services provider head-quartered in Pune, India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Vidarbha Defence Industries Association (VDIA) in the presence of the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Devendra Fadnavis to set up a new state-of-the-art aerospace and defence centre in Nagpur, Maharashtra.

In alignment with the "Make in India" initiative, this centre will help

establish Maharashtra as the preferred investment destination for aerospace & defence manufacturing, promote indigenous and modernized technological capabilities and develop skilled resources to support Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to be globally competitive in the aerospace & defence sector. This will be done by setting up 'NIRMAN', a not-for-profit Common Facilitation Centre for aerospace & defence and 'UDAN', an initiative to create

high-end skilling centres and provide competency-based education for engineering institutes & universities. The partnership between Tata Technologies Ltd. and VDIA supported by the Government of Maharashtra, will promote the state as an aerospace & defence manufacturing and export hub.

Anand Bhade, President – Asia-Pacific, Tata Technologies said, "Made in Vidarbha – Aerospace and Defence is a great initiative and we are proud to be associated with it. Tata Technologies' unique offerings for aerospace and defence are perfectly aligned to VDIA's vision of creating a first-of-its-kind ecosystem to facilitate defence-integrated development by supporting the Indian Aerospace and Defence industry to be globally competitive."

It Gen (Retired) Ravindra Thodge, the chairman of VDIA said, "Our objective is to create an aerospace & defence manufacturing hub in the Nagpur and Vidarbha region. Tata Technologies is well positioned to provide the right impetus to this initiative by leveraging their domain expertise."

GKN Aerospace, Lockheed Martin collaborate to increase production of F-35 bulkheads

GKN Aerospace has signed a contract with Lockheed Martin to increase production of bulkheads for the F-35 Lightning II programme through 2023. The bulkheads are a critical structure for the conventional takeoff and landing (CTOL) and carrier variants (CV). They require among the longest lead time of any F-35 part and are made from some of the largest titanium forgings of any aircraft.

The four-year contract is another milestone in a long-term business relationship between GKN Aerospace and Lockheed Martin. In the present day, GN Aerospace provides the F-35 with critical engine components, electrical wiring interconnection systems, the cockpit canopy and advanced composite aerostructures. It also holds contracts to deliver the in-flight opening doors and the landing gear drag brace and main-



tains and services the landing gear for the F-35 fleet in Europe and the Pacific.

Mike McCann, CEO of GKN Aerostructures and Systems, North America, comments, "GKN has a strong relationship with Lockheed Martin and a history of partnering with them to support the F-35 programme and the warfighter effort. Our dedicated employees worked very hard to demonstrate that GKN has a proven abil-

ity to deliver high-quality parts on time. In addition, collaborative engineering efforts between GKN Aerospace and Lockheed Martin enabled us to maximize efficiencies to help reduce unit prices within the contract and support cost reductions."

The contract will be fulfilled at the GKN Aerospace Monitor Inc. facility in Amityville, New York and the GKN Aerospace Precision Machining, Inc. facility in Wellington, Kansas.



Executives In Focus

European Business Aviation Association appoints Athar Husain Khan as new Secretary General

The Board of Governors of the European Business Aviation Association (EBAA) have selected long-standing aviation professional Athar Husain Khan as Secretary General. He will assume responsibilities for leading the Association Secretariat.

Athar has spent the last 25 years as a leader, aero-political negotiator, lawyer, advocacy specialist and CEO in different aviation organisations and companies, in both the public and private arena. Most recently he was an Agreements & International Relations Consultant for the Qatar Civil Aviation Authority in Doha.

Before that, Athar led the Association of European Airlines (AEA) in Brussels as CEO, managing issues spanning environment and infrastructure to safety policy and regulation. At AEA, Athar's daily activities included member acquisition,

event development and sponsorship, media relations and advocacy at the highest EU political and institutional levels.

Athar is a lawyer by education (International law, Air & Space law, Human Rights law and European law). He received his Master of Law at the University of Leiden in the Netherlands, and followed post-graduate courses in law, communications, management, finance, natural leadership and coaching. Prior to working at AEA, he held senior positions at KLM Royal Dutch Airlines and the Netherlands Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Education and Science.

> Athar Husain Khan **European Business** Aviation Association



CFM International names Jean-Marc Domergue as the new Vice President of Contracts

■FM International, the 50/50 joint company between GE and Safran Aircraft Engines has appointed Jean-Marc Domergue as vice president of Contracts, replacing Sharyn Cones.

In his new role, Domergue is responsible for the negotiation and administration of CFM International contracts with aircraft manufacturers, as well as administering contracts with airline customers for both new engines and for MRO support through CFM Services.

Domergue started his career at Safran in 1994 and held various positions related to after-sales and MRO activities. In 2003, he was appointed manager of the Product Support and Services manager for the GE90-115B and the GP7200 engines.

In 2006, he inaugurated the role of deputy, Large Engine Services programme for Safran Aircraft Engines, working closely with GE Aviation

Services in Cincinnati. That role led to his position in 2009 as director, Material and Engine Overhaul Solutions, where he helped lead the development of the CFM Services organisation and the creation of CFM Materials.

Since 2010, he held several positions at Safran Helicopter Engines, including vice president of Customer Support and Sales, prior to joining CFM.

Domergue was graduated from Superior Institute for Aeronautic & Aerospace (ISAE - Sup'Aero) in Toulouse, France. He later earned both a master's degree and a PhD in Materials & Engineering from the University of California.

Jean-Marc Domergue





International Events

EVENT	DATE	VENUE
International Conference on Aerospace and Aerodynamics	02-03 August 2018	Barcelona, Spain
10th Airfield Ground Lighting World Congress 2018	03-06 September 2018	Singapore
IATA Maintenance Cost Conference	19-21 September 2018	Atlanta, USA
The Africa Aerospace and Defence (AAD)	19-23 September 2018	Tshwane, South Africa
ERA General Assembly 2018	9-11 October 2018	Edinburg, Scotland
MRO Europe	16-18 October 2018	Amsterdam, Netherlands
NBAA Business Aviation Covention & Exhibition (NBAA-BACE)	16-18 October 2018	Orlando, Florida
Florida International Airshow	19-21 October 2018	Punta Gorda, FL, USA
Combat Helicopter	23-25 October 2018	Bucharest, Romania
Commercial Aviation Services Asia- Pacific	06-08 November 2018	Singapore
Dubai Helishow 2018	06-08 November 2018	Dubai South, Dubai, UAE
2nd Aerospace & Defence MRO South Asia Summit	17-18 Jan January 2019	New Delhi, India



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