

SpiceJet successfully operates India's first biojet fuel flight



SpiceJet, a low-cost airline headquartered in Gurgaon, India has successfully conducted the country's first-ever biojet fuel powered flight. The aircraft, a Bombardier Q400, took off from Dehradun and landed at the airport in the national capital.

SpiceJet is the only airline in India to explore aerial operations powered by biojet fuel and intends to commence operations using a blend of 75 percent of aviation turbine fuel (ATF) and 25 percent of biojet fuel, which has the potential of reducing

carbon footprint by 15%.

Made from Jatropha crop, the fuel has been developed by the CSIR-Indian Institute of Petroleum (IIP), one of the constituent laboratories of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research based in Dehradun.

Last year, SpiceJet placed an order for 205 Boeing 737 Max aircraft. The fuel-efficient Max planes are expected to reduce fuel consumption by about 15 percent. The advanced technology winglet in these aircraft helps reduce the drag

and further improves fuel efficiency. Besides, the new Max fleet will leave 40 percent lesser noise footprint. Complete induction of Max fleet with lightweight titanium seats will bring in savings of 22,000 tonnes of fuel each year. With these initiatives SpiceJet will be much ahead of IATA target of 2020 and 2025.

The airline has also initiated new food packaging which will go a long way in reducing the dependence on plastic and therefore will promote a culture of recycling. Strategic use of trays will be used in place of the existing packaging. These trays are reusable and also recyclable, which makes them extremely environment friendly.

According to IATA, aviation industry contributes to 2 percent of the total greenhouse gas emissions globally which will rise as the aviation industry is expanding and has set ambitious targets to mitigate carbon emissions from air transport - an average improvement in fuel efficiency of 1.5 percent per year from 2009 to 2020, a cap on net aviation carbon emissions from 2020 (carbon-neutral growth) and a reduction in net aviation carbon emissions of 50 percent by 2050, relative to 2005 levels.

Jazeera Airways signs CFM56 engine MRO deal with MTU Maintenance for its Airbus A320 aircraft fleet

MTU Maintenance, a provider of innovative maintenance services and repair solutions for aero engines, has signed a contract with Jazeera Airways. The three-year contract covers the maintenance repair and overhaul of the CFM56-5B engines that power the Kuwaiti airline's fleet of Airbus A320 aircraft. Jazeera Airways is MTU Maintenance's first airline customer in Kuwait



and continues the MRO provider's

successful trajectory in the Middle East market.

Jazeera Airways is the first non-government owned airline in the Middle East, and the largest private airline operating out of Kuwait. Each year, Jazeera Airways serves over 2.2 million passengers, flying to 26 destinations across the Middle East, India and Europe.

SR Technics, Eurowings sign major engine MRO deal



SR Technics and Eurowings, a German low-cost airline headquartered in Düsseldorf and a fully owned subsidiary of the Lufthansa Group have signed an engine maintenance, repair & overhaul agreement. The two-year agreement was signed at the end of June 2018 and covers part of the airline's CFM56-5B fleet.

Cooperation with Eurowings began in January of this year and in order to

meet the demands of the carrier's large engine shop visit demands, SR Technics provided single engine shop visit offers to tailor its services. This combined with slots that met the carrier's planning needs and SR Technics' continuous support, was key to clinching the two-year contract.

All work under the new agreement will be completed at SR Technics Zurich Airport facility and covers engine main-

tenance, repair and overhaul solutions, including airfoils repairs in SR Technics' Cork, Ireland facility, and the full parts and material management for more than 30 engines. As Eurowings is a key player among Europe's low-cost carriers, there is plenty of room for synergies with other areas of SR Technics moving forward.

"We are delighted to have won Eurowings as a customer," says Michael Sattler, Chief Commercial Officer at SR Technics. "This clearly reflects on our excellent relationship with Eurowings, and our ability to adapt to challenging scheduling requirements and offer flexible solutions."

Michael Knitter, Chief Operations Officer of Eurowings states, "Optimal technical support for our aircraft is an essential prerequisite for the success of Eurowings. As currently the fastest growing airline in Europe, we rely only on the best service providers. We are proud to be able to rely also on SR Technics for this."

Western LLC, San Antonio International Airport collaborate on corporate hangar development

Western LLC, a real estate development and design-build firm specialising in the aviation industry, has announced its latest aviation development at the San Antonio International Airport. The 8.87-acre parcel is a redevelopment of the "Hawker Beechcraft" site located off of John Cape Road and features seven hangars ranging in size from 12,000 sf to over 15,000 sf, 28' tall doors, and attached offices on several units.

The development is scheduled to break ground fall 2018 with completion expected within 12 months. Western is designing, building, financing, and leasing back the facilities to independent corporate clients. All units have been fully reserved and currently there is a waitlist for other interested parties.

"This \$25 million, multi-hangar development initiative is the largest single private/corporate capital project in San Antonio International Airport's history.



Partnerships like this are not just good news for the San Antonio International Airport but for all of San Antonio as the economic impact will be substantial for the entire region," said Russ Handy, Aviation Director for the City of San Antonio.

"We are excited to work on this new

built-to-suit hangar development at the San Antonio International Airport," said Alex Langlinais, Client Executive at Western LLC who is overseeing the day-to-day operations of this project. "This is our first major project with the airport and we look forward to serving the people of San Antonio."



Anand Stanley
Airbus

Airbus appoints Anand Stanley as President and Managing Director in India

Airbus has appointed Anand E. Stanley to succeed Pierre de Bausset as President and Managing Director of Airbus India. Pierre and Anand will work through a transition before the new appointment takes effect on October 1, 2018.

Anand brings a wealth of international experience in Sales, P&L management, M&A, Aftermarket and Manufacturing. He will pursue the consolidation of Airbus businesses in the country with a view to further strengthening the position of the group for long-term success and growth in India.

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A polyglot who has lived and worked in eight countries, Anand served as Global Executive Vice President, Strategy, at The Linde Group prior to joining Airbus. Anand started his aerospace career at Pratt & Whitney before holding multiple leadership roles within UTC and Lockheed Martin, including Head of Sikorsky's Europe, Middle East and Africa region. Anand holds a bachelor's degree in Engineering, an MBA from the University of Virginia-Darden.



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STS Aviation Group launches new division in ground support equipment services market



across the United States and Bahamas.

"Servicing GSE equipment will be at the center of what we do, there's no doubt about that, but our team will also focus on refurbishing old equipment, selling spare parts and offering extended warranty services," states Girard. "And given that we have the full backing and support of Mark Smith's team and the extended STS Aviation Group family, we will be able to reduce client downtime and save them money no matter where they are, geographically speaking, or how fast they need the job done."

STS Aviation Group, a diversified company that specialises in support services for the aerospace industry has launched STS GSE Services, a company based out of Melbourne, Florida which is dedicated to offering cost-competitive maintenance, refurbishment, spare parts and warranty services to the aircraft ground support equipment market.

Mark Smith, Group President of STS Aviation, will supervise the operations of STS GSE Services alongside Gabriel Girard who has been promoted from his former role as Operations Manager for STS Mod Center to Director of Operations for STS GSE Services.

"As President of every company under STS' Maintenance, Engineering and Modification Group, I am always looking for new and exciting ways to create synergies," articulates Smith. "Take STS Mod Center and STS Line Maintenance, for example. These two companies will now have a go-to company for GSE services, and that company will be internally housed under the STS Aviation Group umbrella. These types of synergies not only save us money, but we're able to pass on those savings to all of our clients requiring GSE services."

Besides servicing aircraft ground support equipment at its aircraft hangar facility in Melbourne, Florida, STS GSE Services looks forward to soon troubleshooting and repairing aircraft ground support equipment at STS' growing network of 30+ line maintenance stations



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Mapaero and Atlanta Aviation International (AAI) sign aircraft paint distribution agreement

Gaetan Guibert, North America Director for Mapaero has signed a contract with Michael Thatch, Vice President of Atlanta Aviation International (AAI) to act as interior coatings distributor for North America with a focus on airlines, MRO and VIP completion markets.

"With our newly created partnership, we both look forward to offering unmatched service to our customers, with US stock, short lead time, and color matching capability," Guibert explained, adding "We are also expanding our technical support capability in the US with a new East Coast office". The announcement was timed to coincide with the ACPC conference in Orlando, where both companies will be represented. It comes after a fruitful first half of 2018 that saw Mapaero obtain Embraer qualifications for their cabin

filler, primer and top coat and a triple OEM qualification by Boeing, Bombardier and Embraer for their new Di-Tex 50 interior top coat.

AAI will have a full tint line in Atlanta, Georgia to make top coat colors on-demand, including Mapaero's best-selling FR2-55 water based fire retardant topcoat for use on aircraft cabin interiors.

AAI is targeting to have this tint line operational by November 2018. In the meantime, orders placed with Atlanta Aviation will be shipped from Mapaero corporate office located in Pamiers France.

"With AAI setting up this tint line, we can achieve quicker turn-around times on custom colors and offer turnkey paint/application services. Airlines and MROs will also see cost savings by shipping from Atlanta" according to Thatch.

Mapaero has specialized in manufacturing aircraft water based coatings for 25+ years. Mapaero coatings hold more than 50 qualifications with Airbus, Boeing, Dassault, Embraer, Bombardier, ATR, and Airbus Helicopter among others. Mapaero's FR4-45 holds qualifications from Airbus, Boeing, Embraer and Bombardier, making it the most versatile product for MROs.

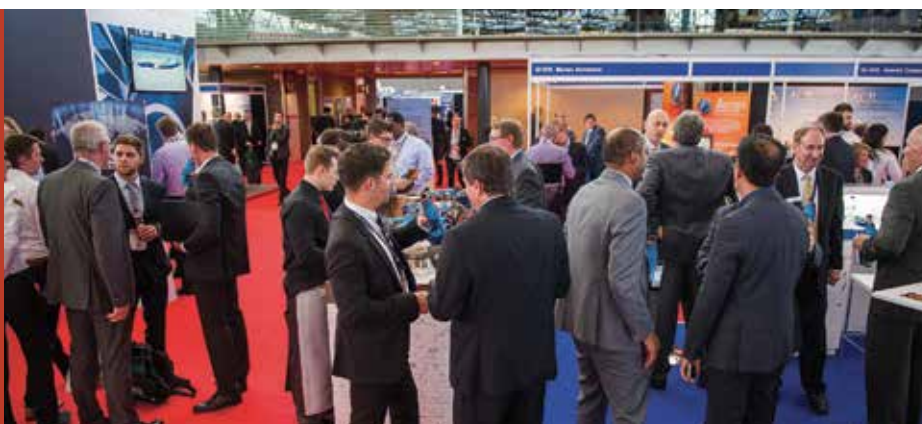
AAI, located near Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International airport, offers cabin interior painting and Tedlar covering to Airlines and MROs under FAA Part 145. AAI has 25 years experience in refinishing sidewall panels, bin doors, ceiling panels and other interior components. After the refurbishment, AAI issues FAA 8130 return to service tags allowing the airline or MRO to reinstall the interior back into the aircraft.

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 \$59 billion in
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KLM UK Engineering, Alliance Airlines sign long-term heavy maintenance deal

KLM UK Engineering, a leading regional aircraft and narrow body MRO in Norwich, England has signed a long-term heavy maintenance agreement with Alliance Airlines Pty Ltd. The AFI KLM E&M subsidiary will be supporting Alliance Airlines with their Fokker 70/100 aircraft, providing heavy maintenance support in Norwich from summer 2018.

Graham Casbourne, Sales Manager, said "KLM UK Engineering is delighted to continue to support Alliance Airlines with their Fokker 70/100 maintenance, following on from checks carried out in 2017. This long-term agreement further cements the relationship and trust between our companies and we look forward to developing this further during the contract."

Lee Schofield, Chief Executive Officer of Alliance Airlines, said "We are very pleased to lock in this long-term arrangement with KLM UK Engineering. We will be operating Fokker 70/100 for at least the next ten years and the maintenance support provided by KLM UK Engineering will assist us greatly during this time."

Embraer, LOT Polish Airlines extend pool agreement

Embraer Services & Support has signed an extension of the pool agreement with LOT Polish Airlines, the national carrier of Poland and leading airline in Central Europe to support LOT's fleet of 34 Embraer E-Jets.

In a multi-year deal, Embraer's popular component support solution includes exclusive on site stock for LOT as well as extended scope of engine line-replaceable units (LRUs) for E190/E195s. The programme will support LOT's existing fleet of 18 Embraer E170/E175s and up to 16 Embraer E190/E195s which includes additional six Embraer E195s that LOT leased in 2018 from Nordic Aviation Capital (NAC A/S) already in operation and four new Embraer E190 that the airline will be operating from January 2019.

"LOT is the only airline to operate all four variants of E1 E-Jets in their fleet and we are humbled that they have chosen to place their trust in us. It's a strong endorsement for our customer service and it proves that we met their expectations offering the best solutions in services and support with a competitive value. Our mission is to keep the customer happy every day; and to also ensure the satisfaction of the end customer, which makes our portfolio the most competitive and exemplary in the market", said Johann Bordais, President & CEO, Embraer Services & Support.

"We are proud to renew our long partnership with Embraer. The support of the OEM is a natural fit and the best option to our fleet as it offers cost effective and practical solutions, guaranteeing efficiency and competitive results, allowing LOT to focus on aircraft operations. Our airline recognizes very good performance of Embraer's services and support (including components lead times assured and quality aspects), said LOT's COO. Maciej Wilk.



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Executives In Focus

Qantas Airways names Tony Tyler as Board Member

Qantas Airways, the flag carrier of Australia has appointed Tony Tyler as a Non-Executive Director to the Board of Qantas Airways Limited.

Tyler will formally join the board in October 2018 subject to a shareholder vote on his appointment.

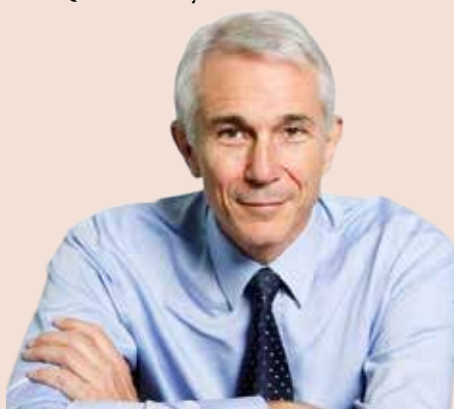
"Tony is one of the world's most seasoned airline executives. He's been involved in commercial aviation for almost 40 years, including as CEO of Cathay Pacific and head of the International Air Transport Association. He's also served on various airline boards," said Qantas chairman Leigh Clifford. "His industry knowledge runs deep and so does his experience of doing business in Asia, which is a key market for the Qantas Group. Tony's perspective will be a valuable addition to the knowledge already on the Board."

Tyler said, "Qantas is one of the world's most iconic airlines and it continues to be responsible for a lot of innovation in commercial aviation. I'm very excited to join the board and I look forward to contributing to the Group's continued success."

Tony Tyler started his career in aviation with Cathay Pacific in 1978, where he held several commercial,

operational and executive management roles in Europe, North America and Asia. This included being the airline's Chief Operating Officer from 2005-07 and then its CEO from 2007-11. He also served as the Director General and CEO of the International Air Transport Association from 2011-16, which is the peak body for global aviation and represents some 290 airlines. Tyler's current board appointments include BOC Aviation Limited and Bombardier Inc. His other board experience includes Dragonair, Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Company and the UK-based National Air Traffic Services (NATS).

Tony Tyler
Qantas Airways



Cutter Aviation welcomes Evan York to Charter Sales position

Cutter Aviation has selected Evan York as the Charter Sales & Aircraft Acquisitions Representative for the company's Charter & Flight Management Department based in Phoenix, Arizona. In his new role, York will be instrumental in maintaining and growing Cutter's charter flight operations and aircraft management services for domestic and international client base.

York previously worked at Textron Aviation headquarters in Wichita, Kansas before moving to a small aircraft charter operation in the Phoenix Valley. His prior experience includes leading,

coaching and mentoring new-hire representatives. Prior to starting a career in aviation, he worked for a Business-to-Consumer company where he grew a culture of success and professionalism among junior sales associates. York's methods and mentorship with his team led to record-breaking sales several years in a row.

York is the author of a book about mental health titled *Sick of Suffering* that was published in September of 2017.

While studying for his B.S. in Professional Sales and Marketing, York earned his FAA Private Pilot's license with an Instrument Rating.

Lockheed Martin board of directors approve Michele Evans as Executive Vice President, Aeronautics

Lockheed Martin has selected Michele Evans as executive vice president of the Aeronautics business area, succeeding Orlando Carvalho, who intends to retire later this year. Evans' appointment is effective Oct. 1, 2018.

"I want to thank Orlando for his impressive contributions during his nearly 40 years with the company," said Marilyn Hewson, Lockheed Martin chairman, president and CEO. "During his outstanding career Orlando has led some of our most important lines of business and programmes, helping to grow our company and our leadership position in the industry."

"Michele has led critical elements of our business, building an impressive record of leadership and strong customer relationships around the globe," Hewson said. "Her appointment demonstrates the importance of our talent development and succession planning."

Evans has more than 30 years of experience, and at present serves as deputy executive vice president for the Aeronautics business area. She is responsible for all Aeronautics programmes, including F-35, F-22, F-16, C-130 and Advanced Development Programmes.

Prior to that, she served as vice president and general manager for Integrated Warfare Systems and Sensors in Lockheed Martin's Rotary and Mission Systems business area. In this role, she looked after the strategy and execution of the Littoral Combat Ship programme, Aegis Combat Systems and sea-based missile defence, as well as a host of other systems. The programmes she led in this role supported all branches of the US Armed Forces, and more than 40 countries. She also was vice president of Modernization and Sustainment, where she was responsible for the A-10 weapons system, and avionics programmes on the C-130 and F-35.

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Bombardier Aerospace to welcome Danny Di Perna as Chief Operating Officer

Bombardier has appointed Danny Di Perna as Chief Operating Officer, Aerospace, effective September 15, 2018. In this new position, Danny will report directly to Alain Bellemare, President and Chief Executive Officer, Bombardier Inc. and assume responsibility for leading the company's aerospace engineering, procurement and transformation functions. Bombardier's Aerostructures and Engineering Services segment will also report to Danny.

"We are thrilled to welcome Danny to the Bombardier leadership team,"



Danny Di Perna
Bombardier Aerospace

said Bellemare. "He is an exceptional and engaging leader, with deep aerospace experience and a proven track record of success improving operational efficiency at leading industrial and aerospace companies."

"Danny will work closely with me, David Coleal, President, Bombardier Business Aircraft, Fred Cromer, President, Bombardier Commercial Aircraft and the rest of the senior leadership team to execute an industrial strategy that supports our production ramp-up, improves our competitive position and accelerates our transformation," Bellemare continued. "Danny will also play a key role in optimizing our aerospace engineering and product development capabilities to ensure long-term sustainable growth."

Most recently, Danny served as Vice President of Global Sourcing for GE Power. In this role, Danny was responsible for strategic sourcing, procurement and supplier quality. Prior to that, Danny held a number of senior leadership positions, with United Technologies Corporation, including Senior Vice President of Operations for UTC's Pratt

& Whitney Division and Vice President and General Manager of the Auxiliary Power Division for the Hamilton Sundstrand Division. Before that, Danny held the position of Senior Vice President, Aircraft and Engine Maintenance at Air Canada Technical Services.

Danny started his career at Pratt & Whitney Canada, where he held various positions of increasing responsibility within engineering, manufacturing and operations. He earned a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Concordia University and a Masters of Business Administration from McGill University.

"Driving operational excellence and delighting customers with the highest quality and performance is critical to Bombardier's long-term success," stated Bellemare. "With Danny's appointment, and Laurent Troger's recent appointment of Jim Vounassis as Chief Operating Officer at Bombardier Transportation, we now have the right operational leadership talent to ensure we deliver on our growth potential across the entire portfolio."

Monarch Aircraft Engineering promotes Lee Burgess to Head of Maintenance and selects Keith Earnden as Head of Engineering

Monarch Aircraft Engineering (MAEL), the MRO division of Monarch Airlines, has promoted Lee Burgess to Head of Maintenance and welcomed Keith Earnden back to the company as Interim Head of Engineering.

Lee Burgess will be in charge of managing MAEL's heavy maintenance facilities in Luton and Birmingham, as well as its various line stations across the UK and Europe. He will also lead the MAEL's new Component Maintenance Centre, which is due to open in Northampton later this year.

Burgess began his career with MAEL in 1987 as an apprentice. After 15 years as an aircraft engineer and coordinator, he undertook his first management role in 2006, rising to become Head of Engineering in 2015.

"After over 30 years at Monarch Aircraft Engineering starting as an appren-

tice, I am delighted to be leading the company's maintenance operations, and look forward to using the experience I have gained to ensure the highest standards at all of our locations, including our new Component Maintenance Centre in Northampton," said Lee Burgess.

Keith Earnden returns to MAEL to become Interim Head of Engineering, with responsibilities including leading the Engineering team, as well as the Continuing Airworthiness Management Organisation, Part M, and Planning.

He re-joins MAEL from Flybe, the largest independent regional airline in Europe where he was Director of Maintenance and Engineering at Flybe, and prior to that with Marshall Aerospace in 2015. He previously worked with MAEL from 2010 to 2015.

"I am delighted to be returning to MAEL to

lead a team of engineers that have earned an industry-wide reputation for innovation and excellence," says Keith Earnden.

Chris Dare, Managing Director of Monarch Aircraft Engineering, says, "Lee and Keith bring a depth and breadth of experience to their new roles that will be invaluable to MAEL as we continue to grow and evolve as a business."

Lee Burgess and Keith Earnden
Monarch Aircraft Engineering



Cutter Aviation promotes Kyle Turner to the position of Client Relationship Manager

Cutter Aviation, the leading aviation services provider for the Southwestern United States has promoted Kyle Turner to the position of Client Relationship Manager supporting Pilatus Aircraft clients. In this new role, Turner will be the dedicated point of contact for client ownership experience, expediting post-sale maintenance to include managing and coordinating action plans with approved service centres.

Turner joined Cutter Aviation last year as a Technical Service Representative for Part 145 Repair Station in Phoenix, Arizona. In this role, he became the client support arm for the maintenance department and helped oversee daily operations. The relationships Turner cultivated, as well as his implementation of new standard operating procedures, contributed to a year of record profits and fueled overall growth within the department.

Turner had worked as the Maintenance

Coordinator for a Part 145 Repair Station and Pilatus Service Centre in Southern California before joining Cutter. As the maintenance coordinator for the facility, he was in charge of relationship management and retention of VIP clientele along with the responsibility of business development and sales.

While attending California State University, Chico, Turner earned a B.A. in Communication Studies with an emphasis in Organisational Communications and a Minor in Recreation Management. He is also an FAA Licensed Private Pilot on the path to obtaining his Instrument Rating.

Kyle Turner
Cutter Aviation



JSSI selects Jake Gerstein as Chief Information Officer

Jet Support Services, Inc. (JSSI) has appointed Jake Gerstein as Chief Information Officer. Gerstein brings to the company more than two decades of experience across the financial, communications and professional services sectors. At JSSI, he will be responsible for leading the company's technology initiatives and objective of bringing improved data and insight to support JSSI clients and operations.

"Jake is a world-class technology and data expert. He'll play a key leadership role as JSSI continues to experience significant growth across multiple lines of business," said Neil W. Book, president and CEO of JSSI. "I look forward to working closely with him as we look to deliver the next generation of products and services to the industry."

"I am very excited to join JSSI given its track record of innovation, rich data set and domain expertise, as well as enthusiasm for technology," comment-

ed Gerstein. "There are tremendous insights to be realized from mining the extensive JSSI data and many opportunities to deliver transformative services to the global business aviation market. I look forward to applying my experience to JSSI's endeavors."

Previously, Gerstein played a leading role at West Monroe Partners where he developed and implemented an innovative IT strategy, including application architecture and IT service delivery. His 20-year career includes roles with Computershare, UBS and Perot Systems.

Jake Gerstein
JSSI



Air Canada names Ferio Pugliese as Senior Vice-President, Government Relations and Regional Markets

Air Canada has appointed Ferio Pugliese as Senior Vice-President, Government Relations and Regional Markets. Pugliese is succeeding Kevin C. Howlett, Senior Vice-President, Government Relations and Regional Markets, who will be retiring in November after 45 years of service. Pugliese will be based in Toronto, and will report directly to Calin Rovinescu, President and Chief Executive Officer.

"As a global carrier connecting 64 Canadian cities and communities to more than 220 worldwide markets on six continents, one of Air Canada's key priorities is continuing to outreach and strengthen the partnerships we have in the cities and communities we fly to, and our relationships with all levels of government in Canada. Ferio's solid, diverse experience from several Canadian organizations is well-suited to oversee these important relationships, and to also lead the strategic direction of Air Canada's regional operations including our relationships with our regional carriers operating on Air Canada's behalf. I take this opportunity to congratulate Kevin on his upcoming retirement this fall, and thank him for his valuable and tireless work," said Rovinescu.

Prior to joining Air Canada, Pugliese was previously Executive Vice-President, Customer and Corporate Affairs at Hydro One Inc., an electricity transmission and distribution utility headquartered in Toronto, Canada. He has also held senior leadership positions at other Canadian companies including WestJet, WestJet Encore and Catalyst Paper Corporation.

Asian Sky Group selects Ivy Zhou as Business Development Director

Hong Kong business aviation consulting firm Asian Sky Group (ASG) is continuing to expand its regional presence, with the appointment of Ivy Zhou as Business Development Director, focusing on Greater China.

"With ASG's growing presence in the Asia Pacific, particularly in Greater China, now is the time to strengthen our team and market position," says ASG Managing Director, Jeffrey Lowe.

"Adding Ivy to the team will help to do both. Her experience handling successful transactions and her vast knowledge of the industry will play a key role."

Ivy, who has

Ivy Zhou
Asian Sky Group



around seven years of experience in business aviation, joins ASG after working with Global Jet Concept. Rising up the ranks with the operator and management company, Ivy started out as Sales & Executive Assistant establishing new contacts and leads, while supporting the growing Beijing team. She later worked as a Key Account Manager and concluded her time with the Swiss-based operator as Chief Representative. During her final role, Ivy looked after the operation of Global Jet Concept's fleet in Mainland China, while directly managing several accounts and contributing a high volume of revenue from charter sales.

"I'm pleased to be joining the ASG team," says Ivy. "I've come across their work and seen their achievements during my time in the industry. I'm now happy to support and add to this success through my knowledge and network."

Summit Aviation hires Lou Karnes as new Vice President of Government and Defence Aircraft Services

Summit Aviation, a Greenwich AeroGroup company, has appointed Lou Karnes as its new Vice President of Government and Defence Aircraft Services.

A military veteran and experienced aviator, Karnes recently retired after more than 21 years in the US Army where he most recently served as the Product Manager for the MH-60M Special Operations Forces (SOF) Blackhawk.

"We are thrilled to have this exceptional leader, aviator and communicator join our team at Summit," said Vice President and General Manager of Summit Aviation Ralph Kunz. "Lou brings to the table years of hands-on experience that I believe will help propel our Government Services to the next level."

Karnes' prior experience also includes serving as an H-47 series operational pilot and maintenance test pilot with multiple combat deployments, and more than 10 years as an Army Acquisition Officer with experience as a Government Flight Representative and Chief of Flight Operations at DCMA Boeing Philadelphia and SOF support as a Programme Manager.

He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point with a Bachelor's degree in Engineering Management, and he also holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of Delaware.

Lou Karnes
Summit Aviation



Bob Rasmussen promoted to Chief Pilot of Fargo Jet Center Flight Operations

Bob Rasmussen has been promoted to chief pilot of Fargo Jet Center (FJC) Charter Operations. Rasmussen has been part of the FJC charter department for seven years and has more than 13 years of experience in the aviation industry.

"Bob's diverse aviation background and knowledge in charter flight operations make him a great fit for this leadership position," says Craig Holly, Director of Operations. "Bob understands the department's policies and procedures, and demonstrates the leadership and ambition to strengthen, grow, and improve our operations."

Rasmussen is an aviation professional with 5,000 hours of flight time and has pilot experience in a broad range of piston, turboprop, and jet aircraft.

Rasmussen studied at the University of North Dakota and received a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautics with a Major in Commercial Aviation. Additionally, he holds an ATP certificate and is type-rated in the Cessna Citation 500 series and in the Bombardier Learjet 60.

As chief pilot, Rasmussen is responsible for maintaining safe and professional flight operations by ensuring the charter fleet is maintained to the highest of standards. Other responsibilities include conducting pre and post-flight duties, and management of the hiring, scheduling, and training of all charter pilots.

Bob Rasmussen
Fargo Jet Center Flight Operations



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IATA Airline Industry Retailing (AIR) Symposium	23-25 October 2018	Rome, Italy
Combat Helicopter	23-25 October 2018	Bucharest, Romania
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