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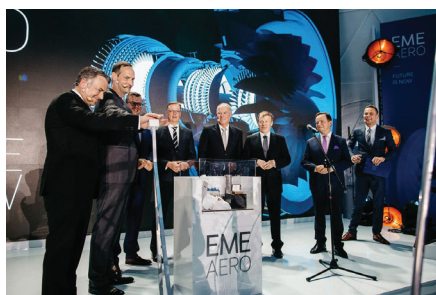
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Lufthansa Technik, MTU Aero Engines lay foundation stone for joint MRO shop in Poland

Lufthansa Technik AG and MTU Aero Engines AG laid the cornerstone for their new joint venture EME Aero in Jasionka, close to Rzeszów city, symbolically launching one of the biggest and most advanced GTF MRO service centres globally. Pratt & Whitney GTF engines power five regional and narrowbody aircraft platforms, with the A220 and the A320neo family from Airbus and the Embraer E190-E2 already in commercial service. The total investment for the service centre is 150 million euros by 2020. Plans are to have the facility with its 40,000 square meters of workspace up and running by the end of 2019.

"This joint venture is an important step for Lufthansa Technik and our partner MTU in expanding our respective engine maintenance businesses," states Johannes Bußmann, CEO of Lufthansa Technik. "That is why this laying of the foundation stone marks an important day, as EME Aero will enable both companies to provide technical support for one of the world's most important aircraft engines. We are convinced that we have found the right location for this joint venture in Poland



– our experience with our location in Wrocław is very encouraging."

Michael Schreyögg, Chief Programme Officer at MTU Aero Engines explains, "Above all, one factor is driving growth in our industry: more passengers are in the air. Year on year, we see flight hour growth rates of more than 6 percent. The Geared Turbofan engine family will serve this growth. It is one of the most advanced propulsion systems in the market and plays an important role in MTU's commercial aircraft business – from an OEM as well as from a maintenance perspective. MTU Aero Engines is looking forward to run on of the world's most efficient maintenance shops for GTF engines and master the upcoming high volume together with Lufthansa

Technik. Alongside our subsidiary MTU Aero Engines Polska in the immediate vicinity, this step is part of MTU's global ramp-up plan."

Work on the construction site started in mid-June this year. The area has already been levelled and over 60,000 cubic meters of soil have been moved. The building platform is almost complete and foundation works have begun. The construction site for EME Aero service centre consists of about 160,000 square meters; this corresponds to approximately 23 football fields. The construction of the facility, including one of the most advanced test cells worldwide, will be completed by the end of 2019.

Around 70 employees are already on board at EME Aero and a total of 1,000 new jobs will be created. The company is investing several million euros in staff training, which will take place in the newly built training centre in Jasionka. Each training course will cover a period of several months and combine theory at the centre with practical experience at Lufthansa Technik and MTU. The training centre will open its doors at the beginning of October.



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Bombardier Commercial Aircraft has delivered its first 90-seat Q400 aircraft to India based SpiceJet Limited, the launch operator for the extra-capacity 90-seat aircraft.

"We are excited to induct the 90-seat Q400 aircraft into our fleet," said Ajay Singh, Chairman and Managing Director, SpiceJet. "The additional seats and

performance improvements will result in substantial reduction in unit costs and also we will be able to address our market needs in the regional space."

Todd Young, Head of the Q Series Aircraft Programme, Bombardier Commercial Aircraft said, "The delivery of the first 90-seat Q400 aircraft showcases the commitment of Bombardier's Q

Series turboprop programme to respond to customer requirements as they address traffic growth in regional markets. I thank and congratulate the employees and suppliers who have worked tirelessly to deliver this most recent enhancement to the Q400 aircraft, and I also thank our customer, SpiceJet for its strong support and collaboration in this continuous improvement programme."

"This is a very important milestone for the Q400 aircraft programme because the 90-seat option demonstrates the increased profitability potential that this unique turboprop has to offer," said Colin Bole, Senior Vice President, Commercial, Bombardier Commercial Aircraft. "The increased passenger capacity allows 15 per cent reduction of seat cost compared to the previous standard Q400 aircraft and provides an enormous benefit for airlines. We are thrilled that SpiceJet will be the first operator to showcase the unique capabilities and unbeatable productivity of our turboprops."

Lufthansa group contracts FL Technics for Airbus A320 MRO services

FL Technics, a global provider of integrated aircraft maintenance, repair, and overhaul services, has signed a long-term joint contract with Lufthansa group companies (network and point-to-point airlines) for MRO services.

The first aircraft is scheduled for maintenance at the beginning of October 2018 in Vilnius (Lithuania) and will be followed by the rest during the 2018 and 2019 season in FL Technic's Lithuanian hangars.

"The Lufthansa Group airlines have a huge A320 Base Maintenance demand with some 300 aircraft in service and pooled within the LH Group Technical Fleet Management," said Thomas Rueckert, Vice President Base Maintenance Services at Lufthansa Technik. "Alongside our internal Lufthansa Technik capabilities, we employ a two-tier strategy by having an additional strong and reliable supplier



- like FL Technics - at our side. We always tender demand beyond our own capacity to leverage the very dynamic MRO market. We are happy to have found high-quality services and a very attractive commercial offer from FL Technics."

"It's a steady upward march for us," said Zilvinas Lapinskas, CEO at FL

Technics, while pointing out a key decision that led to trust among the two parties. "Daily work in process improvement has transformed our MRO business into a lean organization with a focus on effective TAT." The long-term cooperation began after 9 aircraft projects were successfully maintained in 2018.

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Royal Brunei Airlines, AFI KLM E&M partner for Airbus A320neos leap engine support

Royal Brunei Airlines, the national flag carrier airline of Brunei has contracted AFI KLM E&M to perform the full maintenance and repair of the LEAP-1A engines equipping the airline's fleet of seven Airbus A320neos.

AFI KLM E&M has secured EASA and FAA approval to support LEAP operations. The Group can already meet the needs of its clients when it comes to carrying out all on-wing/on-site work on LEAP-1A and LEAP-1B engines. Among other things it has demonstrated its capability with a first successful engine build-up for TUI fly Benelux.

Michael Grootenboer, AFI KLM E&M SVP Group Engines Product, said, "As one of the world's major Airline MRO's, taking our first steps on the market for a new engine type is always significant. As we did previously with the GENx, we want to be at the forefront of new technological and market developments. We are proud of this contract with Royal Brunei Airlines and wish to thank them for the confidence they have displayed in entrusting us with the engine maintenance for their latest generation medium haul fleet."

"It was quite natural for us to turn to AFI KLM E&M to support our LEAP engines," revealed Rob Woods, Head Engineering & Maintenance of Royal Brunei Airlines. "We have experience from the strength of our existing relationship, plus the international reputation of a player that has proven its worth on the engine maintenance market."

With this new contract, AFI KLM E&M has further strengthened its position in the region, where the Group has already signed a slew of component and engine support contracts.

CAE inaugurates first Airbus A320 FFS at JAL - CAE Flight Training, increases pilot training capacity in Japan

CAE has expanded its pilot training capacity in Japan with the inauguration of its first Airbus A320 full-flight simulator (FFS) deployed at JAL - CAE Flight Training (JCFT), the joint venture between CAE and Japan Airlines. The CAE-built Airbus A320FFS will support the pilot training needs of Japanese airlines and other airline customers across the region. The ceremony was held at the training centre located at Haneda Airport and was attended by Japan Airlines, AirAsia Japan, Jetstar Japan and CAE executives.

Last June, CAE announced the deployment of the simulator to support the pilot training needs of Jetstar Japan. The simulator includes CAE's most recent innovation, the CAE Rise training system, allowing instructors to deliver standardised training in accordance with the airline's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).

With this training equipment addition, CAE Tokyo-JCFT will provide Boeing 737NG, 767, 777, 787 and Airbus A320 pilot training, bringing the total number of FFSs available at the centre to 9.



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airBaltic contracts Jazz Technical Services for Bombardier Q400 NextGen aircraft maintenance contract



Chorus Aviation's subsidiary, Jazz Aviation LP, a Canadian regional airline has received a contract for heavy maintenance work from airBaltic, then flag carrier of Latvia. Under the terms of the agreement, Jazz Technical Services ('JTS'), a division of Jazz dedicated to MRO work will provide

airframe maintenance in support of airBaltic's 12 Q400 NextGen aircraft.

"We are very pleased to have been awarded this contract as we continue to focus on growth in our MRO business and are enthused to be expanding our customer base internationally with the

addition of airBaltic," said Colin Copp, President, Jazz Aviation. "Our JTS division provides industry-leading turn times, a premium level of service and maintenance expertise which is well known and respected throughout the industry."

Andris Vaivads, SVP Technical Operations of airBaltic said, "We are excited to enter this partnership as we value Jazz Aviation highly for their experience in cold weather, which is characteristic to our home markets of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania. We rely on short turnaround times as it allows us to offer in many cases the fastest and most convenient transfers via our main hub in Riga spanning our network of Europe, Scandinavia, Russia, CIS and the Middle East."

Jazz Technical Services will carry out the work for airBaltic from its six bay, 80,000 square foot facility at Halifax Stanfield International Airport, where over 400 maintenance professionals are employed supporting contracts for Canadian, US and international customers.

Cebu Pacific, HAECO ITM extend component support contract for its Airbus A330-300 fleet

HAECO ITM Limited, a joint venture between HAECO and Cathay Pacific Airways has renewed its long-term contract with Cebu Pacific Air to provide inventory technical management support for the airline's Airbus A330-300 fleet. The contract extension covers the services of component MRO, repair management, component pooling, component engineering, stores and logistics management in Manila, Main Base Kit (MBK) services, and AOG support, ensuring Cebu Pacific's strong fleet performance with HAECO ITM's customised and cost-effective solutions.

Cebu Pacific has a fleet of eight Airbus A330-300 aircraft for its long-haul as well as high-traffic domestic and international routes.

"We are very happy to be able to extend this agreement with Cebu Pacific," said Daniel Stromski, Executive General



Manager of HAECO ITM. "HAECO ITM has established a strong relationship with Cebu Pacific through our high operational performance over the past five years. We will continue to support Cebu Pacific with the same high level of service delivery for the A330-300 fleet, and to continuously work on further improvements."

Mike Szucs, Chief Executive Adviser of Cebu Pacific, said, "Our A330 fleet is one of the densest and lightest in the world.

Cebu Pacific needs an MRO partner with a proven track record and that maintains best-in-class quality standards. HAECO ITM meets our needs and has proven expertise. Over the last five years, HAECO ITM has helped us maximise aircraft availability through its strong AOG support services. We look forward to a fruitful partnership with HAECO ITM as we push forward with efforts to improve efficiency and safety."

IN THE PICTURE: Mike Szucs, Cebu Pacific Air Chief Executive Adviser (fifth from left); Christopher Gibbs, HAECO Group Director Components and Engine Services (fourth from right); Ian Wolfe, Cebu Pacific Air Executive Adviser Engineering and Fleet Management (fourth from left); Daniel Stromski, HAECO ITM Executive General Manager (third from right); and colleagues at the contract signing ceremony.

Defence exclusive

BAE Systems developing eye tracking technology for fighter jets

BAE Systems are developing eye tracking technology for pilots to control the fighter jet of the future with the blink of an eye.

As military domains become more contested, technologies become more complex, and sources of data multiply it is crucial that pilots are able to quickly access, assess and act on critical information.

BAE Systems' specialist team of Human Factors engineers collaborate with pilots to better understand and expect their needs in this challenging environment. These insights shape the intuitive technologies that the team is developing for the cockpit of the future.

One area the team is focusing on is technologies that enable pilots to control the cockpit in innovative ways.



Lead Technologist Jean Page explains, "In terms of future concepts, we are looking at what we are calling a 'wearable cockpit'. Here, you remove many of the physical elements of the cockpit, and replace it with a virtual display, projected through the helmet. Essentially, it's a software-only cockpit that's upgradeable, adaptable and reconfigurable."

"In such a world, we need to think about what controls are critical to the pilot and then make them easier to manage. Eye-tracking gives you the option of looking at something to highlight it and then making a gesture to 'press' a button, rather than having a series of physical buttons on the aircraft."

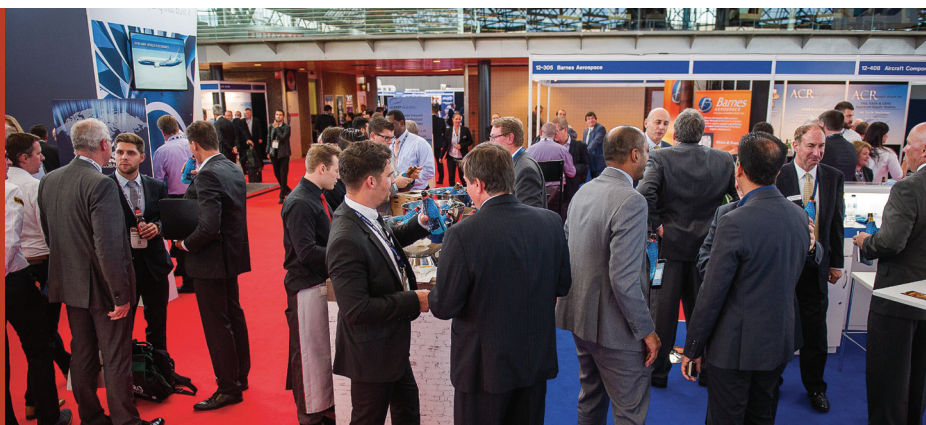
BAE Systems Human Factors team demonstrated this approach in the future combat aircraft concept model, Tern-pest, which was unveiled for the first time at the 2018 Farnborough International Air Show. This concept model, developed by the UK Ministry of Defence, RAF and industry partners including BAE Systems illustrates how technologies such as eye tracking will shape the types of cockpit we expect to see in the combat air systems of the future.

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US Air Force contracts Boeing and Saab for T-X pilot training programme



Boeing in partnership with Saab has won a \$9.2 billion contract for the US Air Force T-X pilot training programme. US Air Force pilots will soon train for combat with T-X jets and simulators from Boeing.

Boeing and Saab designed, developed, and flight tested two all-new, purpose-built jets proving out the system's design, repeatability in manufacturing and training capability.

"The announcement is the culmination of years of unwavering focus by the Boeing and Saab team," said Leanne Caret,

president and CEO, Boeing Defence, Space & Security. "It is a direct result of our joint investment in developing a system centered on the unique requirements of the US Air Force."

Håkan Buskhe, president and CEO of Saab said, "This selection allows our two companies to deliver on a commitment we jointly made nearly five years ago. It is a major accomplishment for our partnership with Boeing and our joint team, and I look forward to delivering the first trainer aircraft to the Air Force."

Boeing MH-139 to replace US Air Force UH-1N Huey fleet

Boeing will provide its MH-139 helicopter and related support to the US Air Force to replace the more than 40-year-old UH-1N "Huey" helicopters used to protect America's intercontinental ballistic missile bases.

The programme awarded is valued at \$2.4 billion for up to 84 helicopters, training devices and associated support equipment.

"We're grateful for the Air Force's confidence in our MH-139 team," said David Koopersmith, vice president and general manager, Boeing Vertical Lift. "The MH-139 exceeds mission requirements, it's also ideal for VIP transport, and it offers the Air Force up to \$1 billion in acquisition and lifecycle cost savings."

The MH-139 derives from the Leonardo AW139, which is used by more than 270

governments, militaries and companies worldwide. Leonardo will assemble the helicopters at its northeast Philadelphia plant, with Boeing integrating military-specific components at its facility south of that city.

The contract also includes operations, maintenance, training systems and support equipment for the MH-139 aircraft.

"We're proud to provide the US Air Force with solutions across the entire services ecosystem," said Ed Dolanski, president of US Government Services, Boeing Global Services. "With the AW139 platform's more than 2 million flight hours and established supply chain, we look forward to applying our expertise to drive cost savings while supporting mission readiness."

Sikorsky HH-60W Combat Rescue Helicopter Weapons System, Operational Flight Trainers in final assembly

Sikorsky, a Lockheed Martin company announced that final assembly of the first HH-60W Combat Rescue Helicopter Weapons System and Operational Flight Trainers is underway, supporting the smooth entry of the aircraft into the US Air Force fleet in 2020.

Completion of the HH-60W training systems at subcontractor FlightSafety International's facility in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, is anticipated in the first quarter of 2019. The Weapons System Trainer will be based at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, home of the formal HH-60W training unit. The Operational Flight Trainer will be at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia, site of the first operational unit.

The HH-60W flight trainers will conform to the highest Federal Aviation Administration standards and include the capability to link with other simulators on the Combat Air Forces Distributed Mission Operations (CAF DMO) network. The flight simulators will train the full aircrew, allowing pilots and special mission aviators to train together in the same device while experiencing more complex and realistic training scenarios.

"I am excited to get these trainers in the hands of the US Air Force Rescue Warriors," said Tim Healy, Director, Air Force Programmes, Sikorsky. "The combat rescue mission is uniquely challenging in that it requires much of the mission planning to occur while in flight rather than prior to flight. This requires that the aircrew become highly skilled at using the enormous networking and information capabilities that reside within the HH-60W, and that takes training and practice. These Weapons Systems and Operational Flight trainers will allow that training at the highest fidelity and realism ever seen."

Executives In Focus

Asian Sky Group names Serena Lui as new Charter Services Manager

Hong Kong business aviation consulting firm Asian Sky Group (ASG) has appointed Serena Lui as its new charter services manager.

"Business jet charter has always been an important part of our business as it is typically the entry point for clients into a long-term relationship with ASG. Fortunately it's a growing business with ASG handling more and more requests from corporations and individuals," says ASG Managing Director Jeffrey Lowe. "Serena has both the charter and operational experience needed to assist our current and future clients with all their charter needs."

Serena worked at Hong Kong-based ground handling provider Jardine Aviation Services in the Aircraft Dispatch and Station Control division closely with over 20 international airlines and coordinated with regional offices to resolve operational issues. After four years with Jardine Aviation Services, Serena moved to Hong Kong-based charter services provider L'VOYAGE, where she was Aircraft Charter Operations Officer and was later promoted to Account Manager. With L'VOYAGE she focused on soliciting new charter business and closely monitored flight

status and trip details to ensure flights were completed without disturbance.

Serena holds a degree in Aviation Management Degree from Coventry University, UK.

"I'm happy to have the opportunity to bring my knowledge and experience to a well-known team," says Serena. "I've seen ASG's work in the Business Jet Charter Report, which shows they have a true understanding of the chartering market and the skill set required to serve this market. Consequently, ASG can handle a wide-range of charter requests."

Serena Lui
Charter Services



B&H Worldwide appoints Mark Hollis as Head of Commercial in Oceania

B&H Worldwide, a market leader in the highly specialist aerospace logistics industry has appointed Mark Hollis to the newly created position of Head of Commercial in Oceania

Hollis' appointment is effective immediately and he will lead the business on all commercial activities in the region while reporting to the Executive Board. He will work alongside Colin Kaltner, B&H's recently appointed Head of Operations for Oceania.

As part of its continued strategic expansion plan B&H is focussing on its Lead Logistics Provider (LLP) role and Hollis' appointment will further enhance its market leading capabilities

in this regard in the Oceania region. As an experienced logistics professional Hollis has an extensive track record in strategic and client development with companies such as Toll Global Forwarding and Kuehne Nagel.

"Mark's arrival will really spearhead our business development across the Oceania region and will dovetail with the other activity the company is working on around the world. We are delighted to welcome him on-board and having such an experienced professional heading up the commercial team will drive our LLP activity across the region," said Stuart Allen, B&H Worldwide Group CEO.

Aviation Maintenance Professionals welcomes Pete Mendez as Vice President of Sales

Aviation Maintenance Professionals (AmP), a leading aircraft maintenance facility in Arlington has appointed Pete Mendez as Vice President of Sales.

Mendez brings over 38 years of corporate aviation industry maintenance account development, management, sales, and customer service experience and success with recognised aviation organisations including Gulfstream, Dallas Jet International, Signature Aviation Services, and Galaxy Aerospace.

"Pete brings extensive knowledge and a deep understanding of virtually every aspect of business aviation", said Brian Allen, President of AmP. "His proven track record of customer first relationships and his focus to first address and immediately resolve individual client needs perfectly fits our culture and focus."

"We are laser focused and committed to provide our customers an experience that goes beyond expectation", added Allen. "Pete's success in the industry is driven by the same shared beliefs."

"Reputation, accountability and, most importantly, transparent customer communication is the difference maker in aircraft maintenance", commented Mendez. "I am excited to join an organization that continues to build their reputation and client base with this philosophy, from leadership to the service bay."

Pete Mendez
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Northrop Grumman elects Ann Addison as Corporate Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer

Northrop Grumman Corporation board of directors has elected Ann Addison as corporate vice president and chief human resources officer, effective Jan. 1, 2019. Addison will succeed Denise Peppard, who has announced her intention to retire in March 2019. Addison joins Northrop Grumman from Leidos, where she was executive vice president and chief human resources officer.

"We are delighted to welcome Ann Addison, an accomplished human resources executive, to our senior management team," said Wes Bush, Northrop Grumman chairman and chief executive officer. "She has a strong background in human resources, information systems, diversity, analytics and experience working with boards of directors, all of which will serve her well as the leader of our global human resources operations."

Addison will join Northrop Grumman on Oct. 22, 2018 in a transitional role as corporate vice president reporting to Kathy Warden, Northrop Grumman's incoming chief executive officer. Addison will be a member of the company's corporate policy council.

"We are fortunate to have Ann join our leadership team. She is an experienced and accomplished chief human resources officer," Warden said. "She and her team will contribute greatly to our company's growth and performance."

Ann Addison
Northrop Grumman



GA Telesis names Mauro Francazi as Director of Business Development in Europe

GA Telesis, LLC., a global provider of integrated aviation solutions has appointed Mauro Francazi as Director of Business Development in Europe.

Mauro brings nearly 30 years of aviation experience in leasing, finance, procurement, and fleet management. He joins GA Telesis from Alitalia, where he served since 1989 in many roles including Director of Irish entities of the Alitalia Group. His most recent position was Head of Fleet and Technical Procurement where his responsibilities included managing a fleet of 118 aircraft.

Joining the GA Telesis Asset Transaction Group, Mauro will be responsible for transaction origination, developing new and maintaining existing relationships with airlines, financial institutions, leasing companies, OEM's and MRO's in Europe and adjacent regions.

"We are very fortunate to have Mau-

ro on our team," said Marc Cho, Chief Investment Officer and President of Leasing, Investments, Finance, and Trading at GA Telesis. "Mauro will be a key member of the Asset Transaction Group and an integral part of the GA Telesis Ecosystem, contributing valuable insight and experience to our global platform," he added.

Mauro Francazi
GA Telesis



IFS names Christian Pedersen as Chief Product Officer

IFS, a multinational enterprise software company headquartered in Linköping, Sweden has appointed ERP industry leader Christian Pedersen as Chief Product Officer.

In this role, Christian will set the direction for IFS's portfolio of products that span enterprise resource planning (ERP), enterprise asset management (EAM) and field service management (FSM).

Christian and his team will work with customers, partners and the rest of the IFS organisation, to envision, develop and deliver compelling solutions for IFS customers. IFS's investments in innovation will continue to be focused on delivering value to customers, through differentiated and effective solutions that are easy to understand and adopt by customers, prospects and partners.

Under Christian's stewardship will be the suite of IFS products and solutions that include IFS Applications, IFS Main-tenix and IFS Field Service Management. Christian will partner with Thomas Söld, IFS senior vice president of product development, to translate customer requirements into tangible products that deliver unmistakable business value.

Darren Roos, CEO of IFS, added, "Being able to attract the industry's top talent is testament to the journey IFS is on. The strength of our management is second-to-none and having Christian join demonstrates our long-term commitment to our customers who will benefit from his innovative yet pragmatic approach, and his focus on delivering value."

Based in Seattle, Christian will be working with customers, partners and colleagues across the world to deliver and grow IFS's product proposition.

Prior to joining IFS, Christian was the chief product officer and senior vice president of SAP S/4HANA Cloud, and general manager for Microsoft Dynamics ERP.

International Events

EVENT	DATE	VENUE
AVSEC World Day	01 October 2018	Athens, Greece
Global Airport and Passenger Symposium (GAPS)	02-04 October 2018	Athens, Greece
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
IATA Airline Industry Retailing (AIR) Symposium	23-25 October 2018	Rome, Italy
Combat Helicopter	23-25 October 2018	Bucharest, Romania
Commercial Aviation Services Asia-Pacific	06-08 November 2018	Singapore
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