

Etihad Airways Engineering, Tarmac Aerosave partner to expand MRO services globally



Etihad Airways Engineering has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with TARMAC Aerosave, a company that specialises in aircraft maintenance, storage and recycling, jointly owned by Airbus, Safran and Suez. The MoU will help

the two companies to recognise and pursue opportunities to develop, support and extend Part 145 maintenance services and products to their customers worldwide.

Etihad Airways Engineering and TARMAC Aerosave completed their first Air-

bus A350 C-check in January following the MoU for a leading Latin American airline at the TARMAC facility in Tarbes, France. To carry out the heavy maintenance check an Etihad Airways Engineering team flew from Abu Dhabi. The licensed engineers of Etihad Airways received an opportunity to complete hands-on Part 147 A350 training because of the A350 heavy maintenance check. The company will carry out the A350 maintenance checks in Abu Dhabi from March 2019.

Alain Leboucher, Executive Vice-President, TARMAC Aerosave said, "We are pleased to cooperate with Etihad Airways Engineering in order to develop synergies across our businesses and provide greater support to our customers worldwide."

Photo caption: Alain Leboucher, EVP Sales and Development at TARMAC Aerosave and Frederic DuPont, Vice President Technical Sales and Customer Service, Etihad Airways Engineering sign a Memorandum of Understanding to jointly pursue opportunities to develop, explore, support and extend Part 145 aircraft maintenance services.

Boeing collaborates with Aerion to speed up supersonic travel

Boeing has made a significant investment in Aerion, a company pioneering in next-generation supersonic aircraft to accelerate technology development and aircraft design, and unlock supersonic air travel for new markets, as per the agreement made by both the companies.

Aerion was founded in 2003 to develop more efficient aerodynamic technologies for supersonic aircraft. In 2014, the company introduced its AS2 12-passen-



ger business jet design and unveiled the AS2's GE Affinity engine design in 2018.

To bring Aerion's AS2 supersonic busi-

ness jet to market, Boeing will provide engineering, manufacturing and flight test resources, as well as strategic vertical content. The first flight of the aircraft is slated in 2023.

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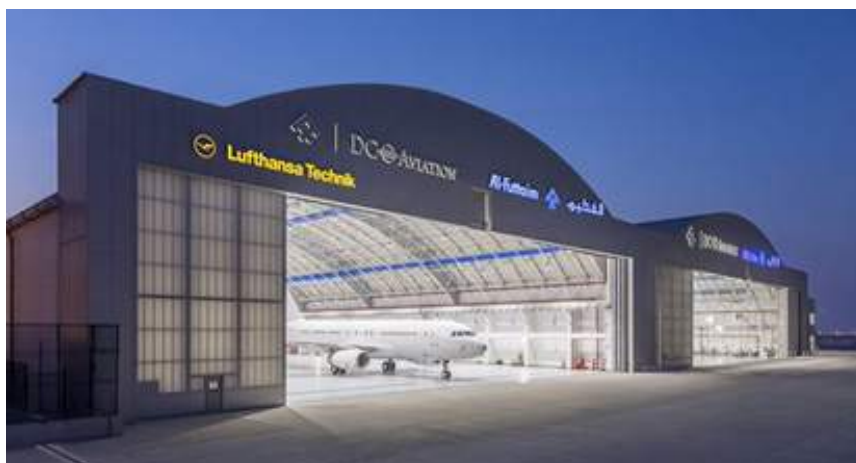
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GACA approves Lufthansa Technik for maintenance services on aircraft registered in Saudi Arabia



Lufthansa Technik has received approval from the General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA) of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for maintenance services on aircraft registered in Saudi Arabia. Lufthansa Technik Middle East me-

chanics conducted the first A-Check on a corresponding Airbus A320 in the hangar of DC Aviation Al-Futtaim LLC, a joint venture of DC Aviation and the Al-Futtaim Group at Al Maktoum International Airport in Dubai.

Regular checks as well as maintenance services, including unplanned repairs for example in the case of an AOG (Aircraft on Ground), are a part the long-lasting cooperation agreement between Lufthansa Technik and DC Aviation Al-Futtaim. Services for aircraft cabins, including small modifications are also included in the agreement. There are also plans to set up establish a mobile aircraft and cabin service to serve the region.

A second 400 man-hours A-Check was also accomplished in January 2019 within the Lufthansa Technik and DC Aviation Al-Futtaim cooperation. The A-Check, for example, included the exchange of several components, the check of all systems which are relevant for flight safety or the completion of service bulletins.

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Unilode receives ULD management contract from NokScoot



Unilode Aviation Solutions, a leading global provider of outsourced Unit Load Device (ULD) management and repair solutions has received a ULD management contract from NokScoot.

"Unilode has further strengthened its global ULD management market leader position with its recent contract wins and renewals and we are pleased to welcome NokScoot as Unilode's 45th

ULD management customer. NokScoot's network is a great fit for our ULD pool, which is beneficial for all Unilode customers flying to the same destinations in North Asia and the Indian subcontinent. NokScoot is a modern airline with appetite for innovation and has already approved Unilode's ULDs equipped with digital tags to be carried on its aircraft while Unilode is rolling out its ULD

digitalisation programme worldwide, including the reader infrastructure. We look forward to working with NokScoot and growing our partnership together," said Benoît Dumont, CEO, Unilode.

Yodchai Sudhidhanakul, NokScoot CEO, said, "By commissioning Unilode for the management of NokScoot's containers and pallets for our current fleet of five Boeing 777-200 we will receive cost-effective and professional services, which will provide us with peace of mind and allow us to focus on our core business of flying passengers. One of the key arrangements with Unilode is the replacement of NokScoot's heavy containers with lightweight ULDs, which will take place in the first few months of our partnership."

NokScoot is one of Thailand's leading low-cost medium- to long-haul airlines. They have a fleet of Boeing 777-200 aircraft and they operate commercial carriers out of Don Mueang International Airport, Bangkok.

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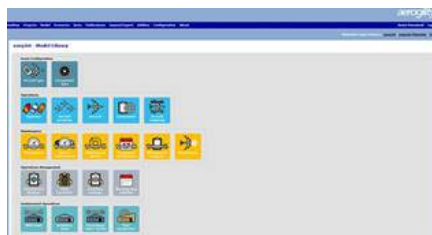


easyJet gets MRO forecasting solution upgrade from Aerogility

EasyJet, a British low-cost carrier airline headquartered at London Luton Airport is adding two significant capabilities to its MRO forecasting solution: engine shop visits and landing gear overhauls. With the help of Aerogility's multi-agent software, easyJet will get a platform to perform extensive whole-aircraft MRO forecasting which will prove useful to both the maintenance planning and power plant departments.

"Using Aerogility in our engine shop visit programme has significantly helped to simplify the process of producing our engine shop visit plan," said Alejandro Lopez Ruesca, Head of Powerplant, easyJet. "It is a great piece of software; very user-friendly, incredibly fast, with support provided by an always helpful group of people."

easyJet will be able to identify and evaluate the impact of one department



against another with the help of Aerogility's platform. Throughout the MRO process, it will help the interdepartmental communication and will allow the airline to compare the effect each department has on the successful running of the airline over the next two years.

The engine maintenance component output was rolled out by easyJet in December 2018. Its planning is extremely complex as it is a mixture of leased and owned engines. Maintenance of the leased engines is done as close to the

due date as possible, even if this means forfeiting yield on owned engines. Also, high level of organisation and planning is required when reinstalling the leased engines on their titled aircraft.

"It gives us a great sense of pride that easyJet has expanded its deployment of the Aerogility maintenance planning platform. It is brilliant to see easyJet extending its use of Aerogility across several departments," said Phil Cole, Business Manager, Civil Aviation, Aerogility. "We are proud that no other products compare to Aerogility in terms of component scheduling. We often have prospective clients, who currently only use spreadsheets, interested in being able to forecast the maintenance requirements for not only their heavy-base maintenance but also their landing gear overhauls and engine shop visits."



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Lufthansa Technik, Evelop Airlines sign Airbus A350 component support contract

Lufthansa Technik, the leading provider of maintenance, repair, overhaul and modification services for civil aircraft has secured a ten-year contract from the Spanish airline Evelop Airlines to provide Total Component Support (TCS) for their airline's future Airbus A350 aircraft.

The component support will be provided to two A350-900 that will enter Evelop's fleet in March 2019 and 2020 respectively.

As Lufthansa Technik stocks more than 100,000 components and guarantees 100 per cent reliable delivery at a pre-determined service level, the Total Component Support (TCS) customers will benefit a lot from the pooling concept. Even smaller airlines' operating



costs go down to a level normally available only to operators of much larger fleets.

"Our Total Component Support optimally supports growing and expanding airlines such as Evelop by providing a highly reliable material supply. We are delighted that we are now able to expand our market share for this aircraft type even further," said Georgios Ouzounidis, Senior Director Sales Europe of Lufthansa Technik.

Japan Airline's first Airbus A350 XWB takes shape in final assembly line

Japan Airline's (JAL) first A350-900 is at the Final Assembly Line (FAL) in Toulouse, France for its final assembly. The installations of the vertical and horizontal tailplane and wing-fuselage junction have been completed. The airline will receive its first A350-900 in the middle of 2019.

JAL's first A350 XWB will be taken to another assembly station from the current station for final structural completion such as the installation of winglets and ground testing of mechanical, electrical and avionics systems.

In 2013, the airlines had placed an order for 31 A350 XWBs (18 A350-900s and 13 A350-1000s). It is the airlines first ever order for Airbus aircraft. From September, JAL's A350 fleet will enter service on major domestic routes starting with its Haneda - Fukuoka route and later on it will fly on international routes, replacing older-generation widebody types.

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VD Gulf's scope of services extends, gets approval for Boeing 777 aircraft type



VD Gulf, a leading independent aircraft maintenance company in UAE has received approval to provide maintenance, repair and overhaul services for customers with Boeing B777 fleets. Currently, VD Gulf provides base and line maintenance services to B747-400, B737 CL/NG, and Airbus A320 family.

They will now be able to extend their services to B777-200/300. This added capability will help Volga-Dnepr Technics' in achieving their goal of securing a competitive edge for Volga-Dnepr Group.

The company is one of the leading MRO providers in the Middle East with its location in Sharjah, UAE. They

guarantee high-quality MRO services to airline operators, leasing companies and aircraft owners, attracting more customers to Sharjah.

"Through constant dialogue with our customers, we know that the introduction of the 777 into our work scope will benefit not only companies working with VD Gulf, but the region as well, facilitating an upgrade of the MRO market in Sharjah and the Middle East by improving the overall quality of service. We managed to secure the certification within the shortest timeframe possible in compliance with standard procedures and we will put all our efforts and resources into meeting our customers' expectations," said Ayrat Gilmudinov, VD Gulf, Director Commercial.

For more than 20 years Boeing 777 has been the backbone of many leading airlines fleet and now more the 400 aeroplanes are expected to be delivered by 2030 with a high number being ordered by airlines in the Middle East.



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Defence exclusive**BAE Systems to perform MRO&U services for F-35**

BAE Systems, a British multinational defence, security, and aerospace company have received sustainment contracts from F-35 joint programme office. Under the contract, the company will carry out Maintenance, Repair, Overhaul & Upgrade (MRO&U) services for F-35 avionics and aircraft components for the European, Asia-Pacific and global fleet.

The contract will build further on the company's role in supporting the global F-35 fleet in the United Kingdom and Australia.

"Across our global enterprise, we play a crucial role on the F-35 programme in



the UK, US and Australia, and today's announcement further strengthens this contribution," said Chris Boardman, Managing Director, BAE System Air. "The selection of the UK and

Australia to undertake this activity is recognition of the advanced military aircraft support skills and capabilities we have in the UK and Australia."

The Department of Defense has assigned repair components to Sealand Support Services Limited, a joint venture with the UK Government and

Northrop Grumman for

global repairs, and in the Asia-Pacific region. Work will be carried out by BAE Systems Australia business alongside a number of Australian defence companies, in the Asia-Pacific region.

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Safran collaborates with MTU Aero Engines for next-generation European fighter engine

MTU Aero Engines, a German aircraft engine manufacturer and Safran Aircraft Engines have officially entered into a partnership to jointly lead the development, production and after-sales support activities of the new engine that will power the next-generation combat aircraft, as part of the Franco-German Future Combat Air System (FCAS). The partnership was witnessed by the French and German Ministers of Defence, Florence Parly and Ursula von der Leyen respectively.

Safran Aircraft Engines will take the lead in engine design and integration and will be responsible for the combustor, high-pressure turbine and the afterburner. While MTU Aero Engines will take the lead in engine services



and will be in charge of the low and high-pressure compressors and the low-pressure turbine.

Aerospace Embedded Solutions (AES), the present joint venture will be in responsible for the engine control hardware and software under the responsi-

bility and the lead of Engine integrator (Safran Aircraft Engines). The goal is to attain a balanced French-German industry programme share, assuming balanced funding by France and Germany.

By 2040, the aircraft will enter into service to complement the current generation of Eurofighter and Rafale fighter aircraft.

The partners will supply the Forces with their longstanding experience in military engines, the best technologies and innovative engine architecture by making sure that the programme is managed effectively.

"Through this collaboration which represents a step forward, we manifest that Safran is going to play a leading role in the construction of European defence industry," said Philippe Petitcolin, CEO, Safran.



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RUAG Australia launches new accredited paint facility for high standard aerospace and defence programmes

RUAG Australia, a subsidiary of the RUAG Group has opened its new, state-of-the-art paint booth facility at its Wingfield Special Processing Centre. The paint booth is fully accredited and supports the F35 and other aerospace and defence programmes. The facility is built to meet the high standards of aerospace and defence.

"We understand the customer's need for quick aircraft turnaround, affordability and reliability. This new paint booth facility allows us to meet the rapidly increasing demand to support both industry diversification and our participation in programmes, such as the F-35," said Terry Miles, General Manager Operations, RUAG Australia. "Specifically designed to solidify our strong position within the industry for aircraft surface finishing, the ac-

credited Wingfield Special Processing Centre is also a second source service-provider, providing the Australian defence and aerospace industry with the necessary alternative supply chain solution for surface finishing."

The paint booth accommodates a wide variety of components and component sizes. It makes sure that the finishing process will operate in all ambient weather conditions and guarantees prompt processing times.

The paint and curing complex include a minimal contamination design, 10-micron minimum inlet filtration, full downdraught configuration and 1200 lux light.

The facility has been designed in consultation with a leading industry specialist, Lowbake, and has been approved by aerospace and defence

global supply chain industry partners. It ensures faster precision finishing solutions for the application of aerospace paints including waterborne epoxy, polyurethane and fuel tank coating with improved curing efficiency and additional capabilities for curing fuel cell coatings.

"The needs and demands of the aerospace industry are evolving as technology becomes more advanced and we have a strong drive to keep pace with these advancements," said Stephan Jezzler, Senior Vice President Aviation International, RUAG MRO International. "The creation of the new paint booth facility is proof of how we responded to our customers' needs with services that support their requirements more effectively, reliably and in a sustainable manner."

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Elbit Systems of America receives avionics refresh deal from Support Systems Associates for the US Air National Guard's ISR aircraft



Elbit Systems of America, a subsidiary of Elbit Systems has received an initial contract of \$5 million from Support Systems Associates, Inc. ("SSAI") to provide avionics refresh for the US Air National Guard's fixed-wing aircraft used for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance operations the RC-26B.

Through type certificate ownership,

Elbit Systems of America is the original equipment manufacturer of the RC-26B aircraft.

"The US Air National Guard can trust Elbit Systems of America to keep their aircraft mission ready," said Raanan Horowitz, President and CEO of Elbit Systems of America. "We are committed to delivering advanced avionics that modernise the RC-26B aircraft and en-

hances its relevance and sustainability."

Elbit Systems of America will provide avionics engineering, design, integration, modification, test and maintenance for the technically advanced aircraft.

The total contract would be valued at \$22 million if all options are exercised. The programme will be performed at San Antonio, Texas by 2021.

Vertex Aerospace signs \$97M renewal contract for USAF Jayhawk programme

The US Air Force has renewed a \$97.5 million contract with Vertex Aerospace to manage and sustain the base supply of its T-1A Trainer Fleet aircraft.

The contractor logistics support has been provided by Vertex for over 170 T-1As since the USAF procured the Jayhawk aircraft in 1992.

Services for the medium-range and twin-engine aircraft are done by Vertex at four USAF bases located in Mississippi, Oklahoma, Texas, and one Naval Air Station in Florida for a total of five main operating bases.

"Vertex is proud to continue its history of supporting the T-1A aircraft since its delivery to the US Air Force in 1992," said John B. Hall, Vertex Aerospace Logistics Director of Programmes. "We remain committed to providing solid, dependable contract performance in support of the critical mission of training the next generation of US Air Force pilots."



World's highest fidelity simulator for Predator RPA enters service for Italy



The CAE-built Predator Mission Trainer (PMT), used for zero flight time training on the Predator B/MQ-9 variant and the simulator has been formally qualified for training at the Amendola Air Base in Italy by the Italian Ministry of Defence and Italian Air Force. It is the highest fidelity simulator ever developed and fielded for the Predator family of remotely piloted aircraft (RPA) systems.

CAE, the prime contractor on the programme, partnered with GA-ASI and the Italian Air Force to conduct flight testing on an actual Italian Air Force Predator aircraft. The use of actual flight data specific to an individual aircraft is necessary when developing Level D simulators, the highest qualification for flight simulators is a first for the Predator family of RPAs.

"GA-ASI was pleased to collaborate with CAE to develop this advanced simulator for the Predator, and we expect this training capability will be highly desired by militaries acquiring our family of remotely piloted aircraft systems," said David R. Alexander, president, GA-ASI. "The Predator Mission Trainer will play a key role helping the Italian Air Force develop highly skilled and well-trained aircrews who are prepared and ready to operate the proven Predator RPA systems."

CAE used an actual Block 15 Mobile Ground Control Station (MGCS) for the physical hardware which was provided by the Italian Air Force to ensure the highest level of fidelity and realism. The Predator Mission Trainer has a fully interactive synthetic and tactical environment for enhanced mission training, it is also fitted with CAE's high-fidelity sensor simulation, and it uses Open Geospatial Consortium Common Database (OGC CDB) architecture for interoperable and networked training capabilities.

The Italian Air Force began training on the Predator A variant of the Predator Mission Trainer in 2018. The Italian Ministry of Defence's Directorate of Air Armaments and Airworthiness (DAAA) formally qualified the PMT. CAE and GA-ASI executives and officials from Italian Air Force celebrated the milestone during a ceremony at the Amendola Air Base.

"The incredible realism of the Predator Mission Trainer gives us a critical training capability to efficiently produce the highly skilled Predator crews we need to conduct a range of operational missions," said an Italian Air Staff Representative. "Having the world's highest fidelity Predator Mission Trainer as part of our unmanned systems centre of excellence in Italy gives us unmatched training flexibility and the ability to leverage simulation-based virtual training throughout our curriculum."

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Certified Aviation Services appoints Jay Scott as Director of Operations

Certified Aviation Services, a provider of MRO services for fleet operators, leasing companies, OEMs and adjusters globally has appointed Jay Scott as Director of Operations for the Recovery, Repair and Modifications division. Scott will be responsible for developing and implementing new strategies to deliver premier AOG service and support. He will also work with the CAS team members to provide customers with faster turnaround time.

With more than 19 years of experience in the aircraft maintenance industry, Scott is the suitable candidate for the position. He has a successful background in operations management; troubleshooting and LEAN principles which will help him provide optimum performance to the division.

Scott received his education from

Brooklands College of Technology. He obtained the EASA A, B1 and C license certification from at Air Service Training LTD, Scotland. He had received the Next Generation Top 40 under 40 award from the Aircraft Maintenance Technology Magazine.

Before joining CAS, Scott held the position of Engineer Manager at Cathay Pacific, where he was responsible for overseeing the West Coast and Mexico division.

Mike Turpin, Managing Director of Recovery Repair and Modifications said, "All of us here at CAS are thrilled to welcome Scott to the team. His wealth of experience in aircraft operations management and with National Aviation Authorities will help achieve the division's goal of obtaining new international certifications. Having Scott on our

team will enhance our ability to offer an end to end service that includes final certification of work carried out globally. We look forward to Scott's contributions to CAS as we continue to expand to meet the needs of our growing customer base."

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David Clifton promoted as Director of Technical & Flight Support Service at Cutter Aviation

Cutter Aviation, an aviation service company, has promoted David Clifton to the position of Director of Technical & Flight Support Services. David's new role as Director will be supervising all aspects of Cutter Aviation's 145 Repair Stations in Phoenix, AZ (PHX); Addison (ADS) and San Antonio (SAT), TX and Denver, CO (APA) as well as overseeing 135 Charter operations and the Client Relationship team. Previously, he served as the Director of Maintenance for two other air carriers.

David has an experience of more than 30 years as an A&P mechanic working on numerous airframes throughout the years. In 2005, he joined Cutter Aviation as the Director of Maintenance for the Charter Department.

From a very young age, David was passionate about all things aviation. He took a job sweeping hangars at the age of 12 just to be around aircraft. There he started helping mechanics with small tasks and wash-

ing aircraft between flights. After a year he started learning sailplanes. At the age of 14 he flew his first solo and went on to get rest of his ratings Airplane SEL/MEL, Gliders, Hot Air Balloons, Airframe and Powerplant Mechanic and he held a CTO card for ATC.

Following family tradition, David also served in the United States Army as a UH-1H (Huey) mechanic/crew chief and later on as an Air Traffic Controller. He focused his career on aircraft maintenance after serving in the military.

David Clifton
 Cutter Aviation



Jet Aviation appoints Norbert Ehrich as head of flight services for EMEA and Asia

Jet Aviation, a Basel-based business aviation services company has appointed Norbert Ehrich, former VP Sales for Jet Aviation Flight Services South East US and South America, as its new Vice President Flight Services EMEA and Asia. His responsibilities involve overseeing operations of Jet Aviation's aircraft management and charter business throughout EMEA and Asia.

Jürg Reuthinger was Ehrich's predecessor who retired by the end of 2018 after more than 35 years of service.

Ehrich has relocated to Zurich, Switzerland and now reports directly to Stefan Benz, SVP Operations EMEA. His experiences in the US will be helpful

to strengthen alignment between regional operations.

"Having served in various leadership roles across our regions and services, Norbert brings deep knowledge of the company to this position," said

Stefan Benz, SVP Operations EMEA, Jet Aviation. "I'm very pleased to welcome him to the team and am confident he will continue to expand and strengthen our service offerings in the region to consistently exceed customer expectations."

Norbert Ehrich, a near 30-year Jet Aviation veteran began his aviation career in the Marketing department at Jet's Corporate Headquarters, then in Palm Beach, in August 1992. He was appointed General Manager (GM) of Jet Aviation's FBO and MRO operations in Saudi Arabia, based in Jeddah, SA in 1999. Ehrich returned to the US four years later as GM of the MRO and FBO operation in Palm Beach, to lead Jet's Southern FBO operations. In 2010, when Jet Aviation expanded to Brazil, Ehrich was tasked with establishing an MRO, Hangarage and Charter operation at Sorocabo. In his current position, he was responsible for aircraft management sales.

Norbert Ehrich
Jet Aviation

Sheltair Aviation appoints Craig Foster as General Manager of the new Mountain Metropolitan Airport FBO

Sheltair, a privately-owned aviation development company has appointed Craig Foster as General Manager of their new FBO and hangar complex at Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport (KBJC).

Foster is the suitable candidate for the Sheltair team as he has more than twenty years of FBO management experience, playing crucial roles in FBO startups, new facility development, negotiating airport leases and charter and maintenance operations. He will be taking care of Sheltair's first corporate presence west of the Mississippi. He will also have to underscore the company's strategic decisions so to meet the growing needs and dynamic general aviation community in that part of the country.

Before moving to a management position Foster began his career with a startup FBO at John Wayne Airport in Orange County, CA (KSNA). He was named Regional Director overseeing Orange County and Palms Springs FBOs for Atlantic Aviation after it was acquired in 2005. He was the recent past President of the Southern California Aviation Association and was also the President of Jet Source (KCRQ).

Foster holds a B.A. from Walla Walla University in Business Administration. He also has a private pilot's license along with an instrument rating.

FlightSafety promotes David D. Dyche as Assistant Manager Of its Tucson Learning Centre

FlightSafety International has promoted David D. Dyche to Assistant Manager of the company's Learning Centre in Tucson, Arizona.

"David's 40 years of aviation experience and expertise, including nearly 11 years of proven leadership abilities with FlightSafety, made him the ideal choice to help manage our Tucson Learning Center," said Dann Runik, Senior Vice President, Operations. "Our Customers and Teammates value and appreciate his in-depth understanding of our industry, and dedication to deliver the highest quality training programmes and services."

David joined FlightSafety in 2005 at the Tucson Learning Centre as an Instructor for the Bombardier Learjet 45 aircraft. David was promoted to Learjet 45 Programme Manager, and then to his most recent role as Director of Training. He has contributed to local and companywide initiatives designed to improve Customer service, increase training quality, and enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of internal processes.

Prior to joining FlightSafety, David served in the United States Air Force for 30 years, retiring as a Colonel. He has flown more than 5,000 hours in a variety of aircraft including the C-130, C-21 and C-12. David also commanded units at the detachment, squadron, group, and wing (acting) levels. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from the Air Force Academy and graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Arizona with a Master of Science degree in Optical Physics.

David Winstanley to be the first Chief Executive Officer of London Biggin Hill Airport



David Winstanley
 London Biggin Hill Airport

David Winstanley will take up the role of London Biggin Hill Airport's first Chief Executive Officer from 1st March 2019. The position has been given to David after Will Curtis announced that he will be stepping down as Managing Director of London Biggin Hill Airport.

Andrew Walters, Chairman of London Biggin Hill, said, "With the support of our local community, London Biggin Hill is enjoying increasing success. Our extended operating hours and significant investment in facilities helped us to outperform the market strongly in 2018, with a 12% increase in aircraft movements and further direct and indirect job creation. We are delighted to have attracted someone of David Winstanley's calibre as CEO, whose deep understanding of airport operations and outstanding leadership skills will enable us to further enhance Biggin Hill's position as the premier business aviation centre for London."

David started his career as an air traffic controller in the Royal Air Force and rose to become a wing commander. In 2007, he joined Birmingham Airport and took on positions of increasing seniority, becoming COO in 2014 and held the position until April 2018.

London Biggin Hill is one of the most successful business aviation airports in Europe and it is home to a growing community of aviation maintenance businesses. David will head the management that is responsible for making the airport a big success.

David Winstanley said, "I am a huge admirer of what London Biggin Hill has achieved and excited to be joining a business with such a clear vision for its future. I very much look forward to helping shape the ongoing evolution of a family-owned business that cares about its community, the success of its tenant businesses and its hardworking people."

New executive committee members appointed by Airbus Helicopters

Airbus Helicopters, the helicopter manufacturing division of Airbus has appointed Alain Flourens, who is currently the head of engineering as the head of industry for Airbus Helicopters. Stefan Thomé who he is currently the head of new business & models & services at Airbus Defence and Space has been chosen to replace Alain.

Alain Flourens has been appointed as the head of industry following the departure of Christian Cornille from Airbus.

"I would like to sincerely thank Christian Cornille for his outstanding contributions throughout his 30-year career within the Airbus family", said Bruno Even, Airbus Helicopters Chief Executive Officer. "The expertise of industrial topics that he developed in many management positions at Airbus, Aerolia, then Airbus Helicopters, has been essential to supporting the transformation of our industrial model and delivering new levels of quality and competitiveness."

Alain Flourens graduated from the Ecole Polytechnique in Paris in 1980. In 1982 he received a degree in engineering from Toulouse ISAE Institute. He then began his career at the French Ministry of Defence in 1982. In 2017 he joined Airbus Helicopters where he held several assignments including Head of the A380 Programme, Head of the Single Aisle Programme, and Executive Vice President, Head of the Airbus Centres of Excellence.

Stefan Thomé has almost two decades of experience in helicopter engineering. He obtained his aeronautical engineering degree from the University of Stuttgart. Stefan worked as Head of Vehicle Integration & Doors Engineering from 2013 to 2018. He led and managed all associated activities across Airbus Helicopters while contributing to the definition of the Division's research and innovation policy. He joined Airbus Defence & Space in 2018.

Duncan Aviation appoints Adam Beach as Paint/Interior Sales Representative at Provo facility

Adam Beach, an 18-year veteran of Duncan Aviation has been appointed as the Sales Representative for the Paint and Interior Sales team at its new Provo, Utah, facility.

"I'm looking forward to supporting the company and our customers in a new role," said Adam Beach. "I've spent my career at Duncan Aviation in production. Now, I'll learn new aspects of the company, working with the Lincoln and Battle Creek sales teams, to help customers receive accurate and comprehensive quotes for the services they need, as well as excellent support before and after the work."

Beach has fulfilled various leadership and technical roles at Duncan Aviation for the last decade but sales will be a new experience for him.

"Adam has provided the necessary leadership to prepare for the expansion and opening of our new hangars in Provo," said Nate Klenke, Manager of Completion and Modification Service Sales. "I am excited to have Adam as a part of the Sales team and look forward to utilising his leadership skills in the sales environment as we continue to expand services to meet customer needs and grow the Duncan Aviation footprint."

EVENT	DATE	VENUE
AVSEC World 2019	26-28 February 2019	Miami, Florida, USA
3rd Connected Aircraft Conference	04-05 March 2019	Dubai, UAE
MRO Russia and CIS 2019	05-06 March 2019	Moscow, Russia
MRO SouthEast Asia	06-07 March 2019	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Legal Symposium 2019	06-08 March 2019	Rome Cavalieri, A Waldorf Astoria Resort
Saudi Airshow	12-14 March 2019	Thumamah Airport, Riyadh
World ATM Congress 2019	12-14 March 2019	Madrid, Spain
The 4th Annual Civil Aviation Parts Management Forum	27-29 March 2019	Xiamen, China
4th China AIR LOGISTICS Development Conference & Exhibiton 2019	28-29 March 2019	Guangzhou, China
Safety and Flight Ops Conference 2019	02-04 April 2019	Barcelona, Spain
Rotorcraft Asia 2019	09-11 April 2019	Changi Exhibition Centre, Singapore
MRO Americas	09-11 April 2019	Atlanta, Georgia, USA
Unmanned Systems Asia 2019	09-11 April 2019	Changi Exhibition Centre, Singapore
22nd World Aviation Training Summit	30 April-02 May 2019	Orlando, Florida
IATA Ground Handling Conference	26-29 May 2019	Madrid, Spain
AP&M Europe	04-06 June 2019	Frankfurt, Germany
Cabin Operations Safety Conference	11-13 June 2019	Istanbul, Turkey
Aviation Data Conference	25-27 June 2019	Athens, Greece
Asian Aviation Education & Training Symposium	27-28 June 2019	Seoul, Republic of Korea
16th Asia Pacific Airline Training Symposium	3-4 Sept 2019	Marina Bay Sands, Singapore
World Financial Symposium	23-26 Sept 2019	Miami, Florida
Cas Asia	24-26 Sept 2019	Singapore
Mro Europe	15-17 Oct 2019	London, UK
Global Airport and Passenger Symposium 2019	15-17 Oct 2019	Warsaw, Poland

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