

## Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive Akbar Al Baker joined as new IATA Board Chairman



**Q**atar Airways Group Chief Executive Akbar Al Baker, has assumed his duties as Chairman of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Board of Governors (BoG) for a one-year term effective from the conclusion of the 74th IATA Annual General Meeting in Sydney, Australia. Al Baker is the 77th chair of the IATA BoG and the first CEO from Qatar Airways to hold the position. He has served on the BoG since 2012. He succeeds Goh Choon Phong, CEO of Singapore Airlines.

Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, Akbar Al Baker, said, "I am delighted to be here in Sydney and honored to be leading the IATA Board of Governors as Chairman for the year ahead. To be nominated to such a prestigious leadership position in

the industry is a great honour, made all the more pertinent in the difficult circumstances in which Qatar Airways currently operates.

"I look forward to continuing my work in the coming year for our great aviation industry, connecting safely the peoples of the world, a sector which will only continue to grow in the years ahead, and one in which I am most proud to work and represent



one of the world leading airlines."

Al-Baker was named Qatar Airways' Group Chief Executive in 1997. In this position, Al Baker has spearheaded the expansion of Qatar Airways from a small regional carrier into a major global. He was president of the 70th AGM which was held in Doha in 2014.

"I want to thank Goh Choon Phong for his strong support and leadership over the past year. He has led major changes in IATA's governance that will enable the association to work even more closely with its members. Under his leadership the industry approved a major modernization of our settlement systems, and made excellent progress on transformative initiatives such as New Distribution Capability and ONE Order. Choon Phong's insights were particularly helpful as we contended with the PEDs ban and growing infrastructure capacity shortfalls in key regions, while also working with governments to prepare for the arrival of the historic CORSIA programme to help airlines manage their future emissions growth," said Alexandre de Juniac, IATA's Director General and CEO.

"I am confident that Akbar will be a strong voice on behalf of the Business of Freedom in the face of growing challenges including creeping re-regulation and a movement away from open borders and toward trade protectionism and restrictions on the free movement of people. I look forward to working with him on these and other key industry issues," said de Juniac.

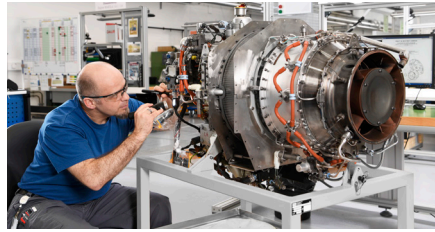
IATA also announced that Carsten Spohr, Chairman and CEO of Lufthansa, will serve as Chairman of the BoG from June 2019, following Al Baker's term.

# RUAG Aviation completes first overhaul of Pratt & Whitney Canada PW206 engine

**R**UAG Aviation has completed the overhaul of a Pratt & Whitney Canada PW206 engine for the first time. The maintenance of the engine that is used in the Airbus H135 and H135M helicopters was carried out in the engine maintenance shop in Stans. The fact that the PW206 engines can now be maintained in-house at RUAG Aviation will boost the availability of the Swiss Air Force's helicopter fleet.

The Swiss Air Force has more than 20 of these helicopters, which are still listed under their former name "EC635". Each of these helicopters is provided with two Pratt & Whitney PW206 turboshafts. In the future, all of the engines of the Swiss Air Force's EC635 are to be maintained by RUAG Aviation in Stans.

"It is part of our core mission to ensure the readiness of the EC635. Making sure that our



military and civil customers benefit from maximum availability and the shortest possible downtime of their aircraft is our top priority," says Heinz Scholl, Senior Vice President Military Aviation, RUAG Aviation. The ability to maintain and test the engines in-house greatly contributes to reaching this goal, Heinz Scholl continues: "We no longer depend on outside service providers and are therefore able to substantially reduce the lead time required for the maintenance of the helicopters and to increase the availability of the Swiss EC635 fleet."

RUAG Aviation has a modern engine maintenance shop in Stans that is organised according to lean manufacturing principles and that maintains the F-5 and F/A-18 jet engines, Safran's Makila engines of the Swiss Super Puma transport helicopters as well as the Honeywell TPE331 turboprop engines. The third engine type is used in various aircraft including the Dornier 228, which is built by RUAG.

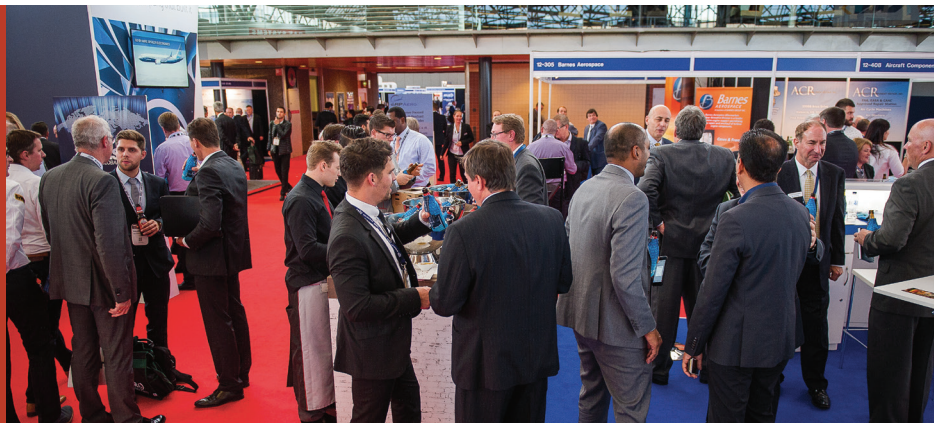
Experts from Pratt & Whitney, the engine's manufacturer, provided the RUAG Aviation employees with a severe 3-week training to prepare them for the PW206 maintenance work. In the past, the EC635's engine had to be sent to Germany or Spain if major maintenance work had to be carried out. Now, all maintenance and servicing tasks applicable to the PW206 engine can be performed by RUAG Aviation in Stans.

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## Wizz Air receives its 100th A320 family aircraft

**W**izz Air (WIZZ), a Hungarian low-cost airline, has received its 100th A320 Family aircraft, an A321XLR, at an event in Budapest Airport. The event was attended by Levente Magyar, Hungary's Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, József Váradi, WIZZ's Chief Executive Officer, Andreas Kramer, Airbus Vice President Sales Eastern Europe and Central Asia, as well as Jessica Villardi, Pratt & Whitney Regional Vice President, Europe, Russia & CIS.

"Wizz Air started to operate its first Airbus aircraft 14 years ago. Today Wizz Air has become a true success story, and we are proud to have played a major role in this journey, providing the most efficient aircraft with the lowest operating costs combined with unbeatable comfort in the widest single aisle cabin in the skies," said Eric Schulz, Airbus Chief Commercial Officer.

The aircraft carrying a special livery to mark the occasion is powered by IAE



engines and configured with 230 seats. It is also equipped with "Smart Lavs", an optimised lavatory design providing more cabin length for more seats and improved seat recline for more comfort.

The aircraft will be deployed on WIZZ's

broad regional and international network covering 141 destinations across 44 countries in Europe and beyond.

WIZZ will take delivery of 268 additional A320 family aircraft over the coming years.

## HAECO Xiamen to provide line services to Spring Airlines Japan in China



**H**AECO Xiamen, a leading Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) service provider in Asia Pacific has entered into an agreement with Japan Airlines Group ("JAL") and Spring Airlines Japan Co. Ltd. ("Spring Japan") to provide line services for Spring Japan at all of its four destinations in China.

This co-operation follows an expanded engineering services agreement between JAL and Spring Japan in December 2017. Subsequently, HAECO

Xiamen was selected as an exclusive partner to carry out their line maintenance operations in China.

To serve Spring Airlines in China, HAECO Xiamen has set up two new line stations at Wuhan Tianhe International Airport (WUH) and Harbin Taiping International Airport (HRB) respectively, in addition to Chongqing (CKG) and Tianjin (TSN) which are already covered in the Company's existing line services network.

## Boeing 787 Dreamliner: Ethiopian's 100th aircraft



**E**thiopian Airlines has received its 100th aircraft, Boeing 787 Dreamliner, once again leading the way in fleet expansion and modernisation in the African continent.

As part of Ethiopian Corporate Social Responsibility commitments, the new aircraft has ferried medical equipment from the Seattle-based NGO, Direct Relief, to St Paulos Hospital in Addis Ababa. The shipment includes surgical stools and other medical supplies to be used for both teaching and patient care.

## Spairliners, Kenya Airways extend component support contract for 15 Embraer E-Jets



**S**pairliners GmbH and Kenya Airways have extended its existing Integrated Component Care agreement covering full component support for 15 E-Jet aircraft of the airline. With this further long-term prolongation effective by April 2018, the contracted services have been improved by an on-site customer representative based in Nairobi and a Line Maintenance Training for Kenya

Airways' aircraft mechanics.

Kenya Airways' E-Jet fleet will be supplied from Spairliners' component pool and logistic centers located in Paris and Munich. Moreover, an optimised on-site stock will be provided at Kenya Airways premises for their proprietary use.

"With this contract extension our cooperation with Spairliners will be further strengthened. The innovative approach

of Spairliners enables Kenya Airways to optimize its cost position and further increase its aircraft availability. Spairliners proved to be a reliable and high-quality provider and we are pleased with the contract prolongation", says Ron Lussier, Head of Material Management at Kenya Airways.

"We are delighted that Kenya Airways selected Spairliners again as their preferred E-Jet Component supplier, after we have been building an excellent business partnership for years. This contract prolongation shows the competitiveness of Spairliners via its customized and cost-efficient service offering", says Cornelius Dalm, Head of Sales, Account Management and Marketing.

Benoit Crombois, Managing Director and CFO at Spairliners adds, "With this continued cooperation Kenya Airways can rely not only on Spairliners expertise, but also on the support and in-depth knowledge of our parent companies network of Air France Industries KLM Engineering & Maintenance and Lufthansa Technik".

## RUAG Aviation secures Bell 505 Jet Ranger X helicopter MRO approvals with reassembly capabilities

**R**UAG Aviation, a leading supplier, support provider and integrator of systems and components for civil and military aviation worldwide is named as one of the first helicopter services providers in Europe to earn OEM approvals for MRO on the new Bell Helicopter 505 (JRX). RUAG also holds reassembly capabilities. Fully qualified during the first Bell 505 technical courses at the Bell Helicopter Training Academy, the RUAG team provides these new services at their helicopters support facility in Sion. A Bell Authorized Service Center, the RUAG Sion location is set to host the Bell 505 during its European launch tour.

"We are dedicated to providing complete, state-of-the-art support on behalf of our customers and all the helicopters

in their fleet. Attending the first available technical courses, like the recent instruction for the Bell 505, is essential to this approach," states Claudio Zeiter, Team Leader Commercial Helicopter Services, RUAG Aviation.'

The completion of the Bell Helicopter Training Academy course also allows RUAG to reassemble the new Bell helicopter. The importance of reassembly services becomes evident during the Bell 505 order process. Helicopters are shipped, partially disassembled. While Bell completely assembles and hands over the helicopters at their North America facilities, the helicopter is then separated into airframe, tail boom, main rotor blades and transmission for shipping to Europe.

"The reassembled helicopters require testing and the certificate of release to

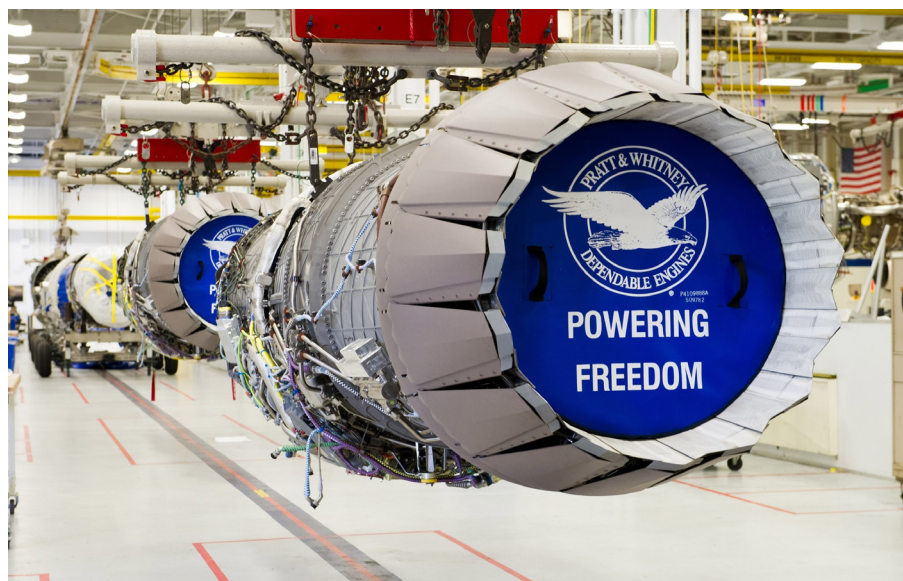
service. We encourage all Bell 505 customers in Europe to direct the shipping of their new helicopter to our facilities in Sion, Switzerland. Our trained specialists ensure a reliable and prompt reassembly," confirms Claudio Zeiter.

Subsequent to training at the Bell Helicopter Training Academy, the RUAG helicopter services center earned the approval ratings for the Bell 505 under their European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) Part 145 classification. A Center of Excellence for helicopters, the team at the facility performs all maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) services on the Bell 505 and additional support services required before start of operation.

The Bell Helicopter 505 (JRX) will be presented at the RUAG facility in Sion as part of the aircraft's European launch tour.



## Pratt & Whitney, F-35 programme office announce contract for 135 F135 engines



**P**ratt & Whitney, a world leader in the design, manufacture and service of aircraft engines and auxiliary power units, and the US Department of Defense announced a contract for the 11th lot of F135 propulsion systems, powering all three variants of the F-35 Lightning II aircraft.

The latest contract continues to support programme affordability initiatives with reduction in propulsion system

price. The 11th low rate initial production (LRIP) contract will cover 135 engines, as well as programme management, engineering support, production support, spare modules, and spare parts.

"This agreement for the next lot of F135 engines represents a fair deal for the US Government, the international partnership and industry," said Vice Admiral Mat Winter, F-35 Programme Executive Officer. "Affordability is our number one

priority, and by working together, we are making steady progress in reducing F-35 propulsion costs."

The total award for the Lot 11 propulsion systems is approximately \$2 billion. In general, the unit recurring flyaway (URF) price for the 110 LRIP Lot 11 conventional takeoff and landing (CTOL) and carrier variant (CV) propulsion systems will be reduced 0.34 percent from the previously negotiated LRIP Lot 10 URF. The URF price for the 25 LRIP Lot 11 short takeoff and vertical landing (STOVL) propulsion systems (including lift systems) will be reduced 3.39 percent from the previously negotiated LRIP Lot 10 URF.

"Pratt & Whitney and our supply chain remain committed to continual cost reduction for the F135 engine and to providing a superior product at the best value for our U.S. and international customers," said John Wiedemer, vice president, F135 Programme, Pratt & Whitney. "Since 2009, we have reduced the production cost of the F135 by more than half and are now pursuing additional affordability initiatives to drive down engine production and sustainment costs even further throughout the F-35's planned lifecycle."

Up till now, Pratt & Whitney has delivered 375 F135 engines. Deliveries of LRIP 11 engines will start this year

## Indonesian cargo airline Cardig Air leases Boeing 737-400F from Vallair



**V**allair, an aviation company headquartered in Luxembourg has signed a long-term Financial Lease with Indonesian operator, Cardig Air, for a Boeing 737-400F. After conversion in the USA, the final compliance checks for Indonesian aviation were undertaken at Vallair's MRO facility in Montpellier,

Vallair. "There is strong potential in the South East Asian airfreight market with rapidly increasing connections to the Chinese mainland. We have supported Cardig Air in their move from operating a B737-300F to the B737-400F model with increased cargo capacity. We are confident that our on-going assistance

France and the aircraft then landed in Jakarta mid-May.

"The aircraft will be scheduled to connect Jakarta with flights to Saigon and Southern China (Shenzhen)" says Peter Koster, Head of Cargo Conversions Business Unit for

will help to underpin their development and build a long term business partnership."

Cardig Air has two operating centres in West and East Indonesia which support domestic, regional and international cargo requirements. Cardig Air operates B737-300 and 400 freighter aircraft and specialises in time specific airport-to-airport freight services on both a scheduled and chartered basis.

This Boeing freighter forms part of Vallair's expanding cargo fleet which includes several Airbus and Boeing aircraft that have been recently been purchased and are currently on lease for passenger operations. These form part of the organisation's feeder stock for their developing P2F cargo conversion programme.

## F-35 Joint Programme Office and Lockheed Martin deliver 300th F-35 aircraft



**T**he F-35 Joint Programme Office and Lockheed Martin delivered the 300th production F-35 aircraft, demonstrating the programme's constant improvement and momentum. The 300th aircraft is a US Air Force F-35A, to be delivered to Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

"The F-35 weapons system is a key enabler of our National Defense Strategy and is providing our warfighters the combat proven, advanced capabilities they need to meet mission requirements," said Vice Admiral Mat Winter, programme executive officer for the F-35 Joint Programme Office. "The 300th production aircraft delivery is a significant milestone that highlights the effective F-35 Enterprise collaboration across the JPO, US services, partners and industry. Moving forward, our F-35 team remains committed to driving costs down, quality up and faster delivery timelines across our development, production and sustainment lines of effort."

"This milestone is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our joint government and industry team as we collaborate to deliver transformational F-35 capabilities to the men and women in uniform," said Greg Ulmer, Lockheed Martin vice president and general manager of the F-35 programme. "We are focused on reducing costs, increasing ef-

ficiencies, and ensuring the highest level of quality as we ramp to full rate production and sustainment of the operational fleet."

As production volume increases and supplementary efficiencies are implemented, Lockheed Martin is on track to reduce the cost of an F-35A to \$80 million by 2020, which is equal to or less than legacy 4th generation aircraft. With the incorporation of lessons learned, process efficiencies, production automation, facility and tooling upgrades, supply chain initiatives and more, the F-35 enterprise has already significantly reduced costs and improved efficiency.

The F-35 enterprise met its 2017 delivery target of 66 aircraft, representing more than a 40 percent increase from 2016. In 2018, the team is targeting 91 aircraft deliveries and is preparing to increase production volume year-over-year to hit a rate of approximately 160 aircraft in 2023.

The F-35 is built by thousands of men and women in America and around the world. With more than 1,500 suppliers in 46 states and Puerto Rico, the F-35 programme supports more than 194,000 direct and indirect jobs in the US alone. The programme also includes more than 100 international suppliers, creating or sustaining thousands of international jobs.

## Rockwell Collins to provide avionics support on Australian Army's CH-47F Chinooks

**R**ockwell Collins has been contracted by the Australian Army to provide extended avionics support for its fleet of CH-47F Chinook helicopters through a performance-based logistics (PBL) contract. The agreement extends to 2020, providing field service engineering, programme management, logistics service and repair and overhaul for the Common Avionics Architecture System (CAAS) components installed on the aircraft and Transportable Flight Proficiency Simulators.

Under this extension, the Australian Army receives local support and on-site maintenance and training for their avionics. Up till now, they have achieved an average availability of 100 percent on all CAAS equipment over 20 months with zero Aircraft On Ground (AOG) incidents.

"The partnership with Rockwell Collins in support of the Australian Army CH-47F Chinooks has proven economical and highly efficient whilst improving successes in its operational domains," said Rachael Taylor, Chinook platform manager, Cargo Helicopter & Unmanned Surveillance Programme Office for the Australian Army. "These results have led the unit to extend the contract to ensure the in-country Rockwell Collins interface is maintained to ensure mission success."

"We've been supporting the Australian Army since they took delivery of their aircraft three years ago, delivering the highest level of service in country so they can maintain mission readiness," said Thierry Tosi, vice president and general manager, Service Solutions for Rockwell Collins. "This extension demonstrates their confidence in our services programme and the value we provide through a PBL."

Rockwell Collins' proven track record in PBL contracts has shown that they enhance reliability and by integrating the logistics chain, significant results for performance can be achieved.



## German Armed Forces receives fifth and final H135 from Airbus Helicopters



**A**irbus Helicopters has delivered the fifth and final H135 to the German Armed Forces in Bückeburg which will be used for pilot training. The German

Federal Office for Bundeswehr Equipment, Information Technology and In-Service Support (BAAINBw) is leasing these helicopters all delivered on time

by Airbus for initial and recurrent pilot training.

These five H135s join 14 others from the H135 family, which have been in service for training at the Bundeswehr since 2000, where they have accumulated more than 100,000 flight hours.

The lightweight twin-engine H135 is used by military forces worldwide to train their personnel. Among others, armed forces from Great Britain, Switzerland, Portugal and Australia put their trust in the H135 family for this mission. In all, more than 1,300 helicopters from the H135 family have been delivered to customers globally, clocking up more than 4.5 million flight hours.

Besides training, the H135 carries out an extensive range of missions including Emergency Medical Services (EMS), law enforcement, corporate transport and maintenance of offshore wind farms.

## Israel Aerospace Industries unveils Barak-MX, an air defense system with optimised shooting and threat management

**I**srael Aerospace Industries (IAI), Israel's prime aerospace and aviation manufacturer has unveiled the Barak-MX, a naval and land-based air and missile defense system, which follows the new operational concept of the Barak Family of highly flexible defense systems.

The Barak-MX supports various radars and launchers, providing optimised response to fighter aircraft, helicopters, UASs, cruise missiles, land-air and land-land missiles.

Based on smart, operationally proven command control, it supports the use of additional interceptor rockets:

- 1) The Barak MRAD is a short-range, high-speed vertically launched interceptor suitable for addressing threats within a range of up to 35 km. it includes a radar homing head with a single-pulse engine.
- 2) The Barak LRAD is a medium-range, high-speed vertically launched for addressing threats within a range of up to 70 km. it includes a radar homing head with a dual-pulse engine.
- 3) The Barak ER is a long-range, vertically launched interceptor with an accel-

erator engine, dual-pulse rocket engine and advanced radar homing head. The extension of the interception range is achieved with a rocket accelerator and adapting the communication and radar capabilities to a 150-km range.

The three rockets (MRAD, LRAD and Barak ER) share many common elements, a major advantage for constant maintenance, training and drills by different customers.

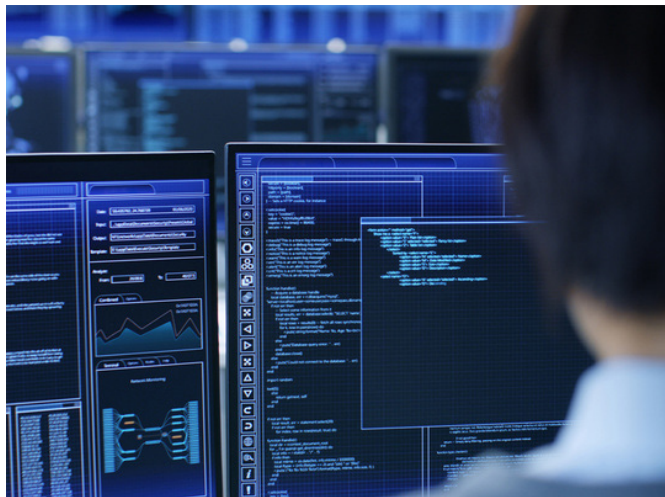
As an operationally flexible system, the Barak-MX allows choosing the radar and the interceptor type according to the type of threat and type of mission at hand. The operational decisions regarding the Barak-MX are taken based on the threat, missions and resources characterising the specific situation. The system's modular nature allows customers to start with basic configuration and scale up gradually and quickly according to operational and budget needs.

Joseph Weiss, CEO Israel Aerospace Industries said, "Having closed huge export deals for the Barak 8, we continue enhancing our leading air defenses systems with new innovative capabilities.

The Barak-MX is highly versatile and is meant to support diversified militaries with the utmost operational flexibility and inherent scalability exemplifies the creativity, technological savviness and boldness of Israel Aerospace Industries."

Boaz Levy, General Manager and Executive VP of Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) Systems, Missiles & Space Group commented, "The continued innovation in the development of the Barak Family, including the integration of three interceptors with complementary capabilities and the utmost flexibility result in operational capacity that responds to emerging threats. The modular nature and the technological innovation of the Barak-MX provides a response to a broad range of operational challenges while managing the resources and the effectiveness on the battlefield. The system has been developed based on proven building blocks that provide flexibility in the integrative technological aspect and in the operational aspect, and IAI's extensive knowhow in developing air-defense systems."

## BAE Systems to develop conflict modeling software for DARPA



**T**he US Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) has contracted BAE Systems to develop a software that will help military planners in understanding and addressing the complex dynamics that drive conflicts globally. Under a \$4.2 million Phase 1 contract awarded by the US Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL), the Causal Exploration of Complex Operational Environments programme seeks to develop technology to model different political, territorial, and economic tensions that often lead to conflicts, helping planners to avoid sudden outcomes.

With increasingly complicated operational environments and diverse adversaries, military planners are often hindered from rapidly and effectively achieving a holistic understanding of conflict situations due to a lack of time, expert resources, and automated tools. To solve this challenge, BAE Systems is developing first-of-its-kind software called Causal Modeling for Knowledge Transfer, Exploration, and Temporal Simulation (CONTEXTS). The software is anticipated to

create an interactive model of an operational environment, allowing planners to explore the causes of a conflict and assess potential approaches.

"Military planners often conduct manual research and use limited modelling tools to generate models and evaluate conflict situations, which are extremely time consuming and labor intensive," said Chris Eisenbies, product line director of the Autonomy, Controls, and Estimation group at BAE Systems. "To break down these barriers, CONTEXTS will use reasoning algorithms and simulations with the goal to give planners a quicker and deeper understanding of conflicts to help avoid unexpected and counterintuitive outcomes."

CONTEXTS builds on the company's autonomy technology portfolio and is being created by BAE Systems' research and development team, which investigates, creates, and deploys cutting-edge technology capabilities. Work for this programme is being carried out at the company's facilities in Burlington, Massachusetts, and Arlington, Virginia

## First UK F-35 lightning aircraft land at RAF Marham



**T**he first of the UK's F-35 Lightning aircraft landed at RAF Marham. It was welcomed by representatives who played a central role as a major contributor on the programme.

The four jets arrived at the RAF station in Norfolk, UK, following a journey from Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, South Carolina, USA. They were piloted by members of 617 Squadron, the UK's first frontline F-35 squadron, and were greeted by the Secretary of State for Defence, Gavin Williamson MP, the Chief of the Air Staff, First Sea Lord, industry representatives and members of the armed forces and their families.

The arrival was a particularly proud moment for the UK teams that have played a significant role in the aircraft programme, including those that helped develop a number of its systems and equipment, including flight controls, as well as the advanced manufacturing team in Samlesbury, Lancashire, which produces the rear section of every F-35.

It also marked another important milestone for the entire global BAE Systems F-35 team, including US-based workforce that delivers the electronic warfare technology behind the jet, and the team in Australia that plays a role in the airframe production.

Chris Boardman, Managing Director, BAE Systems Air, said, "The arrival of the UK's first F-35 Lightning jets marks the latest milestone on a journey that we have been part of since the earliest days of the aircraft." "From development to production and through to its entry into service as part of a worldwide fleet, our global F-35 team has made its mark right across the programme."

"Together with our industry partners, we are very proud to be a part of this momentous day for the UK."



## Executives In Focus

### Lufthansa Group Airlines names Alain Chisari as new Vice President Sales Asia Pacific

**L**ufthansa Group Airlines has appointed Alain Chisari as its new Vice President Sales Asia Pacific. Effective September 2018, he will be managing and directing sales activities of the

Lufthansa Group Airlines (Lufthansa German Airlines, SWISS and Austrian Airlines) and

*Alain Chisari*  
**Lufthansa Group**



also Brussels Airlines, in Asia Pacific.

Heike Birkenbach, Senior Vice President Sales Lufthansa Hub Airlines and Chief Commercial Officer Hub Frankfurt said, "We are very pleased that we could win Alain Chisari to take over this important position for the Lufthansa Group Airlines in Asia Pacific. With his experience in fields such as sales and distribution, network planning and online marketing developments, he will contribute to the success of the business in the region."

Alain Chisari has held several key positions in the airline industry over the last nearly 20 years. For the last five years he served as Chief Commercial Officer and Member of the Management Board at Edelweiss Air AG, the sister company of Swiss International Air Lines. Before that, he was Head of External Relations & Alliances and Head of Leisure Sales Switzerland at SWISS. He also held various positions with Delta Air Lines

in Germany, Austria, South Africa and the UK after he had worked in corporate sales functions at British Airways and American Airlines.

"I'm very excited to embark on this new journey in a dynamic and vibrant region. Asia Pacific is growing at an exponential rate and I'm really looking forward to being part of, driving and leading Lufthansa Group Airlines in Asia Pacific into continuing success. And few of the key objectives is to focus on current Joint Venture and partnership opportunities with the Asian carriers, as well as maximising the Lufthansa Group digitalisation and innovation initiatives in the markets", said Alain Chisari.

Alain Chisari holds an Executive Master Degree in General Management SGMI, St. Gallen (Switzerland). He is fluent in German, English, Swedish, French and Italian.

### Swami Iyer appointed as new CEO for Israel Aerospace Industries North America

**I**srael Aerospace Industries Ltd. (IAI), a leader in developing military and commercial aerospace technology has appointed Swami Iyer as CEO of IAI North America, its US subsidiary. Iyer will be responsible for all IAI operations in North America, including its subsidiaries

Stark and ELTA North America.

Harel Locker, IAI's Chairman of the Board said, "The US represents 75

*Swami Iyer*  
**Israel Aerospace Industries**



percent of the global defense market for IAI. We plan to focus and grow within this market. I welcome Swami Iyer as the new CEO of IAI North America. Mr. Iyer has a wealth of experience, professional, business and managerial capabilities. I am confident he will succeed in unlocking the potential available to IAI in the US market".

Iyer is a leader with more than 20 years of experience in aerospace, defense and cybersecurity. Most recently, he was the president of Ultra Electronics, 3eTI, where he developed M&A projects and substantially expanded profit margins. Prior to that, he was Vice President, Defense & Space at Honeywell Aerospace, where he led multiple, multi-billion dollar international and domestic defense programmes. As Chief, South Asia, Australia & Oceania, International Af-

fairs for the USAF, he was responsible for formulating and integrating policy with respect to political-military relationships, security assistance, technology and information disclosure issues, military exchanges, and attaché affairs. Iyer was a Lt. Colonel in the USAF and logged over 3,500 hours (105 combat hours) of flight experience in 45+ aircraft across fighters, bomber, transport, rotary, trainers, and commercial aircraft.

"I look forward to leading IAI North America and increasing its foothold in the US market. This is an exciting new challenge for me, building on my background in the industry. IAI is a diverse company with outstanding capabilities and products to offer US customers." said Iyer.

He holds a M.Sc. in aerospace engineering from the University of Michigan.

## AJW Group selects Andy Fleming as Head of Quality

**A**JW Group has named Andy Fleming as the Head of Quality. In his new role, Fleming reports directly to Technical Director, Martyn Haines. Amongst Fleming's responsibilities will be ensuring that AJW's Quality Management System continues to meet and exceed the very highest customer, statutory and regulatory requirements.

Prior to his position at AJW, Fleming has had a successful 29-year career at British Airways where he worked in roles including Quality Engineer, Audit Manager and Compliance Monitoring Manager and Corporate Safety Manager. During that time, Fleming gained broad experience in Quality and Safety Management in Aviation, including Health and Safety.

Christopher Whiteside, President and CEO of AJW Group, said, "Quality is integral to AJW's DNA. We know that

the only way to stay ahead in this highly competitive industry is to deliver exemplary customer service on time, every time. Fleming's appointment to Head of Quality affirms our commitment to putting quality, innovation and efficiency at the heart of everything we do".

Andy Fleming said, "I am delighted to be joining AJW as Head of Quality and am looking forward to bringing my experience to the maintenance and continuous improvement of AJW's quality management systems".

Andy Fleming  
AJW



## Yoav Turgeman named CEO of Israeli Aerospace Industries subsidiary ELTA

**T**he board of directors of ELTA, subsidiary and division of Israeli Aerospace Industries (IAI) headquartered in Ashdod, Israel, which is headed by CEO Joseph Weiss, approved the nomination of Yoav Turgeman to ELTA CEO and IAI EVP.

Turgeman has been serving in managerial positions at IAI for the past 11 years, the most recent one as general manager of the MLM plant, where he was responsible to various IAI strategic operations worth billions of dollars and has advanced MLM to extraordinary business and technological accomplishments. Before MLM, he headed IAI's "Arrow" Programme, where he has been responsible for developing the systems' advanced configurations. Before joining IAI, Turgeman has served for 25 years in a range of commanding and headquarters at the Israeli Navy, until he was released as colonel after heading the Corps' fighting systems department. Turgeman holds three academic degrees in electrical engineering, political science and law.

Joseph Weiss, chairman of ELTA's board of directors and IAI CEO said, "ELTA is a global leader in radars, intelligence, early warning systems, communication,

electronic warfare and cyber. As such, it is an integral, complementing party to all of IAI's operations. I welcome Yoav and wish him luck in his new strategic position, where he will lead ELTA in face of challenges and growing competition in various markets. Yoav brings impressive and proven managerial capabilities, out-of-the-box thinking, creativity and extensive experience in the American market, which is a central ELTA market. I am confident he will take ELTA on a road of long term success and profitability."

Harel Locker, IAI chairman, added, "Yoav Turgeman belongs with the highly experienced managers who will guide IAI in the coming years, addressing multiple business, operational and technological challenges IAI will face. I have been working with Yoav from my first day at IAI and I trust his leadership, persistence and creativity. I have no doubt he will take our radar and intelligence division – ELTA – to exceptional achievements. Yoav's nomination is aligned with the recent reshuffling we made at IAI in order to reinforce and make the Company better prepared for the business and defense reality, both globally and regionally."

## AMERON welcomes Adam Brammer as Vice President and Business Manager

**A**MERON MASS Systems, a unit of AMETEK Aerospace & Defense, has promoted Adam Brammer to the position of Division Vice President and Business Manager. Brammer recently joined AMERON as Director of Operations from GKN Aircraft Transparency Systems, where he was General Manager.

"Adams is an excellent choice for his new position, and we expect him to play an important role in the continued success of AMERON," says Brian Hoffmann, Vice President and General Manager of AMETEK MRO. "Adam has excellent leadership skills as well as outstanding experience in aircraft systems manufacturing. In his new position, he has overall profit and loss responsibility along with responsibility for developing and implementing AMERON's strategic growth plan."

Prior to his position at GKN, Brammer was Site Leader for a Parker Hannifin's Control Systems manufacturing operation. Additionally, he was Manufacturing Manager for Cockpit Controls at Eaton Corporation and a Process Improvement / Production Engineering Section Manager for Space Systems / Loral. He also served as a Communications Operations Officer for United States Marine Corps.

Brammer holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Colorado and a Master of Business Administration degree from Webster University.

Adam Brammer  
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# International Events

EVENT	DATE	VENUE
IATA Maintenance Cost Conference	19-21 September 2018	Atlanta, USA
The Africa Aerospace and Defence (AAD)	19-23 September 2018	Tshwane, South Africa
ERA General Assembly 2018	9-11 October 2018	Edinburg, Scotland
<b>MRO Europe</b>	<b>16-18 October 2018</b>	<b>Amsterdam, Netherlands</b>
<b>NBAA Business Aviation Covention &amp; Exhibition (NBAA-BACE)</b>	<b>16-18 October 2018</b>	<b>Orlando, Florida</b>
Florida International Airshow	19-21 October 2018	Punta Gorda, FL, USA
Combat Helicopter	23-25 October 2018	Bucharest, Romania
<b>Commercial Aviation Services Asia-Pacific</b>	<b>06-08 November 2018</b>	<b>Singapore</b>
<b>Dubai Helishow 2018</b>	<b>06-08 November 2018</b>	<b>Dubai South, Dubai, UAE</b>



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