

Weekly Aviation Headline News

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Airbus A220-300

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Trump Tariff Mayhem and Confusion Could Badly Affect Aircraft Deliveries

Uncertainty after 90-day pause on tariffs doesn't help the situation

Donald Trump's on-off tariff policy would appear to now be delaying delivery of cars, consumer goods and industrial equipment that have been left in limbo at warehouses, ports or even stuck on rail cars. For aircraft and their engines, the situation becomes even more complicated as these are usually ordered years in advance so, despite the aviation industry not yet being specifically targeted, confusion over tariff payments could lead to further hold ups in deliveries. For example, at Airbus' Canadian plant just outside Montreal the A220 is assembled and Delta Air Lines is believed to be expecting delivery of one of these single-aisle jets in June. However, the shifting policy on tariffs means that it is currently unclear whether or not the plane will now come with a 25% duty, duty paid on parts manufactured outside the USA, or tariff free. Aside from the tariff war between Airbus and Boeing back in 2020 and 2021, the aerospace sector has rarely been subject to any tariffs, operating under a 1979 treaty

guaranteeing zero-duty trading that includes the U.S. and Canada, though excluded Mexico. Once Trump threatened Canada with a 25% across-the-board tariff on any imported goods, that left the approx. US\$40.5 million A320 with a hefty potential hike in the cost though, according to Reuters news agency, this particular plane, recently painted in Delta's colours, was believed to comply with the 2020 agreement. The current picture is no clearer with the ever-shifting tariff policy and there is the potential for heated negotiations between manufacturers and airlines over who pays any tariff. Delta confirmed it would defer deliveries instead of paying tariffs as it tries to control costs in the face of slowing travel demand. "The one thing that you need to know we're very clear on is that we will not be paying tariffs on any aircraft deliveries," Delta CEO Ed Bastian told analysts. "We've been clear with Airbus on that, and we'll work through and see what happens." As at the end of 2024 Delta had 43 aircraft on order from

Airbus, several from production lines located outside the USA, while Airbus' CEO Guillaume Faury warned in February the company could prioritise deliveries to non-U.S. customers if tariffs were to disrupt imports. Further confusion and uncertainty was created after Trump announce the 90-day pause on tariffs when Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent suggested Canada would face a 10% tariff along with other countries, before a White House official clarified there was no change. Trump's policy has created "unprecedented uncertainty" that has also negatively affected travel demand, Bastian also commented, warning that the economy would lose steam until the tariff-induced uncertainty was resolved. As a further example of problems being created, it is understood that some shipments of RTX engines from one of its Canadian units to U.S. clients were temporarily delayed as the company procured paperwork to prove USMCA compliance alluded.

AIRCRAFT & ENGINE NEWS

Barings Capital Solutions acquires US\$200m+ aircraft portfolio

Barings Capital Solutions has announced it has entered into a purchase agreement to acquire a portfolio of narrow-body commercial passenger aircraft through its Capital Solutions platform. The platform invests across the capital structure to deliver tailored solutions, partnering with GENESIS, the full-service aircraft lessor wholly owned by Barings-managed funds, to originate, underwrite, and manage the portfolio. Karl Griffin, Chief Executive Officer of Genesis, highlighted the pride in the substantial in-house commercial aircraft investment capability built by Barings and Genesis over the past ten years. This capability enables it to originate, underwrite, actively manage, and deliver strong risk-adjusted returns throughout the full life cycle of a commercial aircraft investment. The Barings' team originates, underwrites, structures, and prices risk with the intent to provide attractive returns throughout market cycles that are less correlated with traditional debt and equity strategies. The strategy pursues public and private market opportunities across the capital structure, with a focus on secured debt, leveraging the sourcing and structuring expertise of the entire Barings platform globally to develop tailored solutions for counterparties.

EVA Air finalises order for nine new Airbus aircraft

EVA Air has confirmed a firm order for six long-range Airbus A350-1000s and three A321neo aircraft, following its earlier commitment made in March 2025. This brings the airline's outstanding aircraft orders to 24 A350-1000s and 18 A321neos. Clay Sun, President of EVA Air, highlighted the airline's focus on sustainable aviation and passenger comfort, stating that both aircraft models offer superior efficiency and enhanced travel experiences. The new additions will support EVA Air's fleet and network expansion plans. Airbus EVP Sales, Benoît de Saint-Exupéry, praised the airline's continued trust in Airbus, noting the A350-1000's position as the benchmark for long-haul operations and the A321neo's efficiency in regional travel. The A350 is currently the most advanced wide-body aircraft in production, capable of flying up to 9,700 nautical miles while consuming 25% less fuel than older models. It also offers significant reductions in carbon emissions and can operate on up to 50% sustainable aviation fuel (SAF), with Airbus aiming for 100% SAF capability by 2030. To date, over 1,360 A350s have been ordered by 60 customers, with more than 640 already in operation across 38 airlines.



EVA Air has ordered additional Airbus A350-1000 and A321neo aircraft © Airbus

Canada achieves world-first piloted hydrogen-powered helicopter flight



Mikael Cardinal (l), and test pilot Ric Webb (r) of Unither Bioélectronique celebrate after the company's successful first test flight of a hydrogen-powered Robinson R-44 Raven II helicopter © CAAM

Canadian Advanced Air Mobility (CAAM) has announced a landmark achievement in the field of sustainable aviation, as National Board member Unither Bioélectronique has successfully completed the world's first piloted flight of a hydrogen-powered helicopter. The historic event took place at Roland-Désourdy Airport in Bromont, Québec, on March 27, 2025, and marks a major advancement not only for Canadian aviation, but for the global movement towards cleaner air transport. This demonstration represents a dual milestone: the first time a piloted hydrogen-powered helicopter has flown anywhere in the world, and the first piloted hydrogen-powered flight in Canadian history. The three-minute and sixteen-second flight served as a crucial proof of concept, validating that a proton exchange membrane (PEM) hydrogen fuel cell system can provide the necessary power for vertical take-off and landing (VTOL) operations. "Our first test flight successfully demonstrated the hover and manoeuvre capabilities of our innovative hydrogen powertrain," said Mikael Cardinal, Vice President, Programme Management & Business Development, Organ Delivery Systems for Unither Bioélectronique. "Our next phase of development will focus on integrating a liquid hydrogen storage system, which we believe is an essential technology for enabling our extended-range missions to deliver manufactured organ alternatives to patients in need." The flight was conducted as part of "Project Proticity™", a collaboration between Unither Bioélectronique and the Robinson Helicopter Company. Test pilot Ric Webb carried out the demonstration under an experimental flight permit from Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA), using a modified Robinson R44 Raven II. The aircraft was powered by a hybrid propulsion system combining PEM fuel cells with batteries, with approximately 90% of the flight's energy drawn from hydrogen. CAAM heralded the achievement as a turning point for clean aviation in Canada. "This historic achievement proves that clean aviation isn't a distant dream—it's a present-day reality taking flight right here in Canada," said JR Hammond, Executive Director of CAAM. "Unither's success is a shining example of the innovation happening across our ecosystem and demonstrates how Canadian leadership is shaping the global future of zero-emission air mobility." The success of the project not only elevates Canada's standing in clean aviation innovation but also paves the way for future applications in emergency services, healthcare delivery, and advanced logistics.

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Eagle Air Aviation adds new EC-135 Helicopter for organ transport

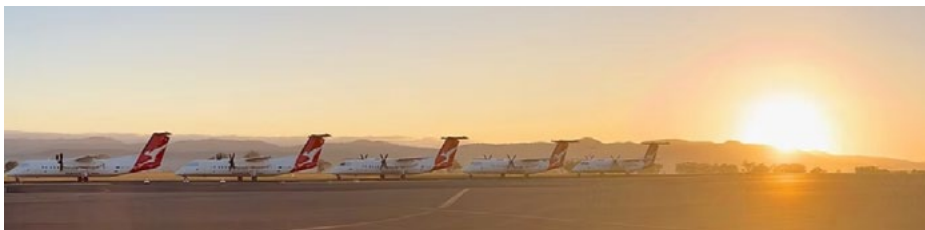
Eagle Air Aviation, a Part 135 certified charter and organ air transport provider, has announced the acquisition of an EC-135 helicopter, significantly enhancing its operational capabilities. The new aircraft expands the company's on-demand charter offerings and meets the necessary authorisations for transporting organs, reinforcing Eagle Air Aviation's commitment to providing fast, flexible and mission-critical services. The twin-engine EC-135, manufactured by Airbus Helicopters SAS—the helicopter division of Airbus—is now operating out of Harrisburg International Airport. Airbus remains the global leader in helicopter manufacturing, with a 48% share of the turbine helicopter market by revenue and deliveries. Formerly known as Eurocopter, Airbus Helicopters SAS produces highly reliable rotorcraft widely used in medical, charter, and utility services. With the EC-135 in its fleet, Eagle Air Aviation is better equipped to handle short-to-medium-range missions and provide direct, point-to-point transport. The helicopter's ability to land at hospitals or office helipads offers considerable time savings compared to road travel, especially in congested areas. This announcement follows the recent addition of a third Cessna Citation CJ2 jet to the company's growing fleet, underscoring its strategic expansion across both fixed-wing and rotary operations. The helicopter is not only ideal for organ transport and executive charter but is also suitable for tasks such as aerial utility surveillance. According to CEO Tyler Sigel, the company has already seen strong interest from charter brokers and organ transport agencies, thanks to competitive pricing and operational flexibility.



EC-135 helicopter

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Avmax acquires Qantas aircraft, expands Skytrans ties



Dash 8 Series aircraft

© Qantas

Avmax has confirmed a landmark agreement with Qantas, further bolstering its regional aircraft leasing portfolio. As part of the deal, Avmax has finalised the purchase of 19 Dash 8 Series aircraft, comprising three Dash 8-Q200s and 16 Dash 8-Q300s. The first Dash 8-200 sale under this agreement has successfully closed, marking a key milestone in the company's global expansion strategy. In addition, Avmax has entered into a long-term lease agreement with Skytrans for the operation of three Dash 8-200 aircraft, ensuring its continued service in Australia.

John Green, Senior Vice President at Avmax, expressed delight at strengthening the company's longstanding partnership with Skytrans. "This collaboration ensures the aircraft remain in operation in Australia, supporting Skytrans' ongoing growth and service reliability." Further strengthening its fleet, Avmax has signed a Letter of Intent for the acquisition of 16 Dash 8-Q300 aircraft from Qantas. These aircraft, renowned for their exceptional reliability, late serial numbers, and excellent maintenance history, are among the best available on the market. Steve Hankirk, CEO of Avmax, noted that the purchase of these well-maintained Q300s marks a significant step forward for the company. "We expect to receive the final aircraft by the end of 2025 and are currently in discussions with multiple operators regarding sale or lease opportunities. This deal benefits not only Avmax and our shareholders but also enhances every aspect of our business."

With these acquisitions and partnerships, Avmax continues to expand its presence in the global regional aircraft market, offering high-quality leasing solutions to operators worldwide. The company remains committed to providing top-tier aircraft and tailored leasing solutions to meet the evolving needs of regional airlines and aviation partners.

Lufthansa City Airlines receives first new Airbus A320neo

Lufthansa City Airlines has taken delivery of its first brand-new Airbus A320neo at the Airbus factory in Hamburg-Finkenwerder. The aircraft, registered D-AIJP, has been named "Ingelheim am Rhein." This new addition highlights the pivotal role Lufthansa City Airlines plays within the Lufthansa Group, redefining continental traffic to and from Munich, and from 2026, Frankfurt hubs. The airline is making a significant contribution to enhancing the competitiveness of the short-haul network, strengthening the Lufthansa Group's market position, and supporting the planned growth on long-haul routes. "Our new aircraft is a further motivation and incentive for the commitment and excellent work of all our employees, who contribute to the success and growth of our airline every day," said Peter Albers, Managing Director of Lufthansa City Airlines, after the official handover. From May onwards, the "Juliett Papa" will offer space for 180 passengers. Like all Lufthansa City Airlines aircraft, the new Airbus A320neo is equipped with the new Airspace cabin and offers passengers significantly larger overhead bins, a modern lighting system and improved seating comfort in proven Lufthansa quality. With this new addition, the Lufthansa City Airlines fleet now consists of eight aircraft (four Airbus A319s and four Airbus A320neos). In 2025, five more brand-new Airbus A320neos and two additional Airbus A320neos will be added, bringing the fleet total to 15 aircraft by the end of the year. From late 2026, Lufthansa City Airlines expects to receive the first of 40 Airbus A220-300s on order.



Brand-new A320neo

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MRO & PRODUCTION NEWS

LHT enhances USM offerings with direct sales to airlines and operators



Used serviceable material (USM)

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Lufthansa Technik is expanding its services by offering used serviceable materials (USM) directly to airlines and operators, marking a significant shift from its previous approach of selling surplus parts to third-party traders. This move is designed to address the growing demand for aircraft components in a market that is increasingly constrained. The new service provides airlines and operators with a quicker, more cost-effective route to access high-quality, certified parts. As a global leader in MRO services, Lufthansa Technik operates one of the largest component pools in the aviation industry. While it has traditionally sold surplus parts, it is now offering a broader range of USM components, including those generated through teardown processes. Each part undergoes rigorous testing and certification to meet Lufthansa Technik's stringent safety and performance standards. The direct sales of USM parts offer a more efficient way for airlines and operators to obtain certified components without intermediaries. The parts are made available on key platforms like Aeroexchange, ensuring easy access for customers. The service is managed by a dedicated team within Lufthansa Technik's U.S. subsidiary, Lufthansa Technik Component Services, based in Miami. This team handles customer orders and ensures a smooth procurement process, while a warehouse in Fort Lauderdale facilitates distribution across the Americas. Additionally, the company is expanding its component workshop in Tulsa to further support its growing USM business. Lufthansa Technik plans to showcase its new USM solution at MRO Americas 2025 in Atlanta, highlighting the innovative approach to meeting the evolving needs of the aviation industry.

MTU Maintenance signs CF6-80C2 engine MRO deal with Air Canada

MTU Maintenance has signed an exclusive contract with Air Canada for the maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) of CF6-80C2 engines that power the flag carrier's Boeing 767 cargo aircraft. The agreement marks a continuation of the strong partnership between the two companies—MTU Maintenance has been the exclusive MRO service provider for Air Canada's CF6-80C2 engines for more than 25 years. Under the agreement, the Montreal-based airline will send the wide-body aircraft engines to the MTU Maintenance Canada facility in Delta, British Columbia, where they will undergo various workscopes, including performance restorations, overhauls and accessory repair, among others. MTU Maintenance Hannover, which also specialises in the MRO of the CF6-80C2, will provide support to its Canadian counterpart, while MTU Maintenance Dallas—the network's North American hub for ON-SITEPlus services—will offer on- and near-wing services. The contract is valid until 2027, with an option to extend for a further three years thereafter. "MTU has been a longstanding partner of Air Canada for the engines on our Boeing 767s. We highly value their support, and we are pleased to be extending our relationship. The freighters are an important part of our network strategy and MTU's expertise will ensure the 767s deliver reliable performance for our loyal cargo customers. We are also proud to support the aerospace industry in B.C. and Canada by having work performed in Canada," says Josh Vanderveen, Vice President of Maintenance at Air Canada.



MTU will provide MRO services for Air Canada's CF6-80C2 engines
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AFI KLM E&M and CMA CGM AIR CARGO extend GE90 maintenance contract



AFI KLM E&M will support ten GE90 engines for CMA CGM Air Cargo until 2033

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Air France Industries KLM Engineering & Maintenance (AFI KLM E&M) and CMA CGM AIR CARGO have enhanced their maintenance partnership with the signing of a comprehensive contract for GE90 engines. This new agreement builds on a successful initial contract from 2022, which covered four GE90 engines and was set to run until 2030. The updated contract adds six more GE90 engines, increasing the total number to ten, and extends the partnership term until 2033. Alongside engine maintenance, AFI KLM E&M will continue to provide comprehensive component support, further enhancing the reliability and performance of CMA CGM AIR CARGO's fleet. AFI KLM E&M is committed to supporting CMA CGM AIR CARGO's growth ambitions by ensuring the optimal performance of its fleet, enabling the company to strengthen its position in the competitive air cargo market. This strategic collaboration reflects both companies' commitment to long-term operational efficiency, with AFI KLM E&M playing a critical role in helping CMA CGM AIR CARGO meet its long-term business objectives. The extension of the maintenance contract is a key part of the ongoing relationship between the two companies, designed to provide superior maintenance solutions and improve fleet reliability.

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Satair and Airbus Atlantic extend spare parts deal at AIX25

Satair, an Airbus Services company, and Airbus Atlantic, a frontrunner in aerostructures, pilot seats, and premium passenger seats – distributed under the STELIA Aerospace trademark – have renewed their spares distribution agreement at Aircraft Interiors Expo 2025 (AIX25). Under the extended deal, Satair will remain the exclusive distributor in the Middle East for spare parts for pilot and STELIA Aerospace premium passenger seats. This partnership strengthens operators’ access to top-tier aftermarket services, ensuring efficient support for critical cabin and cockpit components. Thomas Lagaille, Satair’s Vice President of Product Management & Business Development, expressed pride in extending the collaboration with Airbus Atlantic in the Middle East, emphasising the company’s commitment to providing seamless access to high-quality spare parts and services. “This renewal underscores the strength of our long-standing partnership and our shared goal of supporting airline and MRO customers with reliable solutions.” The partnership, which began in the Asia-Pacific region in 2008, was expanded to the Middle East in 2021. With this extension, the collaboration will continue for another three years, ensuring operators benefit from an optimised supply chain and enhanced service.



Representatives from Satair and STELIA Aerospace at AIX25 © Imagine Créations

Ontic announces opening of new MRO facilities



Image of Ontic’s Miramar, Florida facility

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Ontic, a global provider of aerospace OEM and MRO services, is expanding its MRO operations with the opening of new facilities. This expansion is part of Ontic’s strategic plan to provide reliable, cost-effective, and high-quality MRO services to operators, airlines, and OEMs worldwide. The first of these new facilities is currently under construction in Miramar, Florida, and is set to begin operations later this quarter. Additional sites are planned for locations that offer strong talent pools and easy access to customers and logistics networks. Jack Karapetyan, Vice President and General Manager of MRO at Ontic, is leading this expansion. With over 11 years at Ontic and extensive experience in the aerospace industry, Karapetyan is well-positioned to guide the company’s MRO division. He emphasised the growing demand for MRO services, driven by the high demand for air travel and challenges in the availability of new aircraft, which makes fleet maintenance increasingly crucial. Ontic’s new facilities will be equipped with advanced repair technologies, dedicated

resources, and streamlined processes, ensuring fast turnaround times and high-quality service. Florida was chosen for its skilled workforce, with several Ontic employees relocating to support operational continuity. Karapetyan also noted the increasing trend of operators outsourcing MRO services to reduce costs and improve efficiency. This expansion underscores Ontic’s commitment to becoming one of the prominent players in the MRO market, driven by a customer-first approach.

Azorra and DMS join forces to ease supply chain woes

Azorra has entered a strategic agreement with Delta Material Services (DMS), a wholly owned subsidiary of Delta Air Lines, to part out a used Airbus A220-300 in a bid to tackle global Aircraft on Ground (AOG) issues caused by parts shortages. The aircraft, previously operated by EGYPTAIR and now undergoing teardown, will provide much-needed A220-300 components to support the maintenance needs of Delta Air Lines and other global carriers. As part of the deal, Azorra is also leasing the aircraft’s engines to Delta to support its current A220 fleet — marking the first time a lessor has developed such a solution for the A220. “This partnership with DMS showcases Azorra’s creative approach to today’s aviation challenges. We’re proud to support our partners during these AOG disruptions and continue to see strong value in the A220. Parting out this airframe and leasing its engines is a smart, forward-thinking solution that benefits our customers.” commented Ron Baur, President of Azorra.



Azorra A220-300

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AJW Group forms strategic partnership with Inter-Tec Aero



Fred Gorrie, Managing Director and owner of Inter-Tec Aero © AJW

AJW Group has announced a strategic partnership with Inter-Tec Aero, a design and engineering consultancy based in Shannon, Republic of Ireland. The agreement, revealed on April 8, 2025, appoints AJW Group to market and promote Inter-Tec Aero's Part 21J design services to its global customer base. The partnership will allow AJW to expand its service offering, particularly in areas such as avionics, electrical systems, structural design, cabin interiors, and structural repair. By collaborating on AJW-led projects, the two companies aim to deliver bespoke solutions that improve aircraft performance and passenger comfort. This collaboration supports AJW Group's strategic goal of broadening its global service portfolio and strengthening its role as a leading provider of aerospace solutions. With Inter-Tec Aero's regulatory expertise and engineering capabilities combined with AJW's global reach and commercial strength, the partnership is expected to benefit aircraft operators seeking innovative and compliant modification services. Both companies have expressed enthusiasm for the agreement, highlighting its potential to provide enhanced design and engineering support to a wider customer base. The move also reinforces AJW's commitment to offering end-to-end support for the aviation industry, covering everything from components and repairs to advanced engineering solutions. This partnership represents a key step forward for both organisations, enabling them to respond more effectively to evolving market demands and support operators with tailored, high-quality solutions across the aerospace sector.

Airbus awards H130 fuselage contract to Mahindra Aerostructures

Airbus Helicopters has awarded Mahindra Aerostructures a contract to manufacture the main fuselage assembly of its H130 helicopter, marking a significant advancement for India's aerospace manufacturing sector. The agreement was signed in the presence of key dignitaries, including Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu, Honourable Minister of Civil Aviation and senior officials from both Airbus and the Mahindra Group. Under the contract, Mahindra will produce the H130's main fuselage assembly at its Indian facility, which will then be shipped to Airbus Helicopters' operations in Europe. Industrialisation of the project is set to begin immediately, with the first cabin assembly expected for delivery by March 2027. This partnership deepens Airbus' engagement with India's growing aerospace ecosystem, with the company highlighting India's strength in offering competitive manufacturing capabilities and skilled talent. The collaboration with Mahindra reinforces Airbus' strategic plan to build a comprehensive aerospace framework in India encompassing assembly, manufacturing, engineering, digital innovation and training. Mahindra already manufactures parts and sub-assemblies for Airbus' commercial aircraft programmes. The new contract represents a significant step forward in the company's move towards producing larger and more complex aerostructures. India continues to play an increasingly strategic role for Airbus, not only as a key market but also as a global sourcing base. Presently, Airbus procures components and services worth US\$1.4 billion annually from India. This initiative is part of a broader effort that includes the construction of two new final assembly lines in India—one for the C295 military aircraft and another for the H125 helicopter—cementing India's position in the global aerospace supply chain.



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RH Aero wins multiple new contracts at MRO Americas



MRO Americas 2025 in Atlanta, Georgia

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RH Aero Systems (RH Aero) has announced a series of major developments that underscore its continued growth and strategic alignment with both customers and partners across the aviation industry. These milestones include a new training partnership with Safran Aircraft Engine Services Brussels, a renewed tooling licence agreement with CFM International, and a significant expansion of operations at its U.S. base in Mason, Ohio. In the latest step forward in their long-standing collaboration, RH Aero and Safran Aircraft Engine Services Brussels have entered into a new strategic training agreement. This initiative supports Safran's current industrial ramp-up and marks the first time RH Aero will deliver comprehensive training in CFM LEAP engine maintenance. Covering everything from engine manual comprehension to module piece part handling, this tailored programme reinforces both companies' commitment to operational readiness, skill development, and long-term success in the aftermarket sector. Meanwhile, RH Aero, through its businesses Rhinestahl Corporation and Hydro Systems KG, has secured a ten-year renewal of its CFM LEAP tooling licence agreement. This renewal confirms RH Aero's position as a CFM Licensed Supplier for LEAP Tooling, authorised to manufacture, sell, and support tooling for the LEAP-1A, LEAP-1B, and LEAP-1C engine programmes. CFM International is a joint venture between GE Aerospace and Safran Aircraft Engines. To support growing demand across North America, RH Aero is also expanding its Mason West facility, located just north of Cincinnati. The site is being developed into a key production, assembly, and service hub for ground support equipment and tooling solutions. By localising these operations, RH Aero aims to shorten lead times, improve flexibility, and reduce reliance on international logistics. The company has also commissioned a hydraulic test stand capable of handling up to 55 metric tonnes, enhancing its ability to perform production and proof load testing while ensuring adherence to global quality standards.

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RECARO unveils lightweight eVTOL seating at AIX 2025



RECARO has debuted its eVTOL seating solution for the first time at AIX 25 © RECARO Aircraft Seating

At the 2025 Aircraft Interiors Expo (AIX) in Hamburg, RECARO Aircraft Seating has debuted its electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) seating solution for the first time, signalling a significant step into the rapidly evolving world of urban air mobility. In collaboration with Eve Air Mobility, a subsidiary of Embraer, RECARO has developed an innovative seating concept tailored specifically for eVTOL aircraft. Designed with the unique demands of electric air travel in mind, the seat incorporates advanced lightweight materials such as high-grade aluminium, titanium, and composites to support energy-efficient operations without compromising on passenger comfort. The eVTOL sector presents a new set of engineering challenges, particularly around weight and spatial efficiency. With aircraft design being reimaged from the ground up, seating must adapt to new cabin layouts and performance requirements. The RECARO-Eve partnership has resulted in a seating solution that not only addresses these needs but also maintains the ergonomic standards and premium quality RECARO is known for. The unveiling at AIX 2025 marks a milestone for RECARO, as it expands its portfolio to support the emerging air mobility market. The seats reflect a balance of lightweight construction and

functional design, essential for the next generation of electric aircraft navigating urban environments. This development reinforces RECARO's role as a forward-thinking innovator in aircraft interiors and demonstrates its readiness to meet the demands of sustainable aviation with adaptable, efficient, and passenger-centric solutions.

MTU Maintenance inks ground-breaking MRO deals, expands U.S. footprint

MTU Maintenance, a global provider of customised service solutions for aero engines, is aiming for significant growth in North America. As announced at MRO Americas by CFM International and GE Aerospace, MTU will be expanding its maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) services portfolio in the United States to include the CFM LEAP and GEnx engines. Under these agreements, MTU's site in Fort Worth, Texas, will transition from an on-site service centre into a full disassembly, assembly and test facility. This development also broadens the depth and scope of MTU's engine MRO solutions on a global scale. "The agreements signed today represent potential for multi-billion-dollar MRO volume for MTU over both programmes' lifetime. We are heavily investing in the ramp-up of this site and are strongly committed to providing expertise and capacity to the North American market long-term," states Michael Schreyögg, Chief Program Officer, MTU Aero Engines. "Our facility will become the go-to location for customers in the region when it comes to state-of-the-art engine maintenance for narrow-body and widebody engines." "We have a clear business strategy for regional collaboration, are committed to job creation and prepared for growth," adds Gernot Sell, who has been the managing director of the Texas facility since February 2025. In the spring of 2023, MTU Maintenance moved into a 43,000-m² facility, which included an engine test facility capable of handling up to 100,000 lbs. of thrust. Since then, it has been expanding its services and quick-turn portfolio, while preparing for further growth, including the introduction of LEAP-1A/1B services as a Premier MRO service provider. This agreement and classification as Premier MRO enables MTU to offer full performance restoration and extensive repair capabilities for CFM LEAP engines. It builds on MTU's existing services for this engine type, including on-site offerings such as reverse bleed system upgrades, and increases the workscope depth MTU is able to provide to customers. LEAP-1A engines power the Airbus A320neo family, while LEAP-1B engines power the Boeing 737 MAX family. MTU Maintenance's Fort Worth facility is working to meet all requirements for LEAP engine inductions in the coming years and will benefit from the support of MTU's vast network and capabilities during the ramp-up phase. The new long-term GE Aerospace-branded services agreement (GBSA) enables MTU Maintenance Dallas to serve as an authorised service provider for GEnx engines, with the highest level of training and support, as well as enhanced access to proprietary overhaul and repair technology. It expands MTU's capabilities to full overhaul and allows the company to increase its aftermarket activities for this promising, future-oriented programme in the long term. MTU is a risk- and revenue-sharing partner in the GEnx programme with a 6.7 percent share. The company is responsible for the design, manufacturing and assembly of the turbine centre frame. Currently, MRO services for the turbine centre frame are performed at MTU's facility in Hannover, Germany.



Fort Worth, Texas Facility

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Eaton names VSE Aviation as its first service centre in the Americas



VSE becomes Eaton's first service centre in the Americas
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VSE Aviation (VSE Corporation) has signed a new five-year authorised service centre agreement with Eaton. The partnership supports aftermarket maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) of Eaton hydraulic products across North and South America. VSE Aviation (VSE Corporation) has signed a new five-year authorised service centre agreement with Eaton. The partnership supports aftermarket maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) of Eaton hydraulic products across North and South America. VSE Aviation (VSE Corporation) has signed a new five-year authorised service centre agreement with Eaton. The partnership supports aftermarket maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) of Eaton hydraulic products across North and South America. The agreement underscores VSE's broader mission to provide world-class aftermarket support, reinforcing its position as a trusted partner for OEMs seeking to enhance service capabilities and customer experience. VSE Aviation has a longstanding relationship with Eaton, focusing on the distribution of small turbine engine fuel pumps. They supply components for engines such as the Pratt & Whitney Canada PT6, JT15D, PW901A APU, and Rolls-Royce M250. This collaboration underscores VSE Aviation's role as a key distributor of Eaton's hydraulic products across North and South America.

HAECO and Satair enter into strategic supply agreement.

HAECO and Satair have inked a new strategic supply agreement at MRO Americas 2025 in Atlanta. The agreement covers expendable supplies for all operating companies within the HAECO Group, offering a unified approach to material management across the organisation. The partnership is intended to establish a streamlined and dependable supply chain, providing HAECO with consistent access to expendable materials that meet its operational needs. The agreement will also help reduce administrative and material management costs while minimising Aircraft on Ground (AOG) risks, ultimately enhancing overall operational efficiency. Paul Lochab, Chief Commercial Officer of Satair, commented, "We are excited to strengthen our relationship with HAECO Group and continue supporting them as a reliable partner in their global supply chain and material management operations." Christian Pinter, General Manager of Group Procurement at HAECO, expressed satisfaction with the extended partnership, highlighting Satair's longstanding reliability and value as a trusted partner over the years. "This agreement not only aligns with our strategic goals to optimise material management but also enhances our ability to deliver superior service to our customers by ensuring they receive timely and reliable support" This agreement marks a significant milestone in strengthening the supply chain and material management capabilities of both companies, benefiting the aviation industry and enhancing operational readiness in the region.



Christian Pinter, General Manager, Group Procurement, HAECO Group (l) and Paul Lochab, CCO, Satair (r)
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Liebherr-Aerospace and REVIMA finalise A350 nose landing gear deal



Agreement signing with Alex Vlielander, Chief Customer Officer Liebherr-Aerospace (l) and Olivier Legrand, President & CEO of REVIMA Group (r)
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Liebherr-Aerospace and REVIMA have agreed to provide maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) services for the Airbus A350's nose landing gear. The partnership, announced during MRO AMERICAS 2025 in Atlanta, brings REVIMA Landing Gear Services Asia Pacific into Liebherr's global landing gear service network as a key MRO provider. This collaboration aims to enhance support for A350 operators across the region. Preparations for the first overhaul, planned for this autumn, are well underway, with tooling ready and full capability testing set to conclude by the end of August. Liebherr-Aerospace, the OEM for all A350 Nose Landing Gear variants, has supported the aircraft since its 2016 entry into service—a programme that has proven especially popular with Asia-Pacific carriers. REVIMA, an independent MRO specialist with over 60 years of expertise, operates facilities in Rives-en-Seine, France, and Chonburi, Thailand. This agreement will accelerate the development of nose landing gear overhaul capabilities in the Asia-Pacific region, while the partnership between Liebherr-Aerospace and REVIMA will ensure a reliable and sustainable service provision. "We are thrilled to finalise our agreement with Liebherr-Aerospace and have our new, state-of-the-art landing gear facility in Thailand serve the needs of the Asia-Pacific region for many years to come. We are highly impressed by the legacy of Liebherr-Aerospace and look forward to a very significant programme," said Olivier Legrand, President & CEO of REVIMA Group.

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VAS has been tapped by Airbus to manage teardown of three A380 aircraft

VAS AeroServices (VAS), a global leader in aviation logistics and aftermarket services, has been selected by Airbus to oversee the dismantling and redistribution of used serviceable material (USM) from three Airbus A380 aircraft being retired from service. This partnership reinforces VAS's growing reputation as a specialist in large aircraft teardown operations, particularly for the A380 platform. The three aircraft involved in this project—airframes MSN 61, 66, and 84—will be dismantled in collaboration with Tarmac Aerosave, a leading aircraft storage, maintenance, and recycling provider based in Tarbes, France. Components removed from the aircraft will be stored in Europe, ensuring efficient distribution to maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) providers and airlines throughout the EMEA region via VAS's established spares sales network. This latest contract brings VAS's total A380 dismantlement projects to 13, building on its earlier partnership with The Dr. Peters Group in 2018, which saw the teardown of the first-ever A380 aircraft designated for disassembly. The company's continued investment in the A380 platform reflects its strategic vision of the aircraft's ongoing value in the aftermarket sector, especially amid growing demand for jumbo-body aircraft components. In addition to redistributing harvested parts, VAS will also make line-replaceable unit (LRU) engines available for both lease and component recovery, addressing the increasing need for high-quality USM in the long-haul market. With delays in the Boeing 777X programme pushing its expected entry into service to 2026 or beyond, reliance on the A380 remains strong. Approximately 175 A380 aircraft remain in active service worldwide, fuelling demand for critical spare parts and reinforcing the significance of VAS' latest project with Airbus.

StandardAero accelerates LEAP engine MRO expansion towards 2029

StandardAero is advancing its plans to significantly expand its annual maintenance capacity for

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BOC Aviation secures US\$1.5 billion term loan

BOC Aviation has successfully closed its largest term loan since the company's inception, securing a self-arranged loan of US\$1.5 billion. The five-year facility, finalised with the participation of 21 global banks, surpasses the previous record of US\$1.375 billion set in October 2023. The loan is structured across two facilities, benefiting both BOC Aviation and its Irish subsidiary, BOC Aviation (Ireland). DBS Bank Ltd. acted as the Global Coordinator and

Airbus signs Lol with THAI to retrofit A350 fleet

Airbus and Thai Airways International (THAI) have signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) to retrofit the airline's A350s, improving passenger comfort and operational efficiency with cutting-edge cabin upgrades. The retrofit programme, once finalised, will be managed by Airbus. During this process, THAI's fleet of A350-900 aircraft will be fitted with the latest cabin innovations, ensuring a premium travel experience for passengers on long-haul routes. The upgrades will include modernised and enhanced 'Royal Silk' Business Class seats, new Premium Economy Class seats, and Economy Class seats, as well as an improved in-flight entertainment system, offering a seamless travel experience across THAI's network. The cabin modernisation is expected to begin in 2028, with the retrofitted aircraft gradually re-entering service in phases, ensuring minimal disruption to THAI's flight operations. Balinda Zhang, Airbus Head of Commercial Services APAC, expressed Airbus' pleasure in supporting THAI with this significant investment in their fleet, ensuring that their A350 aircraft continue to offer passengers an exceptional flying experience. She added that the retrofit aligns with their shared vision of providing enhanced comfort, efficiency, and sustainability for both airlines and their customers.



LoI signing with THAI at MRO Americas 2025

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This agreement reaffirms Airbus' long-standing partnership with THAI and its commitment to supporting the airline's fleet modernisation strategy. As a leader in long-haul travel, the A350 remains a key pillar of THAI's network, and the retrofit will further enhance its appeal for both premium and economy passengers.

Boeing and Aviatema Equipment sign new distribution deal



Boeing and Aviatema Equipment have signed a distribution agreement for Aviatema's inflatable maintenance shelters © Boeing

Boeing and Aviatema Equipment have announced a new distribution agreement during MRO Americas, aimed at improving safety and efficiency in aircraft maintenance operations. Through this partnership, Boeing will utilise its extensive global distribution network to offer greater access to Aviatema's inflatable maintenance shelters—innovative solutions designed with a focus on safeguarding aviation maintenance personnel. These inflatable shelters provide a secure, temperature-controlled workspace that enhances both safety and comfort for maintenance teams. Their flexible and portable design makes them an ideal solution for routine servicing as well as critical AOG (Aircraft on Ground) interventions. By offering protection from environmental elements and ensuring a controlled climate, the shelters allow technicians to carry out complex tasks more safely and effectively, regardless of location or weather conditions. In addition to the shelters, Boeing has also been named an authorised distributor of Aviatema's advanced aircraft protection covers. These breathable, waterproof covers are specifically engineered to prevent corrosion and safeguard aircraft engines and other sensitive components. Designed for use on all aircraft types, they help operators maintain equipment integrity during downtime or storage periods. With these products now available through Boeing's global supply channels, aviation customers around the world will benefit from streamlined access to high-quality maintenance solutions. This collaboration marks a significant step in promoting worker safety and extending aircraft longevity through innovative, practical equipment. By combining Boeing's distribution strength with Aviatema's specialist products, the partnership underscores a shared commitment to raising maintenance standards across the aviation industry.

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Documentation Agent, while The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, Singapore Branch, served as the Facility Agent. Notably, this deal also saw the inclusion of three new banks, further strengthening BOC Aviation’s already extensive group of financial partners. The capital raised through this oversubscribed loan will be directed towards general working capital needs, capital expenditure, and refinancing of existing debt — reflecting a strategic approach to financial management and operational expansion. Chan Mui Sin, Head of Treasury at BOC Aviation, highlighted the strong backing received from both long-standing and new banking partners. She noted that the competitive pricing of the deal and its oversubscription are clear indicators of market confidence in BOC Aviation’s creditworthiness and financial stability.

Jet Parts Engineering announces its acquisition of Cima Aviation

Jet Parts Engineering (JPE), a provider of PMA parts, DER repairs, and MRO services for commercial aircraft has acquired Cima Aviation, a prominent MRO company specialising in fuel and hydraulic component repairs. This strategic move further enhances JPE’s ability to deliver comprehensive aftermarket solutions to its global network of commercial, cargo, regional, and military aircraft customers. The acquisition of Cima Aviation will enable JPE to deliver even greater value through an expanded range of services, reduced turnaround times, and enhanced technical support. “Jet Parts Engineering is delighted to welcome Cima Aviation into our growing group of businesses,” said Anu Goel, CEO of Jet Parts Engineering. “Under Ramces Gallego’s impressive leadership, Cima has developed technical expertise in fuel and hydraulic systems that is unmatched within the MRO sector. Equally, Cima’s customer-first approach, commitment to quality, and rapid turnaround times align perfectly with JPE’s values. This acquisition represents a significant milestone in expanding our MRO capabilities and

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Red Sea Airlines and FSG expand 737NG nose-to-tail partnership



Red Sea Airlines and FSG expand 737NG partnership © FSG

Fokker Services Group (FSG), a global provider of aircraft maintenance, modifications, completions, and conversions, and Red Sea Airlines, an Egyptian carrier operating both scheduled and charter flights, have announced the expansion of Red Sea Airlines’ participation in FSG’s Boeing 737NG nose-to-tail programme during MRO Americas in Atlanta, GA. With the addition of two more Boeing 737-800 aircraft, Red Sea has now doubled its involvement in the programme compared to the original agreement signed in October 2024. As part of the programme, FSG will continue supporting a wide range of components—including IDGs, engine accessories, hydraulic actuators, valves, cockpit controls, instruments, and more—while further investing in inventory to strengthen its expanding Boeing 737NG nose-to-tail offering, now serving a growing number of legacy Boeing operators. Hazem Soltan, Technical Services and Contract Manager at Red Sea Airlines, commented: “When we launched the initial phase of this programme, we had high expectations—and FSG delivered. Their reliability and flexibility have been key in ensuring component availability for our high-utilisation business model. This early success gave us the confidence to double down on our commitment within just six months. We see FSG as a long-term partner, and we expect this programme to keep growing alongside our ambitious fleet expansion in the years ahead.” Leon Kouters, Vice President Sales & Marketing at FSG, added: “The impressive pace and scale of Red Sea Airlines’ fleet growth in such a short timeframe is truly commendable. We are proud to play a role in supporting their high-utilisation operational model as a trusted partner.”

AerFin and Iberia Maintenance forge strategic partnership

AerFin has entered into a strategic repair services agreement with Iberia Maintenance — a southern Europe centre for aircraft, engine and component maintenance, overhaul and repair. This agreement marks a significant new chapter in their collaboration, centred around used serviceable material (USM) and aimed at delivering enhanced, cost-effective support to airlines across the globe. While the two companies already maintain a working relationship — with Iberia Maintenance sourcing engine components from AerFin — this strategic agreement represents a deeper integration of capabilities. It brings together AerFin’s industry-leading USM inventory and in-house MRO services with Iberia Maintenance’s extensive expertise in engine and airframe maintenance. The result is a more efficient, flexible, and sustainable aftermarket support solution for operators worldwide, underpinned by technical excellence and reliability. Further strengthening the alliance, AerFin and Iberia Maintenance have also signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to explore broader collaborative opportunities across their respective operations and within the wider International Airlines Group (IAG). The move underscores both organisations’ reputations as trusted providers of top-tier aviation aftermarket services, with a mutual focus on maximising operational efficiency and value for customers.



James Bennett, AerFin’s CCO (L) and Julián López Lorite, Commercial Director at Iberia Maintenance (r) © AirFin

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delivering even greater value to our customers.” Established with a focus on providing reliable and efficient aviation maintenance solutions, Cima Aviation has earned a strong reputation for technical expertise, outstanding customer service, and swift turnaround times. The company’s proficiency in MRO services complements JPE’s existing portfolio of PMA and DER solutions, creating a powerful and integrated service offering. Ramces Gallego, President of Cima Aviation, expressed enthusiasm about the opportunities the acquisition brings for both customers and partners. “Our goal has always been to set new standards in service excellence, and this move aligns with our vision of growth and innovation in the aviation industry.” The transaction was overseen by Vance Street Capital, a mid-market private equity firm specialising in investments in highly engineered solutions businesses across the aerospace and defence, industrial, and medical sectors. JPE is part of the Vance Street Capital portfolio. “Cima Aviation’s outstanding reputation for quality service and technical proficiency makes them a natural fit within JPE’s portfolio of companies,” said Nic Janneck, Partner at Vance Street. “These same principles—customer-first attitude, high quality standards, and humility—are what we prioritise in all of our investments. We are excited to continue supporting the JPE team on their growth journey.”

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Bombardier develops new Abu Dhabi service facility



Abu Dhabi Airport Service Centre signing © Bombardier

Bombardier has announced the development of a new service facility at Al Bateen Executive Abu Dhabi Airport, United Arab Emirates (UAE), further expanding its global maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) capabilities. This new facility marks a strong collaboration with Abu Dhabi Airports, drawing on their expertise and dedication to aviation excellence. Originally planned for Abu Dhabi International Airport in 2022, the facility has now been relocated to Al Bateen Executive Airport to better align with the needs of Bombardier’s customer base in the region. The move underscores Bombardier’s ongoing commitment to supporting clients in this key market. Once fully operational, the OEM service facility is expected to create around 100 aerospace jobs in Abu Dhabi, further strengthening Bombardier’s presence in the region. Construction is scheduled to begin in the first half of 2025, with completion and operational launch anticipated in the second half of 2026. “This location is strategically aligned with all our aftermarket priorities and perfectly matches the needs of our discerning customer base. Our customers are accustomed to receiving an exceptional service experience wherever they are in the world, and this new facility in this dynamic financial hub will ensure they continue to receive the best service experience possible.” commented Paul Sislian, Executive Vice President, Aftermarket Services and Strategy at Bombardier. The new facility, spanning approximately 120,000 ft², will include a 55,000 ft² hangar, a parts depot, and a full range of maintenance services—including scheduled and unscheduled heavy maintenance, aircraft modifications, and Aircraft on Ground (AOG) support. The facility will be equipped to service Bombardier’s Global 7500, as well as the forthcoming Global 8000—set to enter service in the second half of 2025. It will offer a comprehensive service solution for Bombardier’s Learjet, Challenger, and Global aircraft families, serving both regional and international customers.

MILITARY AND DEFENCE

AAR and KIRA form joint venture to support U.S. Navy pilot training

AAR CORP. (AAR) has partnered with KIRA Aviation Services to form a joint venture, KALS LLC, under the U.S. government’s Small Business Administration Mentor-Protégé programme. The newly formed venture has been awarded an E-6B Mercury pilot training contract by the U.S. Navy. The contract, a firm fixed-price indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity agreement, requires KALS to provide in-flight training and currency for Naval Aviators in Oklahoma City, supporting the Navy’s E-6B Mercury pilot training programme until March 2027. KALS was established to address the Department of Defense’s need for maintenance and supply chain services. KIRA, which currently provides base operations and facility support to the U.S. government, stands to benefit from expanding its service offerings through this collaboration. Under the Mentor-Protégé Program, AAR will share its extensive aviation expertise with KIRA, helping to develop new capabilities and foster future growth for the small business. This partnership combines AAR’s broad industry experience with KIRA’s top-tier service reputation, ensuring the U.S. Navy receives exceptional pilot training support for its critical national mission.

GKN Aerospace wins three-year contract for C-17 fan blade repairs

GKN Aerospace has been awarded a new three-year contract by Boeing to carry out fan blade repair services for the engines powering the C-17 Globemaster aircraft. The work will specifically support the Pratt & Whitney F117-100 / PW2000 dual-use engines, which are critical to the operation of this strategic airlift platform



C-17 Globemaster aircraft

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used extensively by air forces around the world. Drawing on more than 15 years of proven expertise in PW2000 fan blade repair, GKN Aerospace will perform the work at its recently opened, purpose-built facility in San Diego, California. The site, which spans 150,000 ft², is equipped with the latest automation technology and advanced robotics to deliver efficient, high-quality repairs with improved consistency and shorter turnaround times. This contract represents a significant step forward in GKN Aerospace’s ongoing investment in its maintenance, repair and overhaul services. It also reflects the company’s commitment to supporting both military and civil aviation markets with innovative and dependable repair capabilities. The San Diego site alone has the capacity to process up to 80,000 fan blades each year and currently supports more than 400 customers across the aerospace industry. The expanded facility enhances GKN Aerospace’s ability to maintain the highest standards of performance, reliability, and customer service, while also strengthening its longstanding relationship with Boeing. The agreement highlights the company’s continued dedication to sustaining global defence operations and advancing its technical capabilities to meet evolving customer needs.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



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Inventory Locator Service, LLC (ILS), the dynamic aerospace marketplace, has announced integrations with **SmartCert** and **ProvenAir**, both recognised as industry leaders in digitising trace and quality documentation for the aviation supply chain. SmartCert automates quality certification management, while ProvenAir leverages artificial intelligence (AI) to produce back-to-birth (BtB) trace timelines for life-limited parts. With the integration of SmartCert and ProvenAir into the ILS platform, buyers now have access to state-of-the-art technology that transforms traditional procurement processes. This collaboration directly supports ongoing industry goals by offering comprehensive BtB traceability insights, equipping buyers with the necessary tools to optimise operations. The partnership fosters an ecosystem of trust and transparency, allowing buyers to confidently confirm compliance and traceability with documentation that is both accurate and easily accessible. This forward-thinking approach not only minimises transactional friction but also strengthens relationships throughout the aviation aftermarket. The partnership between ILS, SmartCert, and ProvenAir brings seamless access to certifications and verified BtB trace data directly within the ILS platform — a first-of-its-kind solution that eliminates inefficiencies and redefines documentation management. Suppliers utilising SmartCert or ProvenAir will now have their respective logos displayed alongside their ILS inventory listings, signalling to buyers that supporting documentation is available. By combining SmartCert’s robust certification delivery automation with ProvenAir’s detailed BtB trace insights — all within ILS’s expansive global marketplace — this collaboration sets a new benchmark for speed, accuracy, and compliance in the aerospace supply chain.

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© Revima has launched READY2Fly

Revima has announced the launch of **READY2FLY** at MRO Americas—an innovative digital platform designed to simplify the exchange, leasing and sale of auxiliary power units (APUs) and landing gear. **READY2FLY** provides aviation professionals with instant

online access to a wide selection of serviceable aircraft components. The platform allows users to browse available assets, request a quote within 24 hours and complete transactions through a fast, secure process. This new service is backed by Revima’s certified MRO

expertise and offers customers the assurance of licensed shop-quality products, an exclusive six-month warranty, and dedicated after-sales support. The platform also features on-shelf availability, reducing lead times and enabling airlines, lessors, and MRO providers to minimise operational downtime and maximise efficiency. By offering a digital-first solution with immediate access to high-quality aircraft components, Revima aims to enhance component availability and streamline logistics across the industry. **READY2FLY** supports the company’s broader strategy of delivering added value across the entire product lifecycle, extending beyond its core MRO services in APUs, engine parts, and landing gear. With a global customer base and decades of technical expertise, Revima continues to expand its digital service offerings to meet the evolving needs of the aviation market.

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Pan Am Flight Academy, an **Acorn** company, has announced the acquisition and installation of a state-of-the-art Boeing 767-300ER Level “D” full-flight simulator (FFS), further enhancing its wide-body training capacity. The simulator is now housed at the Academy’s Axis Park Campus in Miami and is set to be ready for training by July 2025. Equipped with GE engines, TCAS 7.0, EGPWS, and Upset Recovery Training (UPRT Dir 2) capabilities, the B767-300ER simulator is undergoing an upgrade with the RSI XT6 Image Generator, high-resolution Norxe P10 projectors, a new back projection screen, and a full mylar mirror replacement—delivering cutting-edge simulation technology and dependable performance. With this addition, Pan Am will operate five Boeing 767 full-flight simulators in Miami, solidifying its status as one of the region’s most comprehensive Boeing training centres. “These technical upgrades further reinforce our commitment to quality, reliability, and operational excellence,” said Ed Wegel, CEO of Pan Am Flight Academy. “This is yet another example of how we continue to invest in supporting our customers’ global B767 fleet and meeting their pilot training needs.” The acquisition supports growing demand from international carriers and commercial operators seeking access to top-tier wide-body aircraft training, including type-rating, recurrent training and simulator leasing.

De Havilland Aircraft of Canada (DHC) has announced the development of a new avionics solution for its Dash 8 100 and 200 aircraft. In partnership with **Universal Avionics**, a customised Universal InSight avionics suite is currently under development and will be made available for customers seeking to upgrade their aircraft. “We are pleased to introduce an upgraded avionics suite for our Dash 8 100 and 200 customers,” said Jean-Philippe Cote, Vice President of Programmes and Business Improvement for De Havilland Canada. “This upgrade will ensure that these rugged and reliable aircraft will be flying for many years to come.” Working in collaboration with Universal Avionics and JANA Inc., DHC is developing an avionics upgrade designed to enhance navigational capabilities and bolster safety by offering improved situational awareness for pilots—an excellent solution for existing operators. Certification of the new avionics solution is expected in the first half of 2026, with Widerøe’s Flyveselskap AS confirmed as the launch customer for the programme. The integration of Universal’s InSight flight display system into the Dash 8 will include five high-resolution LCD displays, featuring advanced synthetic vision and digital engine indication. This upgrade replaces outdated CRT equipment, reducing aircraft weight and significantly enhancing the performance of the current avionics suite. “Partnering with Universal Avionics to upgrade our Dash 8 100/200 aircraft reinforces De Havilland Canada’s commitment to investing in the fleet and delivering modernised and reliable solutions to our customers. The new avionics provides a good solution to replace components difficult to replace and repair,” said Cote. “This solution is part of our overall goal as a company to keep our existing fleet flying.”

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Trax, a global provider of paperless aviation maintenance and engineering software, has announced two significant collaborations that mark a major step forward in the digital transformation of aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) operations. In partnership with **SIA Engineering Company** (SIAEC), Trax will enable the fully digital MRO platform at SIAEC’s new heavy maintenance facility in Malaysia, known as Base Maintenance Malaysia (BMM). The facility will adopt Trax’s eMRO and eMobility software solutions to digitise its entire operational workflow, including planning, task execution, release management, and costing. This initiative represents a major milestone in the aviation industry’s transition to paperless processes, promising streamlined operations and improved efficiency through the use of cutting-edge technology. Simultaneously, Trax has joined forces with Rolls-Royce to launch a seamless interface between its eMRO platform and Rolls-Royce’s Blue Data Thread system. This integration creates a connected ecosystem for airlines, MROs and OEMs, allowing for real-time data exchange and deeper alignment between engine performance data and maintenance activities. The interface supports predictive maintenance by enabling continuous access to engine configuration and condition data, reducing downtime and optimising maintenance scheduling. It also enhances Rolls-Royce’s IntelligentEngine digital twin capabilities, allowing for more accurate performance forecasting and fewer shop visits.

Aircraft maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) have entered a new era of precision, efficiency and reliability with the launch of the **PartWorks RepAR™** augmented reality solution. Designed for both military and commercial aviation, RepAR’s augmented reality overlay transforms structural repairs by ensuring accuracy, reducing labour costs, minimising human error and accelerating return-to-service timelines. RepAR rapidly captures structural repair data, embedding spatial awareness and real-time validation into maintenance workflows. Novice technicians achieve results beyond their operational experience, while seasoned technicians experience measurable productivity gains. “RepAR exemplifies how targeted computer vision applications can deliver immediate value

in aerospace manufacturing and maintenance,” said Shelley Peterson, CEO of **Wizard Wells**. “By precisely identifying fastener locations and validating tool placement, it reduces rework, minimises human error, and ensures tasks are performed right the first time.” “This collaboration between PartWorks and **Georgia Tech** researchers began in 2022 with the objective of applying XR to positively impact real-world MRO challenges,” noted Maribeth Gandy Coleman, PhD, Director of Research at the Georgia Institute of Technology. “We have now translated fundamental innovations in XR, computer vision, and machine learning into an intuitive user experience that helps aircraft technicians perform their maintenance tasks efficiently, safely, and with increased accuracy.”

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Steven Ades

- AerFin has appointed **Steven Ades** as Chief Financial Officer (CFO), effective immediately. A founding member of the AerFin team since its establishment in 2010, Ades

has played a pivotal role in the company’s growth and success. In his new capacity, he will assume a broader remit, continuing to lead strategy and supply chain alongside his CFO responsibilities. This appointment follows the decision by current CFO, **Matthew Clay**, to step down from his role. Clay’s departure from AerFin took effect on March 31, 2025. His contributions have been in-

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strumental in driving AerFin’s evolution and establishing its strong position within the aviation sector. Ades’ elevation to CFO further solidifies AerFin’s financial leadership as it enters the next chapter of its development. With extensive experience—having previously served as Finance Director until 2022 before transitioning to Chief Strategy Officer—Ades brings a wealth of expertise, strategic insight and continuity to this critical role. To support the finance function during this transitional period, **Brendan O’Neill** has joined AerFin as Interim Financial controller. He will provide vital day-to-day financial leadership while the company is undertaking the process of appointing a permanent financial controller. In a further strategic move, the marketing team will now report to **James Bennett**, Chief Commercial Officer. This change reinforces the



Tom Keeler

integration of sales and marketing, ensuring a more unified approach to customer engagement and market responsiveness.

- Conrail Aviation Support (Conrail) has announced the appointment of **Tom Keeler** as Vice President of Technical Affairs. With over 20 years of experience in aircraft engine leasing and parts management, Keeler brings extensive expertise to Conrail as the company continues to expand its presence and leadership in the aviation aftermarket, particularly in the leasing, trading, and sales of CFM56-5B, CFM56-7B, and V2500-A5 SelectOne and SelectTwo engines. “Tom’s cross-functional expertise and proven track record make him an invaluable addition to Conrail,” said **Joe Kuhn**, CEO of Conrail Aviation Support. “His ability to bridge sales, acquisitions, and operations will accelerate our growth as we capitalise on the rising demand for innovative asset management solutions.” Keeler expressed his excitement about joining Conrail at this crucial moment. “Despite market challenges, Conrail has thrived through strategic acquisitions and a customer-first approach.



Sharon Purnell

I’m confident we’ll continue to lead the industry under Joe’s vision.”

- AAR CORP, a provider of aviation services to commercial and government operators, MROs and OEMs, has announced the appointment of **Sharon Purnell** as Senior Vice President and

Chief Human Resources Officer. In her new role, Purnell will lead the company’s global Human Resources function, overseeing areas such as recruitment, talent management and employee engagement. Bringing with her over 20 years of experience in human resources leadership, Purnell has a strong track record of delivering strategic results through coaching and organisational development. Her most recent position was at Stepan Company, where she served as Chief Human Resources Officer. During her tenure, she focused on employee development, retention strategies, and cost-saving initiatives. Before joining Stepan Company, she held the same title at Streamland Media, where she led the integration of multiple acquired companies and streamlined employee benefit programmes. Her extensive HR career also includes leadership roles at Riddell Sports, Underwriters Laboratories, Honeywell Aerospace, and General Electric Company, where she contributed to key transformation and culture-building initiatives. Purnell joins AAR with a focus on strengthening the company’s talent strategy and fostering an inclusive and high-performing culture. Her appointment aligns with AAR’s commitment to developing its workforce and maintaining a supportive, dynamic environment for employees across its global operations.

- STS Aviation Group (STS) has announced the promotions of **Ethan Steele** to Executive Vice President, Head of Commercial, and **Shane King** to President of STS Aviation Services, effective immediately. These appointments are integral to the company’s ongoing efforts to accelerate its global growth strategy and ensure leadership continuity at a pivotal time in its expansion. Steele, who has been with STS for 25 years, will report directly to the CEO of STS Aviation Group, PJ Anson. In his new role, Steele will oversee all commercial operations, with a key focus on strengthening customer partnerships, expanding market presence, and driving strategic growth. Previously, Steele led STS Engineering Solutions, where he successfully transformed the division into a leading aerospace engineering provider. Steele expressed his honour and excitement for the opportunity, stating that he looks forward to the challenges ahead: “We have an incredible team and world-class clients. My goal is to build even stronger relationships, drive innovation, and continue pushing STS Aviation Group to new heights.” Shane King, now President of STS Aviation Services, will be responsible for overseeing the company’s MRO (Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul) operations across the Americas, Europe, and the Middle East. His extensive experience and proven leadership have been instrumental in managing STS Aviation Services throughout

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the Americas, ensuring operational excellence and driving the business’s continued growth. King will report to Mark Smith, President of STS Aviation Group. Additionally, STS Aviation Group has announced the formation of STS Defence Solutions, a new division dedicated to expanding the company’s global military aircraft MRO capabilities. To lead this new initiative, **Brian Bento** has been appointed Executive Vice President of Defence. Bento brings over 30 years of aerospace and defence experience, including expertise in full-spectrum Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) operations, platform integration, and Foreign Military Sales (FMS). Bento’s career includes managing multi-million-dollar ISR programs and coordinating airborne operations across key global theatres such as AF-RICOM, EUCOM, and SOCOM. As the new head of STS Defense Solutions, Bento will report directly to CEO **PJ Anson**.

Commercial Jet Aircraft


Aircraft Type	Company	Engine	MSN	Year	Available	Sale / Lease	Contact	Email	Phone
B737-400F	Royal Aero	CFM56-3C1	29204		Now	Sale/Lease/Ex	Gary MacLeod	gary@royalaero.com	+44 (0)1357 521144
B737-800 SF	GA Telesis		27988	2000	Now	Sale / Lease		aircraft@gatelesis.com	
B737-800 SF	GA Telesis		33814	2004	Now	Sale / Lease		aircraft@gatelesis.com	
B777-300ER	BBAM	GE90-115BL	39237	2013	Now	Sale / Lease	Steve Zissis	info@bbam.com	+1 787 665 7039

Regional Jet / Turboprop Aircraft

Aircraft Type	Company	Engine	MSN	Year	Available	Sale / Lease	Contact	Email	Phone
SAAB 2000	Jetstream Aviation Capital	AE2100A	031	1996	Now	Sale / Lease	Donald Kamenz	dkamenz@jetstreamavcap.com	+1 (305) 447-1920 x 115
SAAB 340B CRG	Jetstream Aviation Capital	CT7-9B	224	1990	Now	Lease	Bill Jones	bjones@jetstreamavcap.com	+1 (305) 447-1920 x 102
SAAB 340B Plus	Jetstream Aviation Capital	CT7-9B	450	1998	Now	Lease	Bill Jones	bjones@jetstreamavcap.com	+1 (305) 447-1920 x 102


Commercial Engines

AE3007 Engines	Sale / Lease	Company	Contact	Email	Phone
(8) AE3007A1	Now - Sale	Newcastle Aviation	Steve Hendrickson	steveh@newcastleaviation.com	952-223-0317
CF34 Engines	Sale / Lease	Company	Contact	Email	Phone
(1) CF34-10E	Now - Sale	Lufthansa Technik AERO Alzey	Johannes Otto	johannes.otto@lhaero.com	+49-151-589-39560
(2) CF34-10E	Now - Lease				
(1) CF34-8C5	Now - Sale / Lease	ASI Aero	Dave Silvers	daves@asiaero.net	+561.931.6650
(1) CF34-10E6	Now - Lease	Willis Lease	Jennifer Merriam	leasing@willislease.com	+1 (561) 349-8950
(1) CF34-10E5	Now - Lease	Engine Lease Finance	Declan Madigan	declan.madigan@elfc.com	+353 61 291717
(1) CF34-8C5A1	Now - Sale / Lease	Magellan Aviation Group	Bradley Hogan	engines@magellangroup.net	+1 704-504-9204
(2) CF34-3A	Now - Sale	GNS	Shlomi Levi	shlomi@g-n-solutions.com	+972-52 850 8511
(1) CF34-10E5A1	Now - Lease	DASI	Joe Hutchings	joe.hutchings@dasi.com	+ 1 954-478-7195



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CFM Engines	Sale / Lease	Company	Contact	Email	Phone
(1) CFM56-5B3/3	Now - Lease	FTAI Aviation LLC	Mark Napoles	mnapoles@ftaiaaviation.com	+1 786-785-0777
(1) CFM56-5B4/P	Now - Lease				
(1) CFM56-5B3/P	Now - Lease				
(1) CFM56-5B1/P	Now - Lease				
(1) CFM56-7B26	Now - Lease				
(3) CFM56-5C4	Now - Lease	Willis Lease	Jennifer Merriam	leasing@willislease.com	+1 (561) 349-8950
(1) CFM56-5B4/P	Now - Lease				
(1) CFM56-5B4/P	Now - Sale	BBAM	Steve Zissis	info@bbam.com	+1 787 665 7040
(1) CFM56-7B26	Now - Lease				
(1) CFM56-7B26/3	Now - Lease				
(4) CFM56-5B6/P	Now - Sale				
(3) CFM56-5B5/P	Now - Sale				
(2) CFM56-5B3/3	Now - Lease	Engine Lease Finance	Declan Madigan	declan.madigan@elfc.com	+353 61 291717
(1) CFM56-5B4/3	Now - Lease				
(1) CFM56-7B22E	Now - Lease				
GE90 Engines	Sale / Lease	Company	Contact	Email	Phone
(2) GE90-94B	Now - Sale	BBAM	Steve Zissis	info@bbam.com	+1 787 665 7039
LEAP Engines	Sale / Lease	Company	Contact	Email	Phone
(1) LEAP-1B28	Now - Lease	Willis Lease	Jennifer Merriam	leasing@willislease.com	+1 (561) 349-8950
(1) LEAP-1B25	Now - Lease	Engine Lease Finance	Declan Madigan	declan.madigan@elfc.com	+353 61 291717



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PW Small Engines	Sale / Lease	Company	Contact	Email	Phone
(1) PW150A	Oct 2024 - Lease	Lufthansa Technik AERO Alzey	Johannes Otto	johannes.otto@lhaero.com	+49-151-589-39560
(2) PW150A	Now - Sale/Lease/Exch.	Willis Lease	David Desaulniers	leasing@willislease.com	+1 (561) 349-8950
(1) PW127M	Now - Sale/Lease/Exch.				
Trent Engines	Sale / Lease	Company	Contact	Email	Phone
(2) Trent 772B-60	Now - Sale/Lease/Exch.	Rolls-Royce & Partners Finance	RRPF Marketing	RRPFMarketing@rolls-royce.com	+44 7528975877
(1) Trent XWB-84	Now - Sale/Lease/Exch.				
(1) Trent 556-61	Now - Sale/Lease/Exch.				
V2500 Engines	Sale / Lease	Company	Contact	Email	Phone
(1) V2527-A5	Now - Sale/Lease/Exch.	Rolls-Royce & Partners Finance	RRPF Marketing	RRPFMarketing@rolls-royce.com	+44 7528975877
(1) V2533-A5	Now - Sale/Lease/Exch.				
(1) V2527-A5	Now - Lease	Engine Lease Finance	Declan Madigan	declan.madigan@elfc.com	+353 61 291717
(1) V2530-A5	Now - Lease	Willis Lease	Jennifer Merriam	leasing@willislease.com	+1 (561) 349-8950
(1) V2533-A5	Now - Lease	FTAI Aviation LLC	Mark Napoles	mnapoles@ftaiaaviation.com	+1 786-785-0777

Aircraft and Engine Parts, Components and Misc. Equipment

Description		Company	Contact	Email	Phone
(2) GTCP331-200ER, (2) GTCP131-9A, (1) GTCP131-9B	Now - Sale	Setna IO	David Chaimovitz	david@setnaio.com	+1-312-549-4459
(1) A321 Enhanced Landing Gear 2020 OH					
(3) 3800702-2, (1) 3800708-1, (1) APS3200	Now - Lease	Magellan Aviation Group		apuleasing@magellangroup.net	+1 704.504.9204
(4) APU EMB145LR, Model: 4504113A	Now - Sale	Newcastle Aviation	Steve Hendrickson	steveh@newcastleaviation.com	952-223-0317
(4) EMB145 LG Shipsets	Now - Sale	Newcastle Aviation	Steve Hendrickson	steveh@newcastleaviation.com	952-223-0317
(1) GTCP36-150	Now - Sale	GNS	Shlomi Levi	shlomi@g-n-solutions.com	+972-52 850 8511
(3) A340 LG Shipset, (1) B777 LG Shipset (2) B737 LG Shipset, (3) 767 LG Shipset, (1) A320 Shipset, (5) A330 LG Shipset, (1) A330 Shipset		GA Telesis		landinggearsales@gatelesis.com	
GTCP131-9A (2), GTCP131-9B(2)	Now - Lease	REVIMA APU	Olivier Hy	olivier.hy@revima-apu.com	+33(0)235563515
(1) GTCP331-200, (1) GTCP331-250	Now - Lease				
APS500C14(3), APS1000C12(2), APS2000	Now - Lease				
APS2300, APS3200(2), APS5000(2)	Now - Lease				
PW901A(4), PW901C(2)	Now - Sale / Lease				
TSCP700-4E	Now - Sale				
(5) 131-9A, (2) 131-9B (Max compliant), (1) APS3200, (3) 331-500, (1) APS2300		GA Telesis		apu@gatelesis.com	+1-954-849-3509
(4) 131-9B, (2) APS3200 "C", (1) 85-129H, (1) 331-350, (3) 331-200					
Engine stands: CF6-80C2, CFM56-3, CFM56-5A/B/C, PW4000				stands@gatelesis.com	+1-954-676-3111
(2) APU GTC131-9B	Now - Sale / Lease	Willis Lease	Gavin Connolly	gconnolly@willislease.com	+44 1656 765 256
Engine stands now available	Now - Lease				