

# Weekly Aviation Headline News

“ [United is] effectively barred from resuming non-stop China service on previously served routes such as Newark/New York, Washington, D.C., and Chicago. ”  
*United Airlines*



Hainan Airlines Boeing 787-9

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## China's Carriers Angered at Trump's Efforts to Stop Them Overflying Russia

American carriers struggle to compete with Chinese competitors as they are banned from Russian airspace and forced to fly to China via Asia

US President Donald Trump is trying to level the playing field for American carriers operating routes to and from China with a plan to bar Chinese carriers from flying over Russia on their corresponding routes to the USA. Unsurprisingly the move has further strained relations between the two countries. Currently there are no restrictions on Chinese carriers overflying Russia. However, it was in March 2022, the month following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, that all American aircraft were banned from using Russian airspace. This immediately put the American carriers at a financial disadvantage. While United Airlines had to cease non-stop flights from east coast airports such as Newark, Washington DC, and Chicago, an additional two to three hours were added to flight times from the west coast to Chinese destinations. At the moment, Chinese carriers operating routes to the USA include Air China, China Eastern, China Southern, Hainan Airlines, Sichuan Airlines and Xiamen Airlines. It has also been suggested that the ban should be extended

to include Hong Kong flag carrier Cathay Pacific. As a consequence of Trump's actions, six Chinese airlines have filed a complaint with the US Department Of Transportation (DOT), in which they allege that the proposed ban would see ticket costs rise and travellers inconvenienced. Currently China's carriers operate over 80 flights to American airports, while United Airlines offers the most seats to China with flights to both Beijing and Shanghai from San Francisco and Los Angeles. Delta Air Lines flies to Shanghai from its Seattle, Detroit, and Los Angeles hubs, and American Airlines offers a single daily flight to Shanghai from Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. In total, there are just over 20 flights from the USA to China every week. While, unsurprisingly, American carriers are behind Trump's proposal, Chinese carriers have vehemently objected, quoting the potential they will be subject to the same problems American carriers are currently dealing with. According to CNN, China Southern projected at least 2,800 passengers scheduled to travel dur-

ing the peak holiday season of November 1 to December 31 would need to be rebooked "jeopardising their travel plans." Airlines for America, a major trade group representing American Airlines, Delta Air Lines and United Airlines praised the effort but also called on USDOT to continue to "maintain parity in the number of passenger flights available to U.S. and Chinese airlines, by ensuring that the level of passenger capacity stays reasonably tied to marketplace demand." The pressure facing China's airlines isn't just coming from the USA as European carriers are also barred from Russian airspace. It is understood that Lufthansa CEO Carsten Spohr has suggested that all airlines landing in Europe be "required to avoid Russian airspace", with Air France-KLM, British Airways, and SAS echoing the same sentiment. Chinese airlines fly over 70 routes to Europe, and their financial advantage over European as opposed to American carriers is even bigger.

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**AIRCRAFT & ENGINE NEWS**

**AerCap signs seven-year engine management deal with GE Aerospace**

AerCap and GE Aerospace have signed a seven-year agreement for AerCap to provide lease pool management services for the GE9X engine. The deal also extends AerCap's existing support for the GENx, GE90, CF6, and CF34 engine families. According to Russell Stokes, President and CEO of Commercial Engines and Services at GE Aerospace, the partnership will strengthen customer support as the GE9X enters service. "This agreement is an important step to ensure our customers have a strong support network to keep their 777X fleets flying safely and reliably," he said. "AerCap's global presence, strong customer relationships, and deep experience across GE engines make them the ideal partner to manage the GE9X lease pool." Under the agreement, AerCap will provide several key services. These include GE9X shop visit management, lease return coordination, technical support, and assistance with lease documentation and administration. The collaboration aims to ensure operators have rapid access to engines and parts, minimising downtime and improving efficiency. Meanwhile, GE Aerospace continues to invest heavily in its global MRO network. The company is expanding capacity, upgrading training, and adding advanced tooling across its workshops worldwide. These investments will enhance readiness for the GE9X as it approaches entry into service.

**Orders and deliveries – Boeing and Airbus**

Airbus v Boeing: Orders and Deliveries					
September 2025 YTD (net orders)					
	Airbus		Boeing		
Type	Orders	Deliveries	Type	Orders	Deliveries
A220	36	62	737	368	330
A320 Family	287	392	767	0	20
A330	90	20	777	93	29
A350	101	33	787	313	61
<b>Total</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>440</b>

Source: Airbus

Source: Boeing

**AerFin places two PW1100 engines from fifth A320neo aircraft**

AerFin has successfully placed two PW1100 engines removed from its fifth Airbus A320neo aircraft acquisition. The transaction marks another milestone in the company's expanding role within the next-generation engine market. In today's supply-constrained environment, serviceable PW1100 engines remain in high demand. Airlines and lessors continue to seek reliable access to engines to keep their A320neo fleets flying. Through targeted acquisitions and placements, AerFin is helping customers overcome OEM delivery delays and maintain operational stability. The two engines were purchased from EMP Aviation as part of AerFin's ongoing partnership with a Middle Eastern investor. They were removed in the Philippines by SIAEP (Singapore Airlines Engineering Philippines) and securely housed in Singapore by B&H Worldwide before being placed. This deal highlights the continued global demand for serviceable geared turbofan (GTF) engines. It also demonstrates AerFin's expertise in sourcing, managing, and redeploying high-value assets to support customer needs. With a strong pipeline of A320neo aircraft and PW1100 engines, AerFin is well positioned to support operators, lessors, and investors navigating current supply chain pressures. The company's proactive approach ensures customers can access the assets they need, when they need them. AerFin continues to expand its presence in the A320neo engine market. Its ability to combine technical knowledge, global partnerships, and flexible leasing options reinforces its reputation as a trusted aftermarket solutions provider.



PW1100 engine

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**Jetstream Aviation Capital delivers ATR 72-600 to Loganair**



Loganair has taken delivery of its fourth ATR 72-600 from

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Aviation Authority-certificated airline. It operates de Havilland DHC-6, ATR 42, and ATR 72 turboprop aircraft, as well as Embraer ERJ145 jets. The airline provides passenger and cargo services throughout the United Kingdom, ensuring reliable regional transport. In addition, Loganair operates the Britten-Norman BN2 Islander on its Orkney Islands routes. These short flights connect remote communities and form an essential part of the airline's domestic network. Through this latest delivery, Jetstream Aviation Capital continues to strengthen its relationship with Loganair and reinforce its presence in the regional aviation market. Both companies remain focused on expanding sustainable, high-quality air transport options for passengers and communities across the UK.

Jetstream Aviation Capital has announced the delivery of an ATR 72-600 passenger aircraft to Loganair, headquartered in Glasgow, Scotland. The aircraft, serial number 1126, was delivered to Loganair on October 3, 2025. It is the fourth aircraft in a multi-aircraft ATR 72-600 agreement between Jetstream and Loganair. The aircraft will be used for Loganair's scheduled and charter passenger services across the United Kingdom. This delivery continues a partnership between the two companies that has lasted for more than a decade. Their collaboration has included previous aircraft types such as the Saab 340 and Saab 2000. The new ATR 72-600 expands Loganair's turboprop fleet and supports its commitment to efficient regional connectivity. Founded in 1962, Loganair is a UK Civil

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**Abra Group orders new Airbus narrow-body and wide-body jets**

Abra Group has confirmed an order for Airbus aircraft to increase connectivity across the Americas and Europe. The move supports its plan to meet rising travel demand and strengthen its position in key markets. To enhance long-haul capability, Abra has agreed to acquire up to seven Airbus A330neo aircraft. These aircraft will be deployed across the Group's airlines depending on market and financial needs. The A330neo offers 14% lower fuel use per seat than the older A330ceo. It is also around 60% quieter, cutting airport noise and improving the passenger experience. Abra has also confirmed 50 additional Airbus A320neo aircraft, bringing its total order for this model to 138 units. Deliveries will continue through 2032. The Group already holds firm orders for 88 A320neo and 96 Boeing 737 Max aircraft. The first A320neo with the new Airspace cabin will enter service with Avianca in late 2025. The aircraft will include XL overhead bins providing 60% more storage, adjustable LED lighting, and three rows of Recaro-designed Premium seats in a two-by-two layout. These features will combine comfort with fuel efficiency and lower emissions. In total, Abra's fleet plan now includes 234 new narrow-body and wide-body aircraft. This mix of Airbus and Boeing models will allow the Group to serve more destinations and operate with greater sustainability. The order marks another step in Abra's strategy to renew its fleet and improve the passenger journey. It underlines the company's commitment to efficient, modern aircraft and a more connected network across its markets. Through these new aircraft, Abra aims to offer a smoother, quieter, and greener flying experience for travellers worldwide.



Abra has ordered 50 additional A320neo and seven A330neo aircraft

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**TrueNoord places US\$1.8 bn order for 20 Embraer aircraft**



Image of an E195-E2 aircraft in TrueNoord livery

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TrueNoord, a specialist in regional aircraft leasing, has signed a firm order with Embraer for twenty brand-new E195-E2 aircraft. The agreement also includes purchase rights for up to twenty additional E195-E2s and ten E175-E1s. At list prices, the confirmed order is valued at US\$1.8 billion, marking one of TrueNoord’s largest investments to date. This landmark deal represents TrueNoord’s first direct order with an aircraft manufacturer, underlining its growing position as a global leasing platform. It also reflects the company’s commitment to next-generation, fuel-efficient regional aircraft that meet modern environmental and operational standards. Anne-Bart Tieleman, CEO of TrueNoord, said: “This landmark agreement represents TrueNoord’s first direct order with an aircraft manufacturer – a milestone in the company’s journey. It marks an important stepping stone in our continued growth as a global leasing platform, underlining our commitment to investing in next-generation, fuel-efficient regional jets. “The Embraer E-jets combine efficiency, flexibility and performance, making them ideally suited to TrueNoord’s customers around the world. Partnering with Embraer allows the business to further strengthen its offering and support airlines with aircraft that deliver superior economics and environmental benefits.” This agreement strengthens TrueNoord’s partnership with Embraer and underscores its belief in the future of efficient regional aviation. By investing in cleaner, more capable aircraft, TrueNoord continues to expand its global portfolio while supporting airlines in building sustainable, profitable fleets.

**Avolon, Royal Air Maroc sign lease deal for six B737 MAX aircraft**

Avolon, a leading global aviation finance company, has agreed to lease six Boeing 737-8 MAX aircraft to Royal Air Maroc. The deal marks Avolon’s first lease with Morocco’s national airline and further strengthens its presence in Africa’s fast-growing aviation market. Royal Air Maroc operates a fleet of 59 aircraft and flies to 98 destinations worldwide. The first two aircraft from Avolon were delivered in recent weeks while the remaining four will arrive through 2025 and 2026. This agreement supports Royal Air Maroc’s plan to expand its network and increase capacity. The airline aims to move from a regional operator to a global connector. By 2037, it expects to carry 32 million passengers each year. The new Boeing 737-8 MAX aircraft will play a key role in this growth, they will improve fuel efficiency, cut emissions, and enhance fleet reliability. Africa’s aviation market continues to grow at a steady pace. Passenger traffic is forecast to rise by more than six per cent annually until 2044. As a result, over 1,200 new aircraft are expected to join the continent’s fleet during this period. This trend highlights strong long-term demand for modern, fuel-efficient jets. In addition, the partnership reinforces Avolon’s role as a key provider of aircraft leasing solutions in emerging markets. It also demonstrates Royal Air Maroc’s commitment to a more efficient and sustainable fleet. Therefore, this cooperation marks an important step towards a stronger and more connected African aviation industry.



Royal Air Maroc has signed lease agreements for six B737 Max aircraft

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**Horizon Aircraft selects PT6A Engine to power Cavorite X7 jet**



Cavorite X7 hybrid eVTOL aircraft

© Horizon Aircraft

Horizon Aircraft has confirmed the purchase of the PT6A engine from Pratt & Whitney Canada. The acquisition marks a major step in building the company’s full-scale hybrid eVTOL, the Cavorite X7. It also signals Horizon’s intent to redefine modern flight with proven reliability and efficient performance. The PT6A is one of the world’s most trusted turboprop engines. It has powered hundreds of aircraft for more than six decades. Known for its durability, efficiency, and modular design, it fits perfectly with Horizon’s hybrid approach. Its reverse-flow architecture simplifies both installation and maintenance, reducing downtime and operational costs. The Cavorite X7 will differ from most eVTOL aircraft. While many depend entirely on battery power, Horizon’s hybrid design combines gas and electric propulsion. This dual system removes reliance on charging stations, which are often unavailable in remote areas. The result is greater flexibility for military, emergency, and commercial missions. Powered by the PT6A, the Cavorite X7 will achieve faster speeds, longer range, and improved dependability. It is also expected to cut hydrocarbon emissions by up to 30 per cent compared with traditional aircraft performing similar roles. The blend of sustainability and capability sets a new benchmark for the aviation sector. “Choosing the right engine for our full-scale hybrid aircraft was essential,” said Brandon Robinson, CEO of Horizon Aircraft. “The PT6A is exactly what we need for our full-scale aircraft, and building a relationship with Pratt & Whitney Canada, such a respected, global leader right here at home, is another amazing win.”

**MRO & PRODUCTION NEWS**

**MAAS Aviation extends Airbus partnership in Mobile, Alabama**

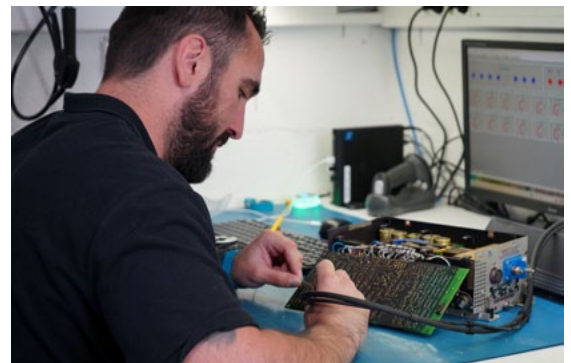


MAAS Aviation is extending its contract with Airbus for the painting of A320 and A220 aircraft in Mobile, AL © MAAS Aviation

MAAS Aviation, a globally recognised aircraft painting and exterior coating specialist, has extended its long-term agreement with Airbus for another five years. The renewed contract covers the painting of A320 and A220 aircraft at MAAS Aviation’s advanced facility in Mobile, Alabama. The site expanded in 2024 to include five dedicated paint bays. It now has the capacity to paint up to 200 aircraft each year. The facility plays a key role in supporting Airbus’ single-aisle production programme in North America. Geoff Myrick, Executive Vice President of OEM Programmes at MAAS Aviation, said the company is proud to continue working with Airbus. “Our collaboration reflects a shared commitment to quality and operational excellence,” he stated. “We are honoured to remain a trusted supplier within Airbus’ global network.” MAAS Aviation opened its first paint shop in Mobile in 2015 with just 20 employees. Two additional paint shops followed in 2017, and two more opened in 2025. The partnership has created steady employment growth at the site, which paints exclusively for Airbus. Today, nearly 100 people work at the facility, and that number is expected to exceed 150 within three years. This renewed agreement reinforces MAAS Aviation’s position as a trusted partner to Airbus. It also underlines the company’s continued role in supporting the aircraft manufacturer’s global production growth.

**AMETEK MRO and AJW Group sign global component repair agreement**

AMETEK MRO, a global provider of aircraft maintenance, repair, and overhaul services, has signed a worldwide agreement with AJW Group. The partnership will deliver specialist component repair support across AMETEK MRO’s facilities in Europe, the United States, and Asia. The scope of the agreement includes electromechanical, hydraulic, pneumatic, environmental, heat transfer, fuel, avionics and instrument systems. According to Ismaël Fadili, Vice President of Sales MRO Europe at AMETEK MRO, this new agreement builds on a long-standing collaboration between the two companies. “AMETEK MRO’s skilled and experienced technicians have supported AJW’s components for more than 25 years,” he said. “This partnership includes legacy equipment as well as new technology part numbers. By aligning our global capabilities with AJW’s requirements, we will continue to deliver high-quality repairs supported by our authorised OEM partnerships.” AJW Group is a globally recognised independent provider of component parts, repair, and supply chain solutions. The company manages a global fleet under contract, offering extensive support to airlines and operators worldwide. Lauren Tyler, Head of Strategic Sourcing at AJW Group, emphasised the strength of the partnership. “AMETEK MRO has been a trusted partner for many years,” she said. “They have consistently supported our in-house MRO network with specialist repair capabilities and global coverage when required. This agreement formalises a long-established relationship built on transparency, technical expertise, and a shared commitment to quality and customer satisfaction.” AMETEK MRO operates twelve global facilities providing comprehensive component repair solutions for aviation customers. With this agreement, the company aims to strengthen its collaboration with AJW and support an expanding volume of repair activity. As Fadili added, “We’re proud of our proven record with AJW and look forward to continued growth throughout the life of this agreement.”



AMETEK MRO and AJW Group have signed a global component repair agreement © AMETEK MRO

**STS Engine Services begins new chapter after GT Engine Services rebrand**



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STS Engine Services, formerly GT Engine Services, has unveiled its new brand identity. The rebrand follows its May 2024 acquisition by STS Aviation Group, a well-known aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) services group. The change marks a fresh chapter in the company’s development. More importantly, it strengthens its position within STS Aviation Group’s growing international network. As a result, STS Engine Services will continue providing trusted aircraft engine maintenance and repair solutions, now supported by wider global resources and technical expertise. In addition, the company will benefit from improved efficiency and scalability. This will ensure faster turnaround times, greater flexibility, and consistent service quality for airlines and lessors across both commercial and military markets. Mark Smith, President of STS Aviation Group, underlined the significance of the change. “Rebranding GT Engine Services as STS Engine Services is more than a name change — it’s a bold step toward unifying our capabilities under a single, globally recognised brand,” he said. “We are creating a full-service aviation provider that brings together commercial, military, and material MRO expertise.” The transition to STS Engine Services is effective immediately. All existing contracts, operations, and service agreements remain in place. Customers can expect the same high standards of service, now enhanced by greater operational strength and international support. Furthermore, the rebrand aligns with STS Aviation Group’s wider strategy to integrate its global MRO divisions. The goal is to offer seamless, end-to-end lifecycle care, from component repair to complete engine overhaul. Ultimately, STS Engine Services enters this new era with renewed focus, stronger global backing, and a clear commitment to innovation, reliability, and excellence in aircraft engine maintenance.

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**Willis Lease Finance opens second hangar at Teesside International Airport**



Ribbon-cutting ceremony of the second hangar at Teesside International Airport © WLFC

Willis Lease Finance Corporation (WLFC), a global aircraft engine leasing and aviation services company, has officially opened its second hangar at Teesside International Airport. Construction began in April 2025 under WLFC’s subsidiary, Willis Aviation Services Limited (WASL). The 60-foot-high, twin-bay hangar was officially unveiled at a well-attended ceremony on October 13. The event celebrated the company’s growing investment in Teesside and its long-term commitment to the region. The £13.5 million (UD\$18 million) facility spans 330 feet by 160 feet. It can service Boeing 737 and Airbus A320-family aircraft, including next-generation models. The hangar expands WASL’s maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) capacity and supports rising demand for reliable aircraft maintenance and storage. This project represents the largest private investment at Teesside International Airport in decades. It underlines the airport’s position as a growing centre for aviation engineering, logistics, and technical services. The expansion will also create skilled jobs and strengthen the local economy. Willis provides complete nose-to-tail solutions for airlines, lessors, and aircraft owners. Services at Teesside include maintenance, storage, and full technical support. These integrated operations help customers improve fleet performance and reduce downtime. With this expansion, WLFC reinforces its reputation for technical excellence and customer focus. The new hangar enhances Teesside’s role within the UK aviation industry and supports the company’s vision for sustainable, efficient aircraft operations worldwide.

**LHT completes VIP cabin outfitting of Airbus ACJ319neo**

Lufthansa Technik (LHT) has completed the VIP cabin outfitting of an Airbus ACJ319neo for a private customer. The aircraft received its bespoke interior during a recent layover at Lufthansa Technik’s Hamburg base. The cabin showcases a modern, luxurious design tailored to the customer’s specific preferences and travel lifestyle. This project also marks a first for Lufthansa Technik. The aircraft is the company’s inaugural VIP completion to feature the state-of-the-art Gogo Galileo LEO (low-earth-orbit) satellite connectivity system. This innovation brings a new standard of inflight connectivity to private aviation. “This fascinating aircraft is a further example of Lufthansa Technik strengthening its role as a technology leader for VIP and Special Aircraft completions,” said Michael von Puttkamer, Vice President Special Aircraft Services at Lufthansa Technik. “With its customised outfitting, ensuring premier levels of comfortable private travel, the aircraft meets and exceeds the highest expectations. To enhance the passenger experience even further, Lufthansa Technik in cooperation with Airbus and Gogo has introduced a new standard in terms of onboard entertainment and connectivity.” The Gogo Galileo terminal offers passengers seamless high-speed broadband access. Travellers can hold high-quality video conferences, stream content, or transfer data in real time — anywhere on Earth. The system’s performance is made possible by the Eutelsat OneWeb satellite network. Unlike traditional geostationary systems orbiting 42,000 kilometres above the planet, the OneWeb constellation operates at just 965 kilometres, reducing latency and improving stability. The electronically steered antenna ensures a strong and consistent signal, supported by a dense network of satellites in low-Earth orbit. As a result, passengers experience smooth connectivity throughout their journey, whether for work or relaxation.



ACJ319neo in flight

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**AFI KLM E&M renews partnership with Shenzhen Airlines and subsidiary**



AFI KLM E&M will deliver full maintenance support for Shenzhen Airlines’ and Kunming Airlines’ CFM56-7B engines © AirTeamImages

AFI KLM E&M has announced the extension of its partnership with Shenzhen Airlines and its subsidiary, Kunming Airlines. The renewed collaboration follows the signing of a new three-year engine maintenance agreement covering the period from 2025 to 2027. Under the contract, AFI KLM E&M will deliver full maintenance support for CFM56-7B engines. This agreement marks a major step forward in the strong relationship between AFI KLM E&M and Shenzhen Airlines Company, a state-owned carrier based in Shenzhen, Guangdong Province, China. Founded in 1992, Shenzhen Airlines has grown into one of the country’s top-five airlines. Its fleet of more than 200 aircraft connects nearly all provincial capitals and major cities in China, as well as destinations in Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan (China), the United Kingdom, Spain, Qatar, Japan, South Korea, and Southeast Asia. AFI KLM E&M began supporting Shenzhen Airlines more than a decade ago, providing high-quality CFM56-7B engine maintenance services. The MRO group’s consistent delivery on turnaround times and quality standards has built lasting trust and paved the way for this new agreement. All engine maintenance will be carried out at the renowned KLM Engine Services facilities in Amsterdam. These facilities combine advanced technical capabilities with extensive experience in CFM56-7B engine maintenance. This latest contract strengthens AFI KLM E&M’s global reputation as a reliable MRO partner. The company remains focused on delivering operational excellence, technical innovation, and long-term value for its airline customers worldwide.

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**Turkish Technic prolongs five-year deal with Corendon Airlines**

Turkish Technic has renewed its component pool agreement with Corendon Airlines for another five years. The new contract was signed during the MRO Europe event. It extends the original partnership, which began in 2019, and further strengthens cooperation between the two Turkish aviation companies. The renewed deal covers Corendon Airlines' Boeing 737MAX and Boeing 737NG fleets. Under the agreement, Turkish Technic will continue to manage all component pool services for these aircraft. As a result, Corendon Airlines will keep full access to Turkish Technic's large inventory, skilled workforce and proven maintenance expertise. With this extension, Corendon Airlines secures long-term operational support and reliability for its growing fleet. The partnership also ensures efficient turnaround times and high-quality service for every maintenance need. Turkish Technic is one of the world's top aircraft maintenance providers. The company offers a wide range of maintenance, repair and overhaul services to international airlines. Its advanced technology, certified engineering and experienced technicians ensure compliance with global aviation standards. In recent years, Turkish Technic has continued to expand its service network and technical capacity. The company now delivers solutions across several continents, combining innovation with precision. Moreover, it remains committed to supporting its customers with dependable, cost-effective maintenance options. Through this renewed agreement, both companies aim to enhance operational efficiency and fleet reliability. Turkish Technic will provide access to round-the-clock support, rapid part availability and expert repair services. Meanwhile, Corendon Airlines will benefit from reduced downtime and smoother flight operations.



The contract extension was signed at the MRO Europe event © Turkish Technic

**Safran builds new LEAP engine hub in Morocco**

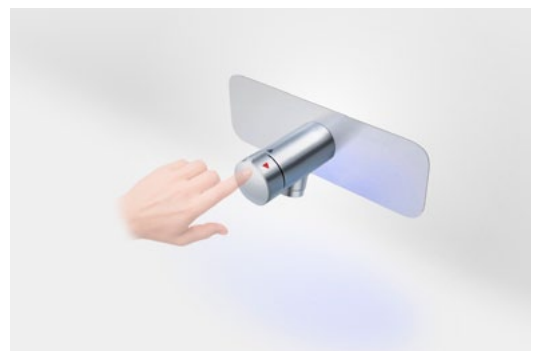


LEAP-1A engine © CFM International

Safran, parent company of CFM International, has begun work on a new LEAP engine maintenance and assembly hub in Morocco. The launch ceremony took place in Casablanca and was attended by His Majesty King Mohammed VI, Safran Chairman Ross McInnes and CEO Olivier Andriès. The new Safran Aircraft Engine Services Casablanca facility was first announced in October 2024, during French President Emmanuel Macron's state visit to Rabat. It will be built inside the Casablanca airport zone. The project meets the fast-growing demand for CFM International's LEAP engines, which power the Airbus A320neo and Boeing 737 MAX. The site will cover 25,000 m<sup>2</sup> and handle up to 150 engines each year. Construction will cost around €120 million. Operations should start in 2027, and about 600 new jobs will be created by 2030. Therefore, the facility will strengthen Morocco's role in global aviation and boost local industry. Moreover, Safran announced a new LEAP-1A engine assembly line, also based in Morocco. It will serve Airbus aircraft and complement the company's Villaroche site in France. This line will help meet CFM's goal of producing 2,500 LEAP engines per year by 2028. The new plant will open by the end of 2027. It will sit on a 13,000 square-metre site, employ 300 people, and assemble up to 350 engines a year. Together, the MRO and assembly plants will form a modern complex for new-generation engines. A shared test bench will check both new and overhauled LEAP engines, improving efficiency and reliability. In addition, Safran signed a memorandum of understanding to secure renewable energy for most of its Moroccan sites. This deal, effective from 2026, supports Safran's plan to cut its carbon emissions by 50% by 2030, compared with 2018 levels. Step by step, Safran is building a sustainable future for aviation. With major investment and green energy, Morocco is becoming a key player in the next generation of aircraft technology.

**Satair signs deal with Groth for Airbus lavatory faucets**

Satair, an Airbus Services company, has signed a multi-year exclusive distribution agreement with Groth Luftfahrt & Systemtechnik GmbH. Groth is a German manufacturer known for designing and producing aircraft galley and lavatory equipment. Under this new agreement, Satair will act as the sole global distributor for Groth's mechanical lavatory faucets used on Airbus A320 and A330 aircraft. This partnership strengthens Satair's position in the aftermarket sector. It also reflects the company's ongoing commitment to providing airlines with OEM-approved, high-quality components. As a result, operators gain a reliable, cost-effective, and low-complexity upgrade option for their existing fleets. Thomas Lagailarde, Vice President of Product Management and Business Development at Satair, said: "We are pleased to welcome Groth's mechanical lavatory faucets into our product range. This partnership expands our cabin equipment offering and reinforces our support for Airbus operators. With these IPC-listed components, airlines can improve technical reliability and reduce total ownership costs." The faucets are fully interchangeable with previously certified parts. They will be listed in the Airbus Illustrated Parts Catalogue (IPC), making integration into existing maintenance systems simple and efficient. Moreover, the products suit both retrofit and in-service upgrades. This helps airlines improve passenger satisfaction while optimising aircraft utilisation and reliability. Groth has long supplied valves and faucets for in-production Airbus aircraft. The company brings deep experience in creating lightweight and durable parts for commercial aviation. Through this exclusive deal, Satair enhances its global distribution network and product portfolio. The agreement also supports Airbus operators with dependable solutions that ensure safety, comfort, and operational efficiency. In turn, airlines benefit from easier maintenance planning, reduced downtime, and improved long-term value.



Satair will act as the sole global distributor for Groth's mechanical lavatory faucets used on Airbus A320 and A330 aircraft © Satair

**MRO & PRODUCTION NEWS**

**Pratt & Whitney Canada signs 14-year support deal with Lufthansa and Austrian Airlines**

Pratt & Whitney Canada has signed a 14-year maintenance and support deal with Lufthansa Airlines and Austrian Airlines. Both carriers are part of the Lufthansa Group. The agreement covers 41 APS5000 auxiliary power units (APUs) fitted to their Boeing 787 Dreamliner fleets. The APS5000 is known for its quiet performance and low emissions. It delivers 450kVA of electrical power at sea level and operates up to 43,100 feet. So far, Pratt & Whitney Canada has produced more than 1,400 units. Together, they have logged almost 16 million flight hours worldwide. Binoj Sebastian, Senior Director of Technical Procurement at Lufthansa Airlines, said the new deal supports the airline's expanding 787 operations. "Our growing Dreamliner fleet is becoming the backbone of our long-haul network," he said. "To keep that strength, we must focus on reliability, efficiency and innovation. This long-term agreement with Pratt & Whitney Canada confirms our confidence in the APS5000. Their expertise and performance will be essential for our daily operations." Pratt & Whitney Canada will provide full maintenance support under the contract. Its APU service programmes offer predictable costs, flexible coverage and extended service intervals. These features help airlines reduce downtime, improve reliability and maintain cost control. Lufthansa and Austrian Airlines will benefit from consistent APU performance and simplified maintenance planning. The agreement also reflects the Lufthansa Group's goal to increase operational efficiency across its modern long-haul fleet. By working together, both companies are ensuring stronger technical support for the Boeing 787. This partnership reinforces Pratt & Whitney Canada's leading role in auxiliary power technology. At the same time, it highlights the Lufthansa Group's commitment to efficiency, sustainability and dependable long-haul operations.

**AJW Group expands operations with new Amsterdam warehouse**

AJW Group has announced the opening of its new European warehouse in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Scheduled to be operational in early November, the facility marks the next stage in AJW's strategy to make parts access across the European Union faster, simpler, and more efficient. "We're opening a dedicated EU warehouse to ensure quicker, enhanced deliveries in Europe," said Scott Symington, Chief Commercial Officer at AJW Group. "By holding inventory closer to our customers, we are reducing lead times and streamlining logistics, making it more convenient for them. This expansion demonstrates our continued

**Joramco strengthens ties with World Star Aviation and TUI Group**

Joramco, the Amman-based aircraft maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) specialist, has deepened its international presence through two new contracts. These deals highlight the company's growing influence in the global MRO market and its reputation for precision and reliability. The first contract is with World Star Aviation, an aircraft and engine lessor known for its global investment expertise. Under the agreement, Joramco will undertake heavy base maintenance on several Boeing B737-800F aircraft. Work will include detailed C-checks, painting, lease transition and re-delivery services. The project, scheduled to run for ten weeks, will take place at Joramco's advanced facilities in Amman, Jordan. Meanwhile, the company has renewed its collaboration with the TUI Group. The MRO provider already handles base maintenance for TUI's Boeing 787 fleet. Under the updated agreement, Joramco will now service the Embraer E190-E2 for the first time. This development reflects TUI's continued trust in Joramco's skilled workforce and dependable performance. Together, these partnerships underline Joramco's growing role in supporting a wide variety of aircraft types for both cargo and passenger operations. The company's strategic location, technical know-how, and commitment to timely delivery continue to attract leading aviation clients worldwide. With these new projects, Joramco strengthens its standing as a key player in global aircraft maintenance. Its focus on safety, efficiency, and customer satisfaction ensures long-term value for operators and lessors across the industry.



Aircraft in World Star Aviation livery in front of a Joramco hangar © Joramco

**Boeing expands global distribution deal with Ontic**



The new distribution agreement was signed during the MRO Europe event in London © Ontic

Boeing Global Services (BGS) has expanded its exclusive distribution agreement with Ontic, granting the company global rights to distribute Honeywell's RDR-4 A/B Weather Radar system and the P440/660/880 Primus Weather Radar family for commercial customers. Announced at MRO Europe, the agreement strengthens aftermarket support for commercial aircraft, business jets, and rotorcraft. It also reinforces lifecycle support for long-serving fleets, underlining Ontic's position as a global leader in sustaining established and non-core OEM product lines. The move ensures long-term availability of vital flight systems that help aircraft operate more safely and efficiently around the world. This expansion matters because it preserves a single, trusted channel for new spare parts across a wide range of aircraft. These include the Boeing 737, 757, and 777 families, as well as Airbus A320 Classic, A330, and A340 models, plus several regional aircraft. The agreement covers more than 1,000 unique part numbers and major line-replaceable units (LRUs). These include key components such as receiver/transmitters, antennas, control panels, mounting trays, and flat plate antennas. Together, they form a crucial portfolio that enables airlines, operators, and MRO providers to maintain dependable access to radar systems that detect hazardous weather, turbulence, and wind shear. Ontic will primarily support the programme from its UK facilities, providing service to around 170 operators and repair stations worldwide. By managing these radar systems, Ontic helps ensure consistent, high-quality parts supply and technical support, reducing downtime for aircraft operators. Through this extended partnership, Boeing and Ontic are deepening their collaboration to deliver stronger aftermarket resilience. The agreement not only enhances support for existing fleets but also reflects a shared commitment to sustaining essential aviation technologies for decades to come.

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commitment to supporting our European partners and helping them operate without delays." Located close to Amsterdam Airport Schiphol, one of Europe's busiest aviation hubs, the new warehouse benefits from direct links to nearly 300 global destinations. Its strategic position enables rapid distribution of aircraft components across the EU, ensuring AJW's customers receive the parts they need with minimal downtime. The Amsterdam facility will stock a wide range of high-demand Airbus and Boeing components, reflecting AJW's deep understanding of operator needs. By increasing availability within the region, the company aims to strengthen operational continuity for airlines and MRO providers throughout Europe. This development builds on AJW Group's global logistics and support network, complementing its world-class MRO capabilities at AJW Technique in Montreal. Together, these facilities provide a seamless supply chain solution, ensuring consistent service quality and reliability across continents.

**VSE Aviation and Eaton collaborate on USM programme**

VSE Aviation has announced a used serviceable material (USM) collaboration with Eaton. The partnership combines Eaton's OEM repair expertise with VSE's strength in distribution and asset management. Under the agreement, VSE will acquire and manage as-removed (AR) parts and overhauled components. The initiative increases the pool of rotatable and exchange assets available to the market. As a result, operators will have more flexible, cost-effective options to meet their maintenance needs. The programme offers OEM-supported choices for repair, exchange, or USM solutions. It also builds on the companies' earlier hydraulic repair agreement, creating a wider range of component and repair support for leading commercial platforms. Matt Norman, Vice President of Aftermarket and Commercial Services at Eaton's Aerospace Group, said: "This collaboration reflects Eaton's commitment to delivering agile, cost-effective aftermarket solutions that meet the evolving needs of our customers. VSE's proven distribution capabilities and teardown access positions them as an ideal source to scale our USM footprint."

**Rolls-Royce Launches LessorCare+ with Avolon as Inaugural Partner**

Rolls-Royce has announced the launch of LessorCare+, a next-generation service designed for aircraft lessors, with Avolon confirmed as the first customer. The programme builds on the success of the original LessorCare, offering broader insight and support across fleet management,

**StandardAero chosen by Mauritania Airlines for engine support**



Mauritania Airlines Boeing 737 MAX aircraft

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StandardAero has been selected by Mauritania Airlines to provide MRO services. The agreement covers CFM International CFM56-7B and LEAP-1B engines used on the airline's Boeing 737NG and Boeing 737 MAX 8 aircraft. The partnership is already under way. A CFM56-7B engine has entered StandardAero's facility in Winnipeg, Canada. A LEAP-1B engine has also been inducted at the company's site in San Antonio, Texas. This cooperation builds on an existing relationship. StandardAero previously supported Mauritania Airlines' Embraer E175 fleet through APS 2300 auxiliary power unit (APU) repairs at its Maryville, Tennessee, location. Furthermore, SalamAir, Oman's low-cost carrier, has signed a new non-exclusive general terms agreement (GTA) with StandardAero for maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) support of its CFM International LEAP-1A turbofan engines. The agreement allows StandardAero to perform LEAP-1A performance restoration shop visits (PRSVs) for SalamAir's fleet of Airbus A320neo-family aircraft. Through this partnership, the airline will gain access to advanced repair expertise and reduced turnaround times, helping it maintain operational efficiency and high levels of aircraft availability.

**AAR joins forces with Eaton to strengthen EMEA repair network**



Leaders from AAR and Eaton connected at MRO Europe in London

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AAR CORP. has signed an agreement with Eaton to become an authorised service centre for its commercial aerospace customers across Europe, the Middle East, and Africa (EMEA). Under this new partnership, AAR will handle local repair and overhaul of Eaton's hydraulic components for large commercial aircraft. These services will take place at AAR's Component Services facility in Amsterdam, ensuring

faster turnaround times and improved regional support. The agreement strengthens Eaton's repair capabilities by guaranteeing the use of official repair documentation and genuine OEM spare parts. This consistency ensures that quality and safety standards remain at the highest level throughout the service process. Initially, AAR will focus on hydraulic pump repairs for commercial operators within the EMEA region. However, the company plans to expand its capabilities to include additional products and territories over time. By combining AAR's technical expertise with Eaton's trusted aerospace components, the collaboration offers airlines greater operational flexibility and reduced maintenance downtime. In essence, the new authorised service centre in Amsterdam represents a strategic milestone for both companies, reinforcing their shared commitment to innovation, quality, and customer satisfaction in the global aerospace industry.

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transactions, and technical services. Developed to simplify the complexities of engine management, LessorCare+ provides a suite of integrated tools that enhance transparency, reduce risk, and improve lifecycle planning. Faster response times and higher operational efficiency are also achieved through this enhanced service. It is aimed at aligning more closely with the needs of lessors and asset owners while maintaining Rolls-Royce's strong focus on innovation and service quality. By improving visibility and predictability, the programme allows smoother engine transitions and better asset control. Luke Mallows, SVP – Marketing & Leasing at Rolls-Royce, said: "We're proud to welcome Avolon as the launch customer for LessorCare+. This launch marks another milestone in our longstanding relationship and collaboration with Avolon, supporting its growing fleet of Trent-powered aircraft. It's also an important step in our continued journey to deliver for asset owners and lessors — one of our most important customer groups." Through LessorCare+, Rolls-Royce's collaboration with Avolon has been further strengthened. The initiative has been positioned as a key step in enhancing service delivery, deepening engagement, and driving efficiency across the global leasing market.

**Republic Airways renews E170/E175 maintenance deal with Embraer**



Maintenance for Republic Airways' E170/E175 jets will be carried out at Embraer's Services & Support facilities in Nashville, Tennessee © Embraer

Embraer has renewed its long-term maintenance agreement with Republic Airways. The deal covers heavy maintenance for the airline's fleet of more than 240 E170 and E175 aircraft. All maintenance work will continue at Embraer's Services & Support facilities in Nashville, Tennessee. Republic Airways has relied on this site for heavy maintenance on its E-Jets since 2011. The agreement also includes component support and drop-in AOG (aircraft on ground) repair services, ensuring rapid response to technical needs. Frank Stevens, Vice President of MRO Services at Embraer Services & Support, welcomed

the continued partnership. "We are very excited to extend our relationship with Republic Airways," he said. "This renewed agreement reinforces our commitment to delivering high-quality maintenance services. We will continue to prioritise safety and quality for Republic Airways and all our customers across the United States." Over the past decade, Republic Airways has completed more than 650 heavy maintenance visits at Embraer's Nashville facilities. These projects have required over 3.3 million labour hours, reflecting the strong collaboration between both teams. Under the new extension, Embraer will handle around 225 additional heavy maintenance visits. The agreement also secures three dedicated maintenance bays for Republic Airways, giving the airline more capacity and flexibility in scheduling. This partnership highlights Embraer's continued investment in customer support and operational reliability. By maintaining Republic's E-Jet fleet, Embraer ensures consistent performance and safety across one of the largest regional fleets in North America. Through this long-term cooperation, both companies strengthen their commitment to efficiency, reliability, and service excellence. The renewed agreement confirms Embraer's position as a trusted MRO partner and underlines Republic Airways' confidence in its technical expertise and high maintenance standards.

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**FINANCIAL NEWS**

**Astronics Corporation acquires Bühler Motor Aviation**

Astronics Corporation has announced the acquisition of Bühler Motor Aviation (BMA) from the Bühler Motor Group. The deal, completed as an all-cash transaction, supports Astronics’ strategy to expand its expertise in motion control systems for commercial aircraft. Bühler Motor Aviation, located in Uhldingen-Mühlhofen, Germany, is an established manufacturer of aircraft seat actuation systems. The company’s product range includes actuators, electronic components, control panels, pneumatic systems, and cabin lighting. These technologies are designed to improve passenger comfort and enhance efficiency within modern aircraft seating. Peter Gundermann, President and Chief Executive Officer of Astronics Corporation, commented that BMA is an ideal addition to Astronics’ existing aircraft seat actuation business. The company brings strong engineering expertise, innovative technologies, and long-standing customer relationships. According to Gundermann, Astronics is pleased to have BMA work closely with its PGA subsidiary. Their collaboration is expected to deliver best-in-class seat motion solutions and drive further innovation for global customers. He added that the acquisition highlights Astronics’ continued focus on this specialised area of motion control within commercial aerospace. The move reinforces the company’s position as a key technology provider in the aircraft interiors market. Bühler Motor Aviation’s expected annual revenue for 2026 is estimated at US\$22 million, based on current exchange rates. This acquisition strengthens Astronics’ technical offering, expands its global footprint, and enhances its ability to supply integrated, high-performance systems to the aviation industry. With this latest investment, Astronics continues to build its reputation for innovation, reliability, and advanced engineering across international aerospace markets.

**Aero-Dienst expands global reach with AeroVisto integration**

Aero-Dienst, the German full-service provider for business aviation and air ambulance operations, has acquired Swiss company AeroVisto Interior Services. The deal marks a key milestone in Aero-Dienst’s international growth strategy and strengthens its presence in the European aviation market. As a 100% subsidiary of ADAC SE, Aero-Dienst has decades of experience in aircraft maintenance, air ambulance operations, and corporate aviation services. With this acquisition, the company takes another step towards offering a broader and more integrated portfolio. The addition of AeroVisto’s expertise allows Aero-Dienst to expand its interior refurbishment capabilities in a highly competitive sector. The merger builds on a partnership that has developed between the two companies over many years. Through this strategic move, Aero-Dienst gains valuable skills in cabin design, upholstery, refurbishment, and component maintenance. As a result, the company can now provide full support throughout the service life of a business jet. AeroVisto employs around 80 professionals at sites in Switzerland and Germany. It holds certifications as both an EASA Part-145 Maintenance Organisation and an EASA Part-21G Production Organisation. These approvals demonstrate the company’s strong technical standards and its ability to meet strict aviation requirements. Furthermore, integrating AeroVisto into Aero-Dienst’s structure will create a more complete service network. The combined strengths of both companies will ensure faster response times, greater flexibility, and consistent quality across all projects. Customers will benefit from improved cabin solutions, higher comfort levels, and enhanced aircraft value. This acquisition also reinforces Aero-Dienst’s long-term commitment to innovation and sustainability. By improving refurbishment efficiency and extending the lifespan of aircraft interiors, the company supports more responsible resource use. In summary, the acquisition of AeroVisto Interior Services underlines Aero-Dienst’s ambition to offer comprehensive, high-quality services across the entire business aviation value chain. Through this step, the company continues to expand its international footprint and deliver excellence in every aspect of aircraft support.



Aero-Dienst has acquired Swiss company AeroVisto Interior Services © AeroVisto

**Aero NextGen acquires Digital Flight to build the digital backbone of global aviation**



Monica Badra, founder of Aero NextGen

Aero NextGen, the aviation sector’s foremost digital solution brokerage, has announced its acquisition of Digital Flight, a premier online marketplace and visibility platform for aviation technology providers. The move marks a major step forward for both companies and ushers in a new era of digital enablement, integration, and transparency across the aviation and MRO sectors. Founded by Craig Skilton, Digital Flight has established itself as the go-to hub for supplier-side decision makers. The platform connects OEMs, MROs, and technology innovators with tools, insights, and expertise to drive operational efficiency and modernise processes. It has become an essential resource for aviation professionals navigating the increasingly complex landscape of digital transformation. Aero NextGen, led by Monica Badra, is widely recognised as a trusted advisor for aviation companies seeking tailored, next-generation technology solutions. Its flagship ERP Finder platform has helped bridge the gap between innovation and implementation, giving aviation businesses a clearer path to the tools that support sustainable growth and agility. The partnership between Badra and Skilton stems from their earlier collaboration at AJW, where both played pivotal roles in driving digital transformation from Montreal to the UK. Together, they spearheaded projects in AI-powered RFQ automation, tablet-based workflow systems for technicians, eVTOL and drone partnerships, and aviation e-marketplaces. Their renewed alliance now aims to accelerate the global aviation industry’s shift towards digital excellence. “Bringing Digital Flight into the Aero NextGen family is a natural evolution of our shared mission to empower aviation with smart, fit-for-purpose technology,” said Badra, founder of Aero NextGen. “Together, we’re not just connecting buyers and sellers—we’re building the digital backbone the industry needs to thrive.” Skilton added: “Digital Flight was built to help the aviation community navigate an increasingly complex technology landscape. The acquisition by Aero NextGen enables a greater level of impact, delivering even more value to solution providers and the community they serve.” This strategic acquisition reinforces Aero NextGen’s commitment to simplifying technology access, enhancing visibility, and driving the aviation sector’s digital transformation worldwide.

**FINANCIAL NEWS**

**Exolum invests in the UK's first independent SAF blending facility**

Exolum, a European energy logistics company, will invest £4.5 million (US\$6 million) in a new sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) blending facility. The site will be located at Redcliffe Bay in south-west England. It marks the start of a national network of SAF blending hubs across the UK. The announcement comes as the UK's Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill moves ahead in Parliament. The Bill introduces new incentives for SAF production. It also supports the aviation sector's shift towards lower emissions. SAF blends with standard jet fuel and works in aircraft without modification. Therefore, airlines can cut emissions without costly changes. By blending customers' SAF into its aviation fuel network, Exolum will supply greener fuel to key airports. These include Heathrow, Gatwick, Bristol, Exeter and Cardiff. As a result, the company will help the UK lead in clean aviation. The Redcliffe Bay facility is the first in a series of planned blending hubs. Together, these sites will form a "SAF Superhighway" within Exolum's 2,000km pipeline system. The network will give producers and importers direct market access. It will also provide sustainable jet fuel for about 40% of UK flights. The facility is due to open in 2026. When operational, it could fuel up to 64,700 London–New York flights a year. The project will attract new investment in regional SAF production across south-west England and southern Wales. Initially, unblended SAF will arrive by ship at Bristol's Royal Portbury Dock. It will then move by pipeline to Redcliffe Bay. There, it will be stored, blended and distributed nationwide. Exolum will also upgrade existing tanks, install advanced blending systems and add new pumps and filters. With this investment, Exolum strengthens its commitment to sustainable aviation. Step by step, the company is building the infrastructure that will drive the UK's transition to cleaner, greener energy.



Exolum will invest £4.5 million in a new SAF blending facility in Redcliffe Bay in south-west England © Exolum

**BOND raises US\$320 million to redefine fractional aviation**



BOND has placed a firm order for 50 Challenger 3500 and Global 6500 jets © Bombardier

BOND, the fractional aviation company, has secured US\$320 million in preferred equity and debt financing. The funding round was led by credit funds and accounts managed by KKR, a global investment firm. An additional US\$30 million in equity was contributed by BOND's founding partners. As demand for private air travel reaches record highs, BOND enters the market with a model created for travellers who value exclusivity over scale. Its approach, called "Fractional 2.0," focuses on reliability, service excellence, and cost-efficient ownership. Formed through a strategic collaboration, BOND's fleet will consist entirely of Bombardier aircraft. The company has placed a firm order worth US\$1.7 billion for 50 Challenger 3500 and Global 6500 jets, with options for 70 more. If exercised, the total order could exceed US\$4 billion, reflecting BOND's strong commitment to premium, long-range aircraft. The agreement with Bombardier also establishes a fully integrated OEM–operator partnership. This first-of-its-kind arrangement is designed to maximise aircraft uptime and ensure exceptional operational reliability. BOND members will benefit from Bombardier's extensive U.S. service network and on-site maintenance resources dedicated solely to their fleet. Led by Bill Papariella, Chairman and Group CEO, BOND's leadership team brings decades of aviation expertise. Their goal is to redefine private flying for today's discerning traveller, combining luxury, reliability, and innovation in every journey.

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**MILITARY AND DEFENCE**

**Germany boosts air defence with next-generation Eurofighters**

Germany is enhancing its defence power with the purchase of 20 new Eurofighter jets. Under the latest contract, Airbus will assemble the multi-role aircraft at its Manching facility near Munich. The first delivery to the German Air Force is planned for 2031, with the final aircraft arriving by 2034. Each jet will include state-of-the-art sensors, such as the new E-Scan radar. At the same time, Airbus will upgrade the fleet's electronic warfare systems by integrating the Araxis suite from Sweden's Saab into both existing and new aircraft. These enhancements will further expand the operational versatility of Germany's Eurofighter fleet. The Eurofighter programme, shared by Germany, Italy, Spain, and the UK, is Europe's largest defence initiative. It not only guarantees security but also supports economic growth and employment. The project sustains more than 100,000 jobs across Europe, including 25,000 in Germany. Over 120 German suppliers contribute to the production effort. With this latest order, nine countries have now purchased over 740 Eurofighters, including Germany, Italy, Spain, the United Kingdom, Austria, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Kuwait, and Qatar. This makes it the most successful European fighter jet still in active production. Looking ahead, the Eurofighter will remain in service with the German Air Force until at least the 2060s. From 2040, it will operate as part of the Future Combat Air System (FCAS), connected with both crewed and uncrewed aircraft. This advanced integration will help pilots perform complex missions more effectively, reinforcing Europe's defence network for decades to come.



Eurofighter Tranche 5 artist view © Airbus Defence and Space

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**British Airways** has selected the MRO-PRO platform to manage all third-party customers across its global line maintenance network. The partnership highlights MRO-PRO's growing reputation for delivering precision-driven maintenance solutions. As part of the rollout, British Airways engineers will use MRO-PRO's Line Maintenance tools to capture live data via mobile tablets while working on aircraft. This approach ensures greater accuracy, faster workflows, and real-time visibility across maintenance operations. The airline will also run its third-party invoicing through MRO-PRO, streamlining billing processes and reducing manual administration. MRO-PRO's integrated flight radar system and resource planning functions will further enhance efficiency. These features provide accurate inbound flight data and help assign the right engineers at the right time. Together, they support smoother

operations, improved planning, and stronger on-time performance. The project will cover more than 30 international stations, including major hubs such as Miami, New York, Boston, Chicago, Barcelona, Madrid, Sydney, Delhi, Manchester, and London Gatwick. Full implementation is expected by January.

**CORRIDOR**, a CAMP Systems product line, has launched AI Operations Manager, part of CAMP's expanding AI suite. The new tool aims to transform aviation maintenance through predictive intelligence. It helps service centres and MROs plan better, improve customer experience, and deliver reliable performance. West Star Aviation is the exclusive launch partner. The company will roll out the Operations Manager across its network. This technology will help West Star use its data more effectively. It will support smarter maintenance planning, faster turnaround times, efficient labour use, and fewer unexpected issues. "West

Star Aviation is committed to embracing innovative approaches that elevate our service offerings. This partnership with CORRIDOR enables us to accurately anticipate operational requirements, enhance efficiency and uphold our promise of timely delivery to our customers," said Allen McReynolds, COO and President, **West Star Aviation**. Sean Lanagan, President and CEO of CAMP Systems International, added, "The aviation industry is at an inflection point where predictive technologies will define competitive advantage. With AI Operations Manager, CAMP is leading that shift by helping our customers move to a more strategic, data-driven approach to maintenance." The launch marks a key step in aviation's digital transformation. By combining AI with predictive analytics, CAMP Systems is driving smarter, more efficient maintenance. The company's latest innovation signals a new era of intelligent operations across the aviation industry.

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Blockchain technology concept

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**SkyThread Corporation** from Irvine, California, and **Wingleet Corporation** from Paris have signed a new strategic partnership. The goal is clear: speed up the use of blockchain and cloud tools in aviation. Together, they will help airlines and maintenance providers verify, protect, and share vital data on aircraft parts and assets. Both companies are known for their strength in secure data technology. Now, they are working together to fix long-standing problems in aviation supply chains. Their focus is on better transparency, trust, and traceability. The two firms will connect Wingleet's Aero-Chain powered data vault with SkyThread's data-sharing platform. This link will allow aviation players to collect, check, and share information on aircraft, engines, and parts with ease. It will also speed up decisions and reduce maintenance delays. The current supply chain remains complex and scattered. Many operators still rely on outdated systems. This collaboration tackles that issue head-on. By tracking every part from creation to retirement, the new model brings clarity and

confidence. Wingleet's integration know-how will boost SkyThread's rollout across global aviation networks. The result will be a smooth, secure, and fully compliant data environment. It will also support safer and more efficient air transport. "This collaboration marks a major step in our mission to change how aviation stakeholders share and verify data," said John Rassieur, CEO and Chairman of SkyThread Corporation. "Together with Wingleet, we will push blockchain and AI adoption forward. The aim is to build trust, improve efficiency, and strengthen safety across aviation."

The international airline association **BARIG** (Board of Airline Representatives in Germany) has welcomed **Swiftair** as a new cargo member. The Spanish airline adds over 30 years of experience to BARIG's growing freight network. Swiftair operates routes across Europe and to North and West Africa. Its clients include major logistics companies and the United Nations. The carrier also provides wet-lease and charter flights, along with aircraft maintenance services. "Air-freight is undergoing significant transformation. Given the current challenges the air cargo business is facing, we need new and flexible solutions all the time," says Michael Hoppe, BARIG Chairman and Executive Director. "We are delighted that Swiftair is complementing the portfolio of our more than 30 international cargo airlines with its air freight services." Founded in 1986, Swiftair is based at Madrid-Barajas Airport in Spain. Its fleet includes 43 freighters — ATR42, ATR-72, Boeing 737, Boeing 757, and Airbus A321 models. This range allows the airline to offer tailored freight solutions across Europe. "Swiftair is a good example of establishing flexible business models in the market," explains Marcel Fleck, Country Manager Germany at Swiftair. "The cooperation within the BARIG air cargo community offers us a good platform for further developing our service portfolio. We look forward to the exchange within the working groups and to contributing to the successful future of our industry as part of the community," he adds Swiftair's membership strengthens BARIG's network of more than 30 international cargo airlines. The partnership underlines a shared goal — to enhance collaboration, efficiency, and innovation in a fast-changing air freight sector.



Michael Hoppe, BARIG (l) Marcel Fleck, Swiftair (r)

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**OTHER NEWS**

**Archer Aviation** a pioneer in eVTOL aircraft, has won the bid to acquire **Lilium GmbH's** advanced air mobility patent portfolio. The €18 million (US\$20.7 million) agreement covers around 300 patents, including innovations in high-voltage systems, battery management, aircraft design, flight control, electric propulsion, and ducted fan technology. This move cements Archer's leadership in next-generation electric aviation. It also reinforces the company's goal to ensure the United States remains at the forefront of eVTOL technology. The acquisition follows a wave of consolidation in the sector, such as the recent purchase of Volocopter by a Chinese buyer. Adam Goldstein, Founder and CEO of Archer, said, "Lilium's pioneering work advanced the frontier of eVTOL design and technology, and we're thrilled to integrate their achievements

into Archer's roadmap." Lilium reportedly invested over US\$1.5 billion in developing key technologies for its visionary eVTOL platform, which many viewed as ahead of its time. Through this strategic purchase, Archer gains access to critical intellectual property, including what is believed to be the world's leading ducted fan patent collection. This technology could significantly enhance Archer's current and future aircraft models. In July 2025, the U.S. Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) introduced the MOSAIC final rule to modernise airworthiness certification for light-sport aircraft. Archer believes that Lilium's ducted fan system could play a vital role in future developments across both the light-sport and regional air mobility markets. By merging innovation and strategy, Archer continues to push electric aviation towards commercial reality, shaping the next era of cleaner, smarter flight.

**INDUSTRY PEOPLE**


From left to right: Grégoire Lebigot, François Fermat, Gilles Fossecave and Maxime Gorsse

- Vallair has introduced a new governance structure across its maintenance centres. The move aligns with market expectations and customer needs. It also aims to improve management efficiency and support the group's long-term growth strategy. **Grégoire Lebigot** resumes his role as CEO of Vallair Industries and now also leads the Châteauroux MRO centre. He will work closely with **François Fermat**, newly appointed Director of Operations. Formerly responsible for the aerostructure centre, Fermat now oversees the engine business unit and the CHR2 airframe maintenance centre. At the Montpellier MRO centre, **Gilles Fossecave** takes on the role of CEO. He is supported by **Jean-François Deorocki**, Director of Operations. This site-based leadership model increases operational proximity and ensures that each facility is guided by trusted experts with a deep understanding of the MRO landscape. At Group level, **Maxime Gorsse**, currently Treasurer and CEO of Vallair Asset Solutions, has been

promoted to Chief Financial Officer. This newly created role unites accounting, finance and investor relations. It reflects Vallair's expanding scale and ambition as the company strengthens its financial and strategic foundations. These organisational adjustments form part of Vallair's forward-looking approach. The Group is preparing for key industry shifts, including the rise of composite-intensive aircraft, new technologies, and evolving airline expectations. By acting early, Vallair positions itself to meet tomorrow's challenges with confidence.



Shai Weiss (l) and Corneel Koster (r)

- Virgin Atlantic has announced a clear succession plan for its leadership. After seven years as Chief Executive Officer (CEO), **Shai Weiss** will step down on December 21, 2025. **Corneel Koster** will take over as CEO on January 1, 2026. Koster re-joined Virgin Atlantic in 2019 as chief customer officer and later became chief customer and operating officer. Since then, he has played a vital role in ensuring safe and reliable operations. He has led frontline teams and enhanced the airline's award-winning customer experience. During his tenure, Koster helped the airline recover strongly from the pandemic. He oversaw the introduction of the A330neo aircraft and drove the company's digital operational transformation. His leadership has been central to Virgin Atlantic's reputation for innovation and service excellence. With over 30 years in aviation, Koster brings vast operational and commer-

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cial experience. He has held senior roles at Delta Air Lines, Aeroméxico, and KLM, in addition to his earlier position at Virgin Atlantic as director of operations, safety and security from 2010 to 2013. His long-standing industry background reflects a deep commitment to aviation and customer service. Weiss became CEO in 2019 after serving as chief financial officer and chief commercial officer. He led the company through the Covid-19 crisis and guided its full transformation. Under his leadership, Virgin Atlantic returned to profitability and achieved record performance in 2024. During Weiss' tenure, the airline earned consistent five-star ratings from APEX and was named the UK's No.1 Most Loved Workplace by Newsweek. His departure marks the end of a defining era, while Koster's appointment signals a seamless transition and continued focus on excellence, innovation, and customer satisfaction.

### 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	

### 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
(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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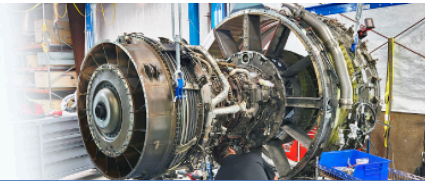
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CFM Engines	Sale / Lease	Company	Contact	Email	Phone
(3) CFM56-5C4	Now - Lease	Willis Lease	Jennifer Merriam	leasing@willislease.com	+1 (561) 349-8950
(1) CFM56-5B4/P	Now - Lease				
(1) CFM56-5B4/P	Now - Sale	BBAM	Steve Zissis	info@bbam.com	+1 787 665 7040
(1) CFM56-7B26	Now - Lease				
(1) CFM56-7B26/3	Now - Lease				
(4) CFM56-5B6/P	Now - Sale				
(3) CFM56-5B5/P	Now - Sale				
(1) CFM56-7B26	Now - Lease	Engine Lease Finance	Declan Madigan	declan.madigan@elfc.com	+353 61 291717
LEAP Engines	Sale / Lease	Company	Contact	Email	Phone
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(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.				
PW1000 Engines	Sale / Lease	Company	Contact	Email	Phone
(2) PW1127G	Now - Lease	Engine Lease Finance	Declan Madigan	declan.madigan@elfc.com	+353 61 291717
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) V2530-A5	Now - Lease	Willis Lease	Jennifer Merriam	leasing@willislease.com	+1 (561) 349-8950

## Aircraft and Engine Parts, Components and Misc. Equipment

Description		Company	Contact	Email	Phone
(2) GTCP331-200ER, (2) GTCP131-9A,	Now - Sale	Setna IO	David Chaimovitz	david@setnaio.com	+1-312-549-4459
(1) GTCP131-9B					
(1) A321 Enhanced Landing Gear 2020 OH					
(4) APU EMB145LR, Model: 4504113A	Now - Sale	Newcastle Aviation	Steve Hendrickson	steveh@newcastleaviation.com	952-223-0317
(3) CFM56-7B Engine Stands	Now - Sale	KMS Aero Investments	Sharon Brady	enginestands@kmsaeroinvest.com	+353 0868161287
(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 (4) B737 LG Shipset,		GA Telesis		landinggearsales@gatelesis.com	
(10) A320 LG Shipset, (2) B757 LG Shipset					
GTCP131-9A (10), GTCP131-9B (9),	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, GTCP131-9C (1)	Now - Sale				
(10) 131-9A, (5) 131-9B (Max compliant), (1) APS3200, (3) 331-500, (2) APS2300		GA Telesis		apu@gatelesis.com	+1-954-849-3509
(4) 131-9B, (2) APS3200 "C", (1) 85-129H, (5) 331-350, (3) 331-200, (1) GTCP131-9C					
Engine stands: CF6-80C2, CFM56-3, CFM56-5A/B/C, PW4000				stands@gatelesis.com	+1-954-676-3111
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