

Weekly Aviation Headline News

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Airbus Spokesperson



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Airbus floats idea of new ‘stretched’ A220-family variant

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It was announced at the Airlines Economics conference in Dublin that Airbus are exploring the possibility of launching a new, extended variant of its A220 family of aircraft, the A220-500, which will have an increased capacity of 180 passengers, as compared to the 110-160-passenger capacity of other A220 jets. It is hoped that initial interest will allow for a full launch of the variant at the Farnborough Airshow in July this year as the idea has been on the horizon for quite some time. Airbus officials told financiers on the sidelines of the conference that 2026 would be a “big year” for the A220 and that more details would be coming soon, reports Reuters news agency. However, a final decision to develop the so-called “simple stretch” design lengthening the fuselage would be subject to Airbus board approval. “A lot of work is underway to accelerate our ability to make a decision on a stretch,” a spokesperson confirmed. New Airbus commercial CEO Lars Wagner has given his broad backing to the A220-500 concept, though he has also reassured leasing companies that he remains focused on tackling

industrial pressures across the board. It is understood that Airbus had briefed financiers that conditional sales discussions - a critical pre-launch milestone known as “authorisation to offer” - would open in weeks and the plane could be put into development by the end of the year. It is also believed that a final board decision would depend on locking in two or three marquee customers, with potential targets including carriers like Delta Air Lines, Air Canada and Air France, all of which already operate the A220. One of the greatest challenges facing this new variant is that while it takes capacity out of the competitive environment the A220 faces with Embraer’s E2 for the lower-capacity sector of the market, it begins to encroach on the capacity of the standard Airbus A320 which has a capacity of around 180 passengers. In addition, if the new A220-500 is simply a stretch version of the current model then distance will be sacrificed for increased capacity, which has been the downfall of other ‘stretched’ aircraft. Those stretched aircraft which have succeeded tend to have been as a result of major investment and have included

increased range together with increased capacity, such as Boeing’s 737-900. Meanwhile Pratt & Whitney, engine suppliers for the A220-series have announced at a Wings Club event in New York that supply and demand balance for its engines should be achieved over the next few years. “Based on what we see, what we’re doing, I do see normalisation at the end of this decade,” Rick Deurloo, President of Commercial Engines for Pratt & Whitney said, adding that while the supply chain is improving, it still remains a challenge. Asked on the sidelines of the event about a Reuters report that planemaker Airbus is poised to start offering airlines and leasing firms a larger version of its A220 jet that uses Pratt & Whitney engines, Deurloo said, “We’re working with them on continuing to improve their aircraft and as they look at different variants of that, we continue to be in dialogue.” Deurloo added the supply chain is improving but remains a challenge. Airbus bought the struggling A220 programme for a dollar in 2018 after Canada’s Bombardier ran short of cash.



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Boeing forecasts rapid aviation boom across India and South Asia

Passenger air traffic in India and South Asia is expected to grow by an average of 7% each year over the next two decades, driven by a rising middle class, strong economic development, and major investments in airports and connectivity, Boeing has announced. This sustained demand will require airlines in the region to add nearly 3,300 new aircraft by 2044, according to Boeing's latest Commercial Market Outlook for South Asia. Single-aisle aircraft are forecast to dominate future deliveries, accounting for almost 90% of the total, as carriers seek greater flexibility on rapidly expanding short- and medium-haul routes. These jets will be essential for meeting increasing domestic and regional travel needs. The overall fleet across India and South Asia is projected to expand dramatically, rising from 795 aircraft today to 2,925 within 20 years — almost a four-fold increase. Domestic air travel within India will form the backbone of this growth, supported by a continuing shift from rail transport to flying, alongside ongoing upgrades to airport infrastructure. Ashwin Naidu, Boeing Managing Director of Commercial Marketing for Eurasia and the Indian Subcontinent, said air travel is becoming central to how people and goods move across the region. He noted that airlines will need to strengthen route networks, scale up fleets and invest in services and technical personnel to sustain long-term expansion. More efficient and versatile aircraft will open up significant growth opportunities for both established and emerging carriers. Beyond domestic expansion, airlines are also expected to broaden their long-haul operations as India develops into a key international hub for passenger and cargo traffic. Boeing forecasts that the region's wide-body fleet will more than triple by 2044, enabling millions of travellers to access global markets such as the Middle East, Europe and North America. Cargo demand is also set to rise sharply, fuelled by India's growing high-tech manufacturing sector and the expanding influence of e-commerce. The region's freighter fleet, including new and converted aircraft, is expected to increase five-fold over the next two decades. To support this rapid aviation growth, Boeing estimates the region will require more than US\$195 billion in aviation services, covering maintenance, repairs, digital solutions and training. The industry will also need around 141,000 new professionals, including approximately 45,000 pilots, 45,000 technicians and 51,000 cabin crew, by 2044.

DAE agrees Boeing 737-8 lease with Somon Air



Somon Air will lease two B737-8 aircraft from DAE

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Dubai Aerospace Enterprise (DAE) has entered into an agreement with Somon Air for the lease of two new Boeing 737-8 aircraft, scheduled for delivery in 2026. Commenting on the agreement, Firoz Tarapore, Chief Executive Officer of DAE, said: "We are delighted to announce the signing of the aircraft lease agreements with Somon Air, a new customer for DAE. As the national air carrier of Tajikistan, we are excited to support Somon Air's growth and look forward to deepening this relationship into the future." Abdulkosim Valiev, Chief Executive Officer of Somon Air, added: "We are pleased to have signed the lease agreements with DAE Capital for the new Boeing 737-8 aircraft. This addition will support Somon Air's network expansion, enable the launch of new routes, and enhance the overall efficiency of our operations." DAE currently owns, manages, and is committed to own or manage approximately 750 aircraft, including 237 from Boeing, with plans to further expand its fleet to meet growing market demand.

GE reaches hybrid electric engine milestone

GE Aerospace, the parent company of CFM International, has achieved a significant new testing milestone in hybrid electric aviation, successfully demonstrating power transfer, extraction and injection on a high-bypass commercial turbofan engine. The achievement follows ground testing of a modified GE Passport engine, completed in 2025 at GE's Peebles Test Operation as part of NASA's Turbofan Engine Power Extraction Demonstration project. The tests went beyond individual component validation, enabling technical



GE Aerospace has made the first ground test of a commercial hybrid electric engine demonstrator

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teams to deepen their understanding of full system integration and control for hybrid electric propulsion. GE Aerospace is developing a hybrid electric architecture for narrow-body aircraft that integrates electric motor-generators directly within a gas turbine engine. This configuration allows electrical power to supplement engine output during different phases of operation. Crucially, the design is optimised to function either with or without onboard energy storage, such as batteries, offering greater flexibility in future aircraft applications. According to GE Aerospace, the latest tests successfully demonstrated a narrow-body hybrid electric engine architecture that does not require energy storage to operate. This marks an important step towards making hybrid electric propulsion viable for commercial aviation, supporting goals for improved efficiency, durability and operational range. The results exceeded NASA's technical performance benchmarks, which were defined using industry input to reflect engine capabilities capable of delivering meaningful fuel cost savings while meeting the power demands of future aircraft designs. The Power Extraction Demonstration forms part of a wider portfolio of technology development activities within the CFM International RISE (revolutionary innovation for sustainable engines) programme. Launched in 2021, RISE is one of the most comprehensive technology demonstrator efforts in the aviation industry. To date, it has involved more than 350 tests and over 3,000 endurance cycles, covering advanced concepts such as Open Fan architectures, compact cores and hybrid electric systems. The RISE programme places strong emphasis on safety, durability and efficiency, with a target of achieving more than a 20% improvement in fuel burn compared with today's in-service commercial engines. Technologies developed under the programme are progressing towards ground and flight testing later this decade, alongside ongoing work on aircraft and engine integration in collaboration with industry partners.

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Airbus Helicopters secures strong 2025 order momentum

Airbus Helicopters recorded a robust performance in 2025, logging 544 gross orders (536 net) from 205 customers across 50 countries, underlining sustained growth across both civil and military markets. The company delivered 392 helicopters during the year and achieved a 51% share of the civil and parapublic market, while its military market share rose to 28%. Demand was strong across the full product range, with additional momentum seen in the Uncrewed Aerial Systems (UAS) segment. The year's results reflected a near 20% increase in order intake by units, highlighting the relevance of Airbus Helicopters' modern portfolio in an increasingly complex operational environment. The company also continued to strengthen its position in defence and security, while accelerating its shift into UAS. By integrating Survey Copter into core operations, Airbus Helicopters has established a comprehensive range of tactical drones. Combined with its advanced HTeaming capabilities, this enables a connected, networked ecosystem designed to meet the needs of modern military operations. 2025 was marked by several major sovereign commitments. Spain placed a landmark order for 100 helicopters, including 50 H145Ms, 31 NH90s for all three branches of its armed forces, and the first orders for the H175M. Germany advanced its fleet modernisation by exercising an option for 20 additional H145Ms, bringing its total order to 82 aircraft, with initial deliveries already completed. The NH90 programme also regained momentum. The Netherlands expanded its fleet with three additional aircraft, Greece signed an important follow-on support contract, and Germany took delivery of its first NH90 Sea Tiger. This latest variant enhances anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare capabilities, reinforcing the NH90's role in demanding naval missions.



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DHL boosts West African air freight capacity with two additional B737-400s



DHL introduces two additional aircraft powering DHL Express operations across West Africa © DHL Aviation

ishables, energy, and life sciences and healthcare, all of which require speed, reliability, and specialist handling. The two Boeing 737-400 aircraft will be fully integrated into DHL Aviation’s African air network, reinforcing critical trade lanes linking Africa with Europe and Asia. DHL leadership highlighted that the expansion aligns closely with broader continental trade developments, particularly the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). As intra-African and global trade volumes increase, companies are placing greater emphasis on predictable transit times and dependable delivery performance to remain competitive. Beyond capacity growth, the investment supports DHL’s wider strategy for sustainable and future-ready logistics. The company continues to advance digitalisation through AI-enabled route optimisation and digital customs solutions, helping to improve efficiency and transparency. At the same time, DHL is piloting renewable energy initiatives and alternative fuel projects across its facilities, underscoring its long-term commitment to environmental responsibility.

DHL Aviation has introduced two fully branded Boeing 737-400 aircraft into its Sub-Saharan African (SSA) network, unveiling them at Murtala Muhammed International Airport in Lagos. The move represents a notable step in DHL’s continued investment in strengthening logistics infrastructure across the region, with a particular focus on West Africa’s fast-growing trade corridors. The additional aircraft significantly increase DHL’s dedicated air capacity in the region. This expansion is designed to shorten transit times, improve the reliability and predictability of deliveries, and extend DHL’s operational reach for customers shipping within West Africa and to international destinations. Businesses operating across borders increasingly depend on consistent logistics performance, and DHL aims to meet these expectations through a more robust aviation network. As the only logistics integrator operating its own dedicated air network in Sub-Saharan Africa, DHL continues to scale its aviation uplift in response to rising demand. Growth is being driven by key sectors such as e-commerce, per-

Delta expands long-haul fleet with Airbus wide-body order

Delta Air Lines has confirmed a significant new aircraft order with Airbus, reinforcing its long-term strategy to expand international operations and modernise its long-haul fleet. The airline has placed a firm order for 31 next-generation wide-body aircraft, made up of 16 A330-900s and 15 A350-900s. Once these aircraft are delivered, Delta’s wide-body fleet will have grown substantially, reaching 55 A330neo aircraft and 79 A350s. The move highlights Delta’s focus on strengthening its global footprint while enhancing the onboard experience for premium and long-haul travellers. Chief Executive Officer Ed Bastian said the aircraft will support the airline’s ambitions to serve expanded long-haul markets, while also delivering improved operational performance and long-term cost efficiencies. Airbus also welcomed the deal as evidence of Delta’s confidence in its wide-body portfolio. Benoît de Saint-Exupéry, Airbus Executive Vice President of Sales for Commercial Aircraft, described the renewed commitment as a reflection of the strong partnership between the two companies. He noted that both aircraft types offer the range, capacity and cabin quality Delta needs to connect more global destinations. Delta is already one of Airbus’ largest airline customers, operating more than 500 Airbus aircraft across the full product family, from the A220 to the A350-900. In addition, Delta’s current Airbus backlog stands at around 200 aircraft, including the larger A350-1000 model. The A330neo, powered by Rolls-Royce Trent 7000 engines, is capable of flying up to 8,100 nautical miles non-stop and offers around a 25% reduction in fuel burn, emissions and operating costs compared with earlier-generation competitors. The A350, Airbus’ most modern wide-body, can fly up to 9,700 nautical miles and is designed with advanced aerodynamics, lightweight materials and efficient engines to deliver improved sustainability, comfort and long-range performance.



Image of Delta Air Lines A330neo and A350 aircraft

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Air India unveils new RECARO seating for Dreamliner fleet



Reclined RECARO PL3530 seats in B787-9 Economy Cabin

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RECARO Aircraft Seating has partnered with Air India to deliver an enhanced onboard experience for passengers worldwide. First announced in 2024, the collaboration will see Air India's newly line fit Boeing 787-9 multiclass cabins take flight from February 1, 2026. The aircraft will feature RECARO's PL3530 Premium seating alongside the CL3710 economy-class seats. This cabin upgrade forms a key part of Air India's wider transformation programme, aimed at creating a world-class, future-ready flying experience. The new B787-9 interior has been carefully designed to deliver major improvements in comfort, privacy and usability. Both seating products are central to the airline's commitment to elevating long-haul travel, offering passengers a more intuitive, personalised and restful journey across all cabin classes. Travellers in the Premium cabin will benefit from a significantly enhanced level of comfort, including a generous seven-inch recline and a spacious 38-inch seat pitch. The PL3530 seats also include both calf and leg rests, each with three locking positions to support different

seating preferences during flight. Additional features include 13.3-inch in-flight entertainment monitors and USB-A and USB-C charging options throughout the cabin, meeting the demands of today's connected travellers. In Economy Class, passengers will enjoy a comfortable five-inch recline with seat pitches of 31 or 32 inches, along with ergonomically designed comfort cushions. The CL3710 also incorporates RECARO's patented six-way adjustable headrest with integrated neck support, further enhancing passenger comfort on longer journeys. Each seat is equipped with an 11.6-inch monitor and convenient USB-A and USB-C ports. To improve accessibility for both passengers and crew, all aisle seats also feature RECARO's integrated cabin crew step, making overhead locker access easier across the cabin.



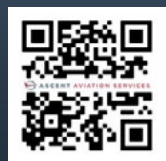
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SunExpress takes delivery of four new Boeing 737-8s

SunExpress, the Turkish leisure airline and joint venture between Lufthansa and Turkish Airlines, is starting 2026 with the addition of four new Boeing 737-8 aircraft, further strengthening its fleet modernisation programme. The carrier, which is headquartered in Antalya and operates as a key airline linking Türkiye with Europe and the wider Mediterranean region, confirmed that the new aircraft arrived in Antalya during January. The fourth and final aircraft was delivered on January 29, marking an important early milestone in the airline’s growth plans for the year. Of the four new Boeing 737-8s, three have already entered service across the SunExpress route network, while the final aircraft is scheduled to begin commercial operations at the start of February. These latest deliveries follow the arrival of five Boeing 737-8 aircraft in 2025, highlighting the airline’s steady investment in next-generation aircraft. SunExpress has built a strong position in the European holiday travel market, operating an extensive network of scheduled and charter services connecting major European cities with popular Turkish destinations such as Antalya, Izmir and Dalaman. With decades of experience and the backing of two of Europe’s most established airline groups, SunExpress continues to expand capacity while maintaining a focus on operational reliability and customer service. By continuing to invest in the latest aircraft technology, SunExpress aims to meet growing passenger demand, improve overall fleet efficiency and reinforce its role as one of the leading leisure airlines connecting Europe and Türkiye.



SunExpress has added four new B737-8s to its fleet

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DAE Agrees 13-aircraft Boeing 737-8 lease with Royal Air Maroc



DAE and Royal Air Maroc have signed new lease agreements for additional B737-8 aircraft
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Dubai Aerospace Enterprise (DAE) has reached an agreement with Royal Air Maroc for the lease of 13 new Boeing 737-8 aircraft, scheduled for delivery in 2027. This follows an earlier agreement for two Boeing 737-8 aircraft, which were delivered in 2025. Firoz Tarapore, Chief Executive Officer of DAE, said the company was pleased to partner with Royal Air Maroc on its significant fleet expansion. He noted that Morocco is a fast-growing tourist and business hub in Africa, supported by the airline’s expanding connectivity, and added that DAE looked forward to continuing to support Royal Air Maroc’s future fleet requirements. Abdelhamid Addou, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Royal Air Maroc, said the agreement aligned with the airline’s ambition to become a leading global connector. He explained that the Boeing 737-8 aircraft would strengthen network development, enable new route launches and increased frequencies, and provide greater operational efficiency and flexibility to meet growing demand while enhancing connectivity between Africa, Europe and beyond.

AJW adds another Boeing 787-8 to portfolio

AJW Group, the independent provider of aircraft component parts, repair, and supply chain solutions to the commercial, business and defence aviation sectors, has acquired one Boeing 787-8, MSN 36424, further strengthening its growing B787 portfolio. The aircraft joins an expanding range of B787 types acquired by AJW Group as part of its long-term strategy to support customer requirements across the Boeing 787 market. “This acquisition is another example of our disciplined approach to building and managing our B787 portfolio,” said Christopher Whiteside, Chairman of AJW Group. “We continue to invest selectively in assets that enhance our platform and enable us to respond effectively to customer needs across the B787 sector. Each addition is assessed carefully to ensure it supports long-term value creation for the Group.”



AJW is strengthening its B787 portfolio with the addition of one B787-8

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Air India steps up jet orders with Boeing and Airbus upgrades

Boeing and Air India have announced that the airline has ordered 30 additional fuel-efficient 737 MAX jets, taking its Boeing order book to nearly 200 aircraft across both single-aisle and wide-body families. The expanded deal includes an incremental purchase of 20 737-8 jets finalised this month, while an order for ten 737-10 aircraft had previously appeared as unidentified on Boeing's Orders & Deliveries website. Both purchases exercise existing options, supporting Air India's continued network growth as travel demand rises. Alongside the Boeing expansion, Air India has also confirmed a significant adjustment to its Airbus programme. The airline will convert 15 of its existing Airbus A321neo orders to the longer-range Airbus A321XLR (Extra Long Range) variant. The conversion was announced on January 29, at Wings India 2026, one of Asia's leading civil aviation events, held in Hyderabad. This move forms part of Air India's landmark Airbus orders placed in 2023, with an additional commitment in 2024, covering 50 twin-aisle A350 aircraft and 300 single-aisle A320 Family jets. Of the 210 A321neo aircraft ordered, 15 will now be delivered as A321XLRs, while the remaining 90 A320neo aircraft will remain unchanged. Deliveries of the new A321XLR fleet are expected between 2029 and 2030. Together, the Boeing and Airbus announcements underline Air India's long-term strategy to modernise its fleet, improve fuel efficiency and expand its reach across domestic and international markets.



Campbell Wilson, CEO & MD Air India and Benoit de Saint-Exupéry, Airbus Executive Vice President of Commercial Aircraft Sales, on stage at Wings India 2026 with Honourable Minister of Civil Aviation, India, Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu

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Embraer and Adani move to build India's regional aircraft capability



Representatives from Embraer and Adani at the MoU signing

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Embraer and Adani Defence & Aerospace (Adani) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to explore the development of an integrated regional transport aircraft ecosystem in India, signalling a significant step towards strengthening the country's domestic aviation and aerospace capabilities. The collaboration brings together Embraer's global experience in aircraft design and manufacturing with Adani's expanding footprint across India's aviation and defence value chain. Under the proposed partnership, the two companies will evaluate opportunities across aircraft manufacturing, supply chain development, aftermarket services and pilot training. A central ambition is the potential establishment of an aircraft assembly line in India, followed by a phased increase in indigenisation. This approach is intended to support India's Regional Transport Aircraft (RTA) programme while aligning closely with national priorities such as the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative and the UDAN regional connectivity scheme. India is seen as a strategically important market for Embraer, particularly as demand grows for efficient regional aircraft capable of serving Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities. By combining Embraer's engineering expertise and proven aircraft platforms with Adani's industrial scale and infrastructure, the companies aim to assess advanced and economically viable solutions that could underpin India's long-term regional aviation ambitions. The collaboration would draw on Adani's broad aviation portfolio, which spans airport infrastructure, aerospace manufacturing, maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) services, and pilot training. This integrated capability is expected to play a key role in building a self-sustaining ecosystem that supports aircraft production as well as ongoing operational requirements. Beyond industrial development, the proposed ecosystem is designed to deliver wider economic benefits. It is expected to support domestic aviation demand while creating substantial direct and indirect employment across engineering, manufacturing, logistics and support services. The partnership is also positioned as a means of strengthening strategic ties between India and Brazil, bringing together complementary industrial strengths in aerospace.

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Newbow Aerospace opens new facility and secures key airline contracts



Newbow has opened a new GSE factory

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Newbow Aerospace (Newbow) has begun 2026 by opening a new production facility in the UK and securing several airline ground support equipment (GSE) contracts, following a record year of growth and new business wins. The GSE manufacturer has doubled its manufacturing capacity with the launch of a new 4,000 ft² fabrication facility in the West Midlands, located close to its head office and existing twin-unit production site. The investment will allow Newbow to scale up production of its GSE trailers and service carts to meet rising demand from customers in the UK and overseas. To support the expansion, the company has recruited additional welders and fabrica-

tors, significantly strengthening its skilled manufacturing workforce. Newbow has also reinforced its order book for 2026 with a major contract from new customer Iberia, covering the initial production of 16 wheel and brake trailers. These units will be delivered over the coming months to airports across Spain to support Iberia's long-haul Airbus A350-900 fleet. In the UK, British Airways' Line Maintenance operation at London Gatwick has selected Newbow to supply several trailers for its Airbus A320 and Boeing 777 aircraft. In addition, Newbow has signed a new general trading agreement with Jet2, beginning with the supply of tyre inflation tooling and pressure gauges, including associated servicing and calibration. Internationally, Newbow reports growing interest from MROs and airlines in Saudi Arabia following the establishment of its first Middle East sales and service partnership in 2025 with GGAS Aviation Services, a maintenance products provider and aviation consultancy.

FL Technics opens Dubai components hub

FL Technics has opened a new EAMS warehouse in Dubai, enhancing its aircraft component support capabilities across the Middle East and Africa. Located in one of the fastest-growing aviation markets, the new facility is designed to accelerate the delivery of critical aircraft components to regional customers. By reducing lead times, the warehouse will help airlines improve operational reliability and respond more effectively to maintenance requirements. According to FL Technics, component availability plays a central role in efficient aircraft maintenance. Establishing a warehouse closer to customers in the Middle East allows the company to react more quickly to operational needs and provide more effective local support. Previously, components serving the region were shipped from FL Technics' global logistics hubs in Europe, Asia and North America, including Vilnius, Kaunas, Frankfurt, Singapore and Miami. While this global network successfully supported customers worldwide, increasing demand from Middle Eastern operators underscored the need for a dedicated regional stock location, which has now been established in Dubai. The decision to expand in Dubai is closely tied to the ongoing development of Al Maktoum International Airport (DWC), which is expected to become one of the largest aviation hubs globally. By situating its warehouse near DWC, FL Technics is positioning itself at the heart of the region's future aviation ecosystem. The new Dubai facility will primarily house critical rotatable components—high-value parts essential to aircraft operation. Keeping these components closer to customers significantly shortens delivery times, helping airlines reduce aircraft-on-ground (AOG) events and maintain operational continuity. Inventory selection is informed by FL Technics' extensive operational data, ensuring that the most frequently required and operationally critical components are available exactly where and when they are needed.



FL Technics' new EAMS warehouse in Dubai

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AerSale opens new Aerostructures MRO facility in Florida



The expanded facility features newly installed, state-of-the-art equipment, including a 40-ft heating oven, 40-ft paint booth, and a 24-by-24-ft sanding booth

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AerSale Corporation has officially opened its newest state-of-the-art Aerostructures MRO facility in Hialeah Gardens, Florida. The site replaces the company's former operation in Medley and marks a significant expansion in both capacity and technical capability. Covering just under 90,000 ft², the new facility is around three times larger than AerSale's previous Aerostructures MRO location. This substantial increase in space will allow the company to boost throughput while continuing to deliver the high structural repair standards its customers expect. The Hialeah Gardens facility features advanced infrastructure, including a new heating oven, paint booth and sanding booth. These upgrades enable AerSale to accommodate larger wide-body structures, such as Boeing 777 and Airbus A330 airframe components, as well as GE90 and Rolls-Royce Trent engine nacelles and thrust reversers. The investments are designed to improve reliability, streamline workflow and support faster, more consistent turnaround times through optimised processes and redundant equipment. With its expanded footprint and enhanced tooling, the facility significantly

increases AerSale's overall operational capacity and ability to serve a broader range of customer requirements. Strategically positioned between Miami International Airport and Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, the Hialeah Gardens site offers strong logistical advantages for airlines, operators and lessors across the Americas and internationally. Nicolas Finazzo, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of AerSale, described the new facility as a major step forward for the company's Aerostructures MRO business. He said the investment in additional space and advanced equipment strengthens AerSale's ability to meet evolving fleet and operational needs. The opening reinforces AerSale's continued commitment to investing in infrastructure, technology and capabilities that deliver measurable value across the global aviation aftermarket.

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Safran to invest €70m in Le Creusot facility

Safran Aircraft Engines has announced a major project to expand its Le Creusot facility in France, which specialises in machining complex rotating parts. The site currently produces low-pressure turbine disks for CFM International’s LEAP and CFM56 engines, which power Airbus A320 and Boeing 737 aircraft. Under the new expansion plan, additional production lines will be introduced to manufacture complex rotating parts for the M88 and GE90 engines, which power the Rafale fighter jet and the Boeing 777 wide-body airliner, respectively. The project represents a €70 million (US\$84 million) investment and will increase the workforce at Le Creusot from 200 to 300 employees by 2032. Scheduled to become operational in 2029, the 9,000 m² expansion will bring the site’s total industrial floorspace to 26,000 m². Once complete, Le Creusot will become the second production source for M88 complex rotating parts, alongside Safran’s Évry-Corbeil facility. This will support business continuity and enable a significant ramp-up in M88 engine deliveries. Machining operations for these parts will begin at the existing Le Creusot facility in 2026 before being transferred to the new expanded area. Claude Quillien, Vice President of Industrial Operations and Supply Chain at Safran Aircraft Engines, said the expansion reflected the company’s ambition to strengthen its internal supply chain in support of business growth. He added that the project would reinforce industrial and technological sovereignty while meeting the needs of both civil and military customers. A flagship Safran industrial site, Le Creusot operates to the highest Industry 4.0 standards, with integrated digital processes, connected and automated production management, and specialised expertise in production engineering and quality control. These capabilities deliver strong performance on the LEAP programme, a high degree of machining autonomy, and resilient, flexible production. Many operations are carried out using closed-door machining, where automated machining centres run continuously without human intervention, including overnight.



Safran will expand operations in Le Creusot to manufacture complex parts for Rafale engines © Safran

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AkzoNobel is to open a new coatings hub in Dubai

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AkzoNobel Aerospace Coatings (AkzoNobel), a global manufacturer of high-performance coatings solutions for the aviation industry, is preparing to launch a new colour blending and distribution facility in Dubai. The strategically located site will strengthen AkzoNobel’s ability to support commercial airlines, MROs, OEMs and industry partners across the Middle East, with locally blended and stocked coatings tailored to individual customer requirements. The new facility, which will serve as a regional hub, is scheduled to become operational in Q2 2026. From Dubai, AkzoNobel will provide local blending of Aerobase, Aerodur 3001 and Eclipse colours, alongside streamlined access to primers, topcoats and thinners held in stock. Colour blending at the site will be supported by automated, precision-controlled processes to ensure consistent and reliable colour accuracy, in line with standards applied across AkzoNobel’s global network. Xavier Rijmenans,

EMEA Sales Director at AkzoNobel Aerospace Coatings, said the new facility underlined the company’s long-term commitment to the region. He noted that AkzoNobel works closely with established Middle East partners who rely on its trusted solutions, and that expanding local blending and distribution capabilities would help reduce lead times while strengthening regional support. He added that the model, already proven across Asia, Europe and North America, would provide customers in the Middle East with improved access to locally blended, high-quality coatings.

Horizon partners with RAMPF on Cavorite X7 fuselage

New Horizon Aircraft has partnered with RAMPF Composite Solutions (RAMPF) to manufacture the fuselage – the main body of the aircraft – for its Cavorite X7 hybrid-electric VTOL (vertical take-off and landing) programme. RAMPF has built a strong global reputation as a leader in high-performance composite design, engineering and manufacturing. Using advanced production techniques and premium composite materials, the company meets some of the most demanding industry standards. With extensive experience supporting aerospace and defence customers, RAMPF will produce a fuselage for the Cavorite X7 designed to optimise performance and meet strict technical requirements. These include the use of lightweight, high-strength composite materials to improve fuel efficiency and durability, resilience against harsh operating conditions and temperature fluctuations, and the structural integrity needed to withstand high-impact forces with precision. Larry Fitzgerald, CEO of RAMPF Composite Solutions, welcomed the collaboration: “We are very excited to work with Horizon Aircraft on their revolutionary new aircraft, the Cavorite X7. This is exactly the type of project that professionals across the composites industry aspire to be part of. It will demonstrate how lightweight, high-performance composites continue to push the boundaries of engineering and design. It is an honour for RAMPF to collaborate with Horizon on such a game-changing aircraft.”

MRO & PRODUCTION NEWS

RECARO expands Polish production hub to meet demand

RECARO Aircraft Seating has announced a major expansion of its Polish, Świebodzin facility, with completion expected in Q3 2026. The development forms part of the company’s long-term growth initiative, known as space2grow, and comes 20 years after the site first opened. The expansion reflects RECARO’s strategy of “in the region for the region”, underlining its ongoing commitment to the local community through investment in infrastructure, jobs and industrial development in the Świebodzin area. The company said the project is designed to support growth across the aviation sector as demand increases and customer expectations continue to evolve. To meet the needs of a rapidly advancing industry, RECARO will significantly increase the site’s capacity. Production and logistics areas will be doubled to almost 18,000 m², while office space will more than double to nearly 5,000 m². The expanded office facilities are intended to provide a more modern working environment and enhance employee wellbeing. Alongside the physical growth, the company will introduce new technological upgrades to strengthen operational efficiency. Plans include the implementation of an automated warehouse system, aimed at improving the accuracy of materials delivered to production lines and reducing manufacturing times. Intelligent space management will also be deployed to optimise warehouse layout and functionality, contributing to lower operating costs and greater flexibility. RECARO said these measures will allow the site to respond more rapidly to changing order volumes and shifting market requirements, ensuring it can meet both current demand and future development opportunities within the global aerospace supply chain. Dr Mark Hiller, CEO of RECARO Aircraft Seating and RECARO Holding, described the expansion as a milestone as the company approaches its 120th anniversary. He noted that growing the Polish facility is a key step in addressing rising aviation industry demand, while also reinforcing RECARO’s commitment to its employees, partners and the local community as it enters a new chapter of development.




Groundbreaking of RECARO’s Polish facility expansion


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ATR secures eight-year support deal with Fly91



ATR and Fly91 have signed a global maintenance agreement

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prop operations, and expanding airport infrastructure is enabling more communities to access air travel for the first time. In this rapidly evolving market, long-term, cost-predictable maintenance solutions such as ATR's GMA will play a vital role in supporting operators like Fly91 as they help shape the future of regional mobility across India.

ATR and Fly91, one of India's newest regional airlines, have signed an eight-year global maintenance agreement (GMA), strengthening the partnership established since the carrier's launch in 2024. Fly91 currently operates four ATR 72-600 aircraft, with two more due to arrive in early 2026, and the extended agreement is intended to support the airline's next phase of growth. Fly91 has been a GMA customer since May 2024, benefiting from a wide range of support services including lease stock, standard exchange and repair of line replaceable units (LRUs), as well as propeller availability and maintenance. After almost two years of operations, and with aircraft utilisation exceeding 2,500 flight hours per year, the airline has chosen to update the scope of its agreement to secure long-term cost visibility and strong operational performance as its fleet expands. The renewed partnership also reflects the growing momentum of regional aviation in India. As the country continues to strengthen air links between smaller cities, turboprops are increasingly recognised as an efficient way to open new routes and improve connectivity. Many inter-city journeys in India are ideally suited to turbo-

FINANCIAL NEWS

Alaska Airlines profits fall as integration advances

Alaska Airlines reported GAAP net income of US\$21 million for the fourth quarter of 2025 and US\$100 million, for the full year. This compares with GAAP net income of US\$71 million in the fourth quarter of 2024 and US\$395 million for that full year. Excluding special items and other adjustments, net income for the fourth quarter of 2025 was US\$50 million with full-year adjusted net income of US\$293 million. These figures compare with adjusted net income of US\$125 million in the fourth quarter of 2024 and US\$625 million for the full year. For 2025, the airline generated an adjusted pre-tax margin of 2.8%. During the fourth quarter, Alaska repurchased 0.7 million shares for approximately US\$30 million, bringing total share buybacks in 2025 to 11.3 million shares at a cost of US\$570 million. Operationally, Alaska and Hawaiian Airlines, a subsidiary recently acquired by Alaskan Airlines Group, achieved a single operating certificate, marking a major milestone in their integration by becoming one airline in the eyes of the Federal Aviation Administration. The airline also announced the largest fleet order in its history in January 2026, covering 105 Boeing 737-10 aircraft, five Boeing 787s and options for a further 35 737-10s, a move that will expand the fleet to 475 aircraft by 2030 and more than 550 by 2035. In the fourth quarter, Alaska took delivery of six Boeing 737-8s and one Boeing 787-9. In January 2026, it unveiled a new global livery for its 787 fleet, which is set to operate on international routes to and from Seattle. The airline also announced the opening of a new Horizon base in Las Vegas to support regional growth and increased flying in California.

Avmax completes acquisition of Condor Aircraft Accessories



Avmax has closed the acquisition of Condor Aircraft Accessories

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Avmax Group Inc. (Avmax) has completed its acquisition of Condor Aircraft Accessories, forming a strategic partnership that strengthens Avmax's aircraft component maintenance capabilities and broadens its service offering for customers in Canada and worldwide. The integration brings together two Alberta-based aviation organisations that share a strong commitment to quality, safety and technical excellence. By combining Avmax's established aviation platform with Condor's specialist expertise, the partnership significantly expands in-house component maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) capabilities across a wider range of aircraft components and operational platforms. Condor Aircraft Accessories contributes decades of experience in aircraft component repair and management, complementing Avmax's existing strengths in MRO services, aircraft leasing and lifecycle management. Together, the two organisations represent more than 85 years of combined aviation experience, united by a shared focus on craftsmanship, safety standards and high-quality performance. As part of the transaction, the Avmax Component Shop and Condor Aircraft Accessories will be operationally aligned, with Condor's approved maintenance organisation (AMO) operating as a division within Avmax. Condor's technical expertise is expected to deliver significant added value across both facilities, ensuring a seamless experience for customers and partners. Importantly, day-to-day operations and existing points of contact will remain unchanged, with no disruption to service. Customers will benefit from enhanced component support, improved efficiency and access to Condor's longstanding experience within the sector.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Falko closes US\$672m Fund II financing

Falko, an aircraft lessor and asset manager focused on the 50–150 seat aircraft segment and one of the longest-established specialists in this sector globally, has reported the closing of a US\$672 million financing facility in December 2025 for its Falko Regional Aircraft Opportunities Fund II (Fund II). The facility will be used to refinance existing debt facilities and once fully drawn, will be secured against a portfolio of 68 aircraft. Citibank, N.A., Deutsche Bank AG, New York Branch, Goldman Sachs Bank USA, Bank of America, N.A., and Royal Bank of Canada acted as Structuring Agents and Mandated Lead Arrangers. Matt Kensit, Falko’s Head of Asset Finance, commented: “We are delighted to have closed our latest financing facility for Fund II with Falko’s relationship banks. The strong level of interest from the banking community underscores the strength of Falko’s platform, the quality of the portfolio, and lender confidence in our sector.” Since its inception in 2011, Falko has raised more than US\$3.5 billion of debt financing across the bank and ABS markets.

RTX delivers strong sales growth in 2025 results

RTX has reported its fourth-quarter and full-year financial results for 2025, highlighting solid revenue growth, improved cash generation and a record order backlog. In the fourth quarter of 2025, the company posted sales of US\$24.2 billion, representing a 12% increase compared with the same period last year, supported by strong underlying performance. Earnings per share under GAAP were US\$1.19, reflecting the impact of acquisition accounting adjustments, restructuring costs and other significant non-recurring items. On an adjusted basis, earnings per share reached US\$1.55, slightly ahead of the prior year. Cash performance remained robust, with operating cash flow totalling US\$4.2 billion during the quarter. Free cash flow came in at US\$3.2 billion, demonstrating continued strength in the company’s ability to generate funds to support investment and shareholder returns. RTX also reported a total company backlog of US\$268 billion, underlining sustained demand across its portfolio. This included US\$161 billion in commercial orders and US\$107 billion in defence-related business. During the quarter, the company completed the divestiture of Collins’ Simmonds Precision Products business, marking further progress in its strategic portfolio reshaping. For the full year 2025, RTX delivered sales of US\$88.6 billion, up 10% year-on-year, reflecting broad-based growth across its operations. GAAP earnings per share were US\$4.96, again influenced by acquisition-related adjustments, restructuring charges and other one-off items. Adjusted earnings per share rose to US\$6.29, representing a 10% increase over the previous year. Operating cash flow for the year reached US\$10.6 billion, while free cash flow totalled US\$7.9 billion, an improvement of US\$3.4 billion compared with 2024. Overall, the results demonstrate RTX’s continued momentum, strong order book and growing cash generation as it moves into the next phase of its long-term strategy.

VSE acquires Precision Aviation Group in US\$2bn deal



VSE has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Precision Aviation Group (PAG) © Shutterstock

VSE Corporation (VSE), a leading provider of aviation aftermarket distribution and repair services, has announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Precision Aviation Group (PAG), a portfolio company of GenNx360 Capital Partners (GenNx), for total upfront consideration of approximately US\$2.025 billion in cash and equity. Founded in 1996 and headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, PAG is a global provider of aviation maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) services, distribution, and supply chain solutions. The company serves commercial, business and general aviation, rotorcraft, and defence markets. PAG operates 29 locations worldwide, employs more than 1,000 people, supports over 10,000 customers globally, and completes more than 175,000 repairs each year. The business expects to generate around US\$615 million in adjusted revenue for the financial year ending December 31, 2025. The acquisition is expected to significantly increase VSE’s scale and strengthen its engine and component service capabilities across the aviation aftermarket. The combined group will create a more diversified, globally scaled platform with broader technical expertise and an expanded portfolio of proprietary repair solutions. VSE said the deal will enhance customer support, extend asset life and help reduce overall cost of ownership.

American Airlines sets sights on growth after record 2025 sales



American delivered fourth-quarter revenue of US\$14.0 billion, despite the US\$325 million negative impact from the government shutdown © American Airlines

American Airlines Group (American) has announced its fourth-quarter and full-year 2025 financial results, posting record revenues while continuing to strengthen its financial position. The carrier reported fourth-quarter revenue of US\$14.0 billion, contributing to record full-year revenue of US\$54.6 billion. The company noted that performance in the final quarter was affected by the government shutdown, which reduced revenue by an estimated US\$325 million. Despite this headwind, American delivered GAAP net income of US\$99 million for the quarter and US\$111 million for the full year. On an adjusted basis, excluding special items, net income totalled US\$106 million in the fourth quarter and US\$237 million for 2025, reflecting steady profitability alongside ongoing investments across the business. American also continued its deleveraging efforts, reducing total debt by US\$2.1 billion during the year. Looking ahead, the airline expects adjusted earnings per share in 2026 to range between US\$1.70 and US\$2.70 and is forecasting free cash flow of more than US\$2 billion. Chief Executive Officer Robert Isom said the airline is positioned for meaningful upside in 2026 and beyond, pointing to investments made in customer experience, network development, fleet renewal, partnerships and the loyalty programme. He added that the company’s strategy will support American as it approaches its 100th anniversary and enters its next century as a premium global airline.

MILITARY AND DEFENCE

Honeywell chosen to light the way for U.S. Army FLRAA



Honeywell's LED Landing Search Light has been selected by Bell Textron for the U.S. Army's FLRAA © Honeywell

growth potential for future MV-75 variants, including the addition of a laser Pro Tracker to support integration with other potential EO/IR systems. The LSL is derived from a proven family of products serving business jets and regional transport aircraft, as well as light fighters, trainer aircraft and helicopters. Earlier this year, Bell also selected Honeywell Attune™ and Honeywell's 36-150 auxiliary power unit (APU) for the MV-75 FLRAA programme. Honeywell Attune™ is a lightweight, low-maintenance and energy-efficient thermal management system that uses advanced technology to generate cold air or liquid for cooling aircraft cabins and electronic systems.

Bell Textron Inc., has selected Honeywell's LED Landing Search Light (LSL) for the U.S. Army's MV-75 Future Long-Range Assault Aircraft (FLRAA). Honeywell's LSL is a high-intensity, energy-efficient landing searchlight that integrates multiple functions into a single unit, reducing pilot workload. The LED lighting solution delivers proven performance and is optimised to meet the demanding mission requirements of the MV-75 FLRAA, with enhanced optical design, power and thermal management, and environmental protection, while also lowering operating costs and weight. "The MV-75 FLRAA is crucial for the U.S. Army and will provide the Army significantly enhanced speed, range and lethality," said Rich DeGraff, President, Control Systems, Honeywell Aerospace Technologies. Manufactured at Honeywell's facility in Urbana, Ohio, the new LSL incorporates the latest component designs originally developed for the commercial aviation market, adapted to meet the specific performance and installation requirements of the MV-75 FLRAA. The system also offers

Government of Ireland takes delivery of new Falcon 6X

ALTEA, the multidisciplinary aircraft procurement and completion specialist, has successfully supported the Government of Ireland in the acquisition of its new strategic reach aircraft – a factory-new Falcon 6X delivered on schedule last December, less than a year after the Government announced the purchase. The aircraft, the first military-registered Falcon 6X and the second delivered by Dassault to a European state, replaces a Learjet 45 that served operationally for more than two decades. It is expected to enter service within the coming weeks. On delivery, the Chief of Staff of the Defence Forces, Lieutenant General Rossa Mulcahy, said the aircraft marks a major milestone for the Irish Air Corps. "This aircraft represents a significant step forward in the State's strategic reach, delivering enhanced capability in airlift, medical evacuation and government transport. Its range, performance and advanced systems will enable us to support Irish citizens and Defence Forces personnel worldwide with greater speed, safety and flexibility. "The arrival of the Falcon 6X also comes at an important moment as we progress towards becoming an Air Force. It reflects not only an investment in modern equipment, but in the future role, ambition and operational reach of Ireland's air capability." The acquisition followed a tender competition under the negotiated procedure set out in the Defence & Security Directive 81/2009/EC to secure a new mid-sized strategic reach aircraft for air transport and broader utility missions. ALTEA was responsible for defining and formalising the requirements, specifications, award criteria and scoring framework for the tender, and also provided advice on the terms of the procurement contract.



The Government of Ireland has taken delivery of a brand-new Falcon 6X jet © Altea

OTHER NEWS



SkyWorks and LuminArx have launched new lending platform SkyLight © Shutterstock

SkyWorks Holdings has partnered with **LuminArx Capital Management** to launch **SkyLight Aero Finance Holdings DAC**, a new platform providing secured debt financing to the global commercial aviation market. SkyLight aims initially to underwrite up to US\$1 billion in loans and finance leases secured against commercial aircraft and engines. The platform combines SkyWorks' aviation, asset management and technical expertise with LuminArx's experience in flexible capital solutions, creating a scalable and disciplined lending business. "The launch of SkyLight represents a natural complement to SkyWorks' long-standing business supporting our airline and lessor clients, leveraging our deep expertise in aircraft asset management, capital markets, and financial structuring," commented Jeff Craine, Chief Financial Officer of SkyWorks. "Given the strong and sustained demand for flexible, asset-based financing solutions, SkyLight is well positioned to deploy capital prudently and deliver attractive, risk-adjusted returns. Our goal is to build a durable lending platform that supports the evolving needs of airlines, lessors, and investors worldwide."

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BARIG has welcomed Ajet as its newest member

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The international airline association **BARIG** (Board of Airline Representatives in Germany) continues to expand its membership, welcoming Turkish carrier **AJet** as the latest addition to its network. AJet is Türkiye's newest low-cost airline and a rapidly growing subsidiary of **Turkish Airlines**, offering connections between Europe, the Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia. The airline links major cities with popular leisure destinations across Türkiye and beyond. AJet is already operating an extensive international footprint, serving 34 countries and flying to 59 international destinations, alongside more than 40 routes within its domestic Turkish network. In Germany, the carrier currently operates services from eight airports, underlining the market's importance within its broader growth strategy. Michael Hoppe, BARIG Chairman and Executive Director, praised AJet's development and focus on sustainability. He highlighted the airline's commitment to modern, low-emission and fuel-efficient aircraft, combined with strategic route planning, as key strengths. Hoppe said BARIG was pleased to welcome such a dynamic airline into its community. AJet's current fleet includes around 90 aircraft, featuring Airbus A320neo and A321neo models as well as Boeing 737-800 and 737 MAX 8 aircraft. Over the next decade, the airline expects its fleet to more than double, reaching 200 aircraft. According to current plans, AJet aims to expand operations to more than 50 countries in the future. Kerem Sarp, Chief Executive Officer of AJet, described Germany as one of the airline's most important markets. He noted that, amid major change across the aviation industry, constructive dialogue and strong representation are increasingly vital. Sarp said BARIG offers an essential platform for engagement with industry stakeholders and partners, supporting AJet's strategic ambitions as it continues to grow its modern fleet and international route network.

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INDUSTRY PEOPLE



Christian Hansen

• **Christian Hansen** is joining SkyWorks as Senior Advisor, further strengthening the company's senior coverage team as SkyWorks continues to expand its global advisory and investment banking platform. Hansen brings a global perspective and deep expertise in aviation finance, developed over more than three decades of advising airlines, lessors and financial institutions. SkyWorks said his experience and long-standing industry relationships will enhance the firm's ability to deliver advisory and capital solutions to clients across market cycles. He joins SkyWorks following a distinguished 35-year career at international law firm White & Case, where he held a number

of senior leadership positions. Most recently, he led the firm's Latin America practice and its global Asset Finance practice. In these roles, he advised on a wide range of complex aviation and structured finance matters. Hansen's professional background spans aircraft and engine financings, restructurings, OEM negotiations, joint ventures, long-term maintenance arrangements and corporate financing transactions. This breadth of experience positions him as a strategic resource for SkyWorks and its global client base. Hansen is admitted to the New York and Florida bars and holds a Juris Doctor degree from New York University.

THE AIRCRAFT AND ENGINE MARKETPLACE

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(1) CFM56-5B4/P	Now - Sale	BBAM	Steve Zissis	info@bbam.com	+1 787 665 7040
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(1) CFM56-7B26	Now - Lease				
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(4) CFM56-5B6/P	Now - Sale				
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(3) CFM56-5B5/P	Now - Sale				
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LEAP Engines	Sale / Lease	Company	Contact	Email	Phone
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Commercial Engines

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(1) A321 Enhanced Landing Gear 2020 OH				
(3) A340 LG Shipset, (1) B777 LG Shipset (4) B737 LG Shipset, (10) A320 LG Shipset, (2) B757 LG Shipset	GA Telesis		landinggearsales@gatelesis.com	
(9) 131-9A, (4) 131-9B (Max compliant), (1) 331-350, (3) 131-9B, (2) 331-200	GA Telesis		apu@gatelesis.com	+1-954-849-3509
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
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