

Weekly Aviation Headline News

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Boeing confirms it has paid US\$3.1 million fine for 2024 737-9 door plug blowout and additional safety violations

The FAA said the full amount sought in September 2025 was paid by Boeing in January and had not been previously disclosed publicly.

It has been confirmed that Boeing paid a US\$3.1 million fine to the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration this year after the agency said the planemaker had committed a series of safety violations, including actions tied to the 2024 Alaska Airlines MAX 9 mid-air emergency, the FAA told Reuters news agency last Wednesday. The FAA said the full amount sought in September 2025 was paid by Boeing in January and had not been previously disclosed publicly. The FAA also said last year it was fining Boeing for interfering with safety officials' independence and said the planemaker presented two aircraft for agency approval that were not airworthy. In 2024, the FAA said it found hundreds of quality system violations at the planemaker's 737 factory in Renton, Washington, and the 737 fuselage factory of then Boeing subcontractor Spirit AeroSystems in Wichita, Kansas, from September 2023 through February 2024. The FAA found that a Boeing employee pressured a co-worker who was performing tasks on behalf of the FAA

to sign off on a 737 MAX so the company could meet its delivery schedule, even though the co-worker had determined that the aircraft did not comply with regulatory standards. Democratic U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal previously called the FAA fine inadequate, adding, "For Boeing, such fines are easily absorbed as the cost of doing business, not a meaningful deterrent to dangerous behavior." Blumenthal had also investigated Boeing safety issues and chaired a committee when it probed the Alaska Airlines incident. The panel released a report showing Boeing whistleblowers raised significant concerns about the company's manufacturing processes. The Alaska Airlines incident occurred on January 5, 2024, at 5:07 p.m. PST, when a flight from Portland International Airport in Oregon took off for Ontario, California. It involved a 737 MAX 9 which suffered massive decompression after approximately six and a half minutes as a result of a door plug blowing out at an altitude of approaching 15,000 feet. The plane

rapidly descended to 10,000 feet and returned to Portland, landing some fifteen minutes later. No passengers or crew were badly injured in the incident. It was later discovered that the door plug had been removed in order to facilitate the repair to some damaged rivets, but when it was reinstalled, the four bolts that would ordinarily secure the plug to the plane's fuselage were not fitted. On January 6, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued an Emergency Airworthiness Directive (EAD) that grounded all Boeing 737 MAX 9 aircraft with a mid-cabin door plug installed, pending a required inspection and corrective actions where required. On January 24, the FAA approved a new inspection process and cleared all 737 MAX 9 aircraft with door plugs to return to service when the inspection had been completed successfully for each plane and Alaska Airlines began returning its 737 MAX 9 planes to service on January 26.



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AIRCRAFT & ENGINE NEWS

Zuri launches uncrewed cargo VTOL

Zuri has unveiled its uncrewed cargo VTOL, a hybrid-electric tiltrotor designed for civil and defence operators. It can carry more than 100 kg over a design range of 679 km, or 569 km with a full 30-minute reserve. The aircraft also cruises at 220 km/h, lands on various surfaces and carries a useful load of 165 kg. The aircraft builds on Technology Demonstrator 2.0, a full-scale prototype currently undergoing ground testing in Prague. The first €6 million tranche of Zuri's Series A funding round will finance TD 2.0 and its full flight-test campaign, with €1.1 million committed by existing investors. Since 2018, Zuri has flown more than 15 aircraft across hundreds of test flights and has demonstrated full-scale hover since 2021. Technology Demonstrator 2.0 integrates the complete architecture into a single full-scale aircraft and is currently undergoing systems integration and ground testing in Prague. Flight testing is scheduled to begin in early 2027, with the findings directly informing the uncrewed cargo aircraft. Six of the programme's eight graded risks have already been retired. What remains is integration and flight testing, not invention. Cargo is carried in a sealed bay within the airframe. An interchangeable pod beneath the aircraft can carry sensors, a communications relay or additional cargo, and can be swapped on the ground to suit each mission. Every flight is remotely piloted, with a ground-based operator in command and automation managing the aircraft in flight. Distributed propulsion and redundant fly-by-wire systems ensure the aircraft remains controllable following the loss of a rotor, with no single point of failure. If the generator fails, the battery provides enough power to land. This delivers the redundancy sought by offshore regulations that require helicopters to have a second engine. (€1.00 = US\$1.17 at time of publication).



Uncrewed cargo VTOL

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euroAtlantic Airways acquires A330-300 from JSA



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euroAtlantic Airways (EAA), has added an Airbus A330-300 leased from Jackson Square Aviation (JSA) to its fleet. The aircraft strengthens EAA's long-haul wide-body capabilities and supports its continued growth in the ACMI and charter markets. The 15-year-old aircraft accommodates 290 passengers in a three-class configuration comprising Business Class, Premium Economy and Economy. It features lie-flat Business Class seats and personal in-seat entertainment screens throughout the cabin. The aircraft, to be registered as CS-TGI following completion of the standard regulatory approval process, completed its delivery flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beja, Portugal, on August 17, 2026. Known for its efficiency and comfort, the aircraft will support EAA's ongoing operations and represents an important step in the Company's long-term growth strategy and expansion of its long-haul capabilities. EAA plans to add further aircraft to its fleet in the coming months as part of its strategic growth plan.

The airline currently operates LOT Polish Airlines' daily New York–Warsaw service, as well as Azul flights linking Lisbon with Campinas, Porto with Recife, and Madrid. It also serves government customers and maintains regular weekly flights to São Tomé and Bissau. Kevin McDonald, CEO of Jackson Square Aviation welcomed EAA as a valued new customer: "The A330 remains a proven and versatile asset, providing the operational efficiency, flexibility, and capacity required to meet the dynamic demands of ACMI and charter operations worldwide. We look forward to working closely with the euroAtlantic team, delivering tailored fleet solutions to support its continued growth in the years ahead."

Pauls Calitis, CEO of EAA, also commented on the acquisition: "This induction reflects the continued growth of our Airbus operation and our commitment to offering airlines and clients around the world a versatile, reliable ACMI and charter solution. We are grateful to Jackson Square Aviation for their partnership in bringing this aircraft into our fleet and look forward to seeing it enter full service."

AIRCRAFT & ENGINE NEWS

FLY91 places major order for 40 ATR 72-600s

FLY91 and ATR have announced an agreement for 40 ATR 72-600 aircraft, valued at approximately US\$1 billion. The deal represents ATR's largest firm order in almost a decade and the biggest ever placed by a regional airline. Deliveries are scheduled between 2027 and 2032. The agreement takes ATR's 2026 order intake to 54 aircraft, already exceeding its total net orders for 2025, with more than three months of the year remaining. Less than three years after beginning operations, regional airline FLY91 plans to expand its fleet from six aircraft to 60 over the next five years. The order highlights the carrier's confidence in India's growth prospects and ATR's belief that regional aviation will play a key role in connecting the country's next generation of travellers. India's regional aviation expansion requires aircraft that can provide affordable travel on short routes while maintaining high levels of efficiency and reliability. With fares remaining a key consideration and fuel accounting for a significant proportion of operating costs, the ATR 72-600 allows airlines to serve regional routes efficiently and dependably. It supports sustainable growth between Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities while making air travel accessible to millions more people. ATR Chief Executive Officer, Nathalie Tarnaud Laude, welcomed the opportunity to support FLY91 as the airline begins its next phase of expansion: "This expansion aligns closely with the Indian Government's ambition to strengthen regional connectivity through UDAN, bringing affordable and reliable air transport to underserved communities. The ATR 72-600 combines unmatched economics, efficiency and reliability, enabling airlines to offer affordable fares while connecting millions of passengers to opportunities across India." Manoj Chacko, Founder, Managing Director & CEO, FLY91, added: "FLY91 was built on a singular conviction: India needs a focused, dedicated regional aviation network that connects emerging cities directly and efficiently. We have grown deliberately and consistently since our inception and this 40-aircraft order is the catalyst for our next phase of expansion. The ATR 72 600 offers the ideal operating economics for our network and our deepened partnership with ATR will be central to powering India's regional aviation revolution".



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Ibom Air takes delivery of third Airbus A220-300



A220-300 aircraft

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Ibom Air has taken delivery of its third Airbus A220-300, registered 5N-CDC, as part of its fleet modernisation and expansion programme. The aircraft was formally handed over at Airbus' A220 final assembly facility in Mirabel, Canada, following the signing of the transfer of title documents by Ibom Air Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer George Uriesi. He commented on the delivery: "The addition of this new A220 will have a significant positive impact on the business, making Ibom Air's operations safer, more passenger friendly, more environmentally responsible, and far more efficient. We look forward to harnessing the myriad opportunities the A220 brings as we continue to expand our network and strengthen our position as a leading airline in Nigeria and West Africa." "We are honoured by Ibom Air's trust in Airbus and the A220 Family. The A220 is the ideal aircraft for the airline's fleet modernisation, thanks to its exceptional operational flexibility, fuel efficiency, passenger comfort, and performance across domestic and regional networks, and we look forward to supporting Ibom Air's continued growth for many years to come," expressed Guillaume Chevasson, Chief Executive Officer of Airbus Canada. Ibom Air placed a firm order for ten Airbus A220-300 aircraft at the 2021 Dubai Airshow. The latest arrival is the second aircraft delivered under that agreement, following the airline's first factory-new A220 in 2023. Ibom Air also purchased a further A220-300 outright in 2024.

Embraer celebrates delivery of its 2,000th E-Jet

Embraer has celebrated the delivery of its 2,000th E-Jet, marking a major achievement for the company. The milestone aircraft, an E195-E2, was handed over to Azul Linhas Aéreas, Brazil's largest airline by number of destinations served. Since entering service in 2004, the E-Jets family has helped reshape the airline industry by combining passenger comfort with operational efficiency and high levels of reliability. Over the past two decades, E-Jets have built a strong global presence, operating with more than 90 airlines in over 60 countries. The fleet has recorded approximately 48 million flight hours and carried more than 2.85 billion passengers worldwide.

"The delivery of the 2,000th E-Jet is an extraordinary milestone for Embraer and for the global aviation transport industry," stated Arjan Meijer, President and CEO of Embraer Commercial Aviation. "As one of the world's three most successful commercial jet programmes, the E-Jets family has played a vital role in connecting communities, opening new markets, and creating sustainable growth opportunities for airlines. We are proud to celebrate this milestone alongside Azul, one of our valued long-standing partners." "E-Jets family has played a fundamental role in Azul's journey. Since our very first flight, operated on December 15, 2008, aboard an E190 aircraft registered as PR-AZL, Embraer aircraft have enabled the expansion of air connectivity across Brazil, bringing cities closer together, stimulating markets, and creating new opportunities for millions of Customers", added John Rodgerson, CEO of Azul.



2,000th E-Jet delivered

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ANA Holdings orders eight additional Embraer E190-E2



ANA E190-E2 aircraft

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Embraer and ANA Holdings (ANA HD) have signed an agreement for eight E190-E2 aircraft, formalising the group's fleet expansion plans announced on July 29, 2026. The deal builds on ANA HD's original firm order for 15 E190-E2s placed in 2025, and increases its total firm orders for the type to 23 aircraft. ANA HD also retains options for a further five E190-E2s.

"This additional E190-E2 order accelerates our efforts to build a sustainable regional aviation network in Japan," stated Koji Shibata, President and CEO of ANA Holdings. "It also underscores our confidence in Embraer's technology to reduce both environmental impact and operating costs. We are excited to deepen our partnership, elevating regional connectivity and delivering a superior passenger experience across Japan." Arjan Meijer, President and CEO of Embraer Commercial Aviation, praised ANA HD's continued commitment to the E2 and said Embraer was ready to support its expansion in Japan. He commented: "With its exceptional economics and fuel efficiency, the E2 will support expanded connectivity across Japan along with better comfort and space for passengers." The E190-E2 is part of Embraer's fuel-efficient E-Jets E2 family, offering lower emissions and noise levels alongside an enhanced passenger experience. Its versatility enables airlines to serve both established and emerging markets efficiently. The latest ANA HD order follows Embraer's recent delivery of its 2,000th E-Jet, marking a major milestone for the aircraft family.

MRO & PRODUCTION NEWS

TP Aerospace strengthens partnership with Parata Air



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TP Aerospace has expanded its partnership with Parata Air, providing a comprehensive wheels and brakes support programme to support the South Korean carrier's rapid fleet growth. Established in 2025, the partnership has developed alongside the airline's expansion from two aircraft to its current fleet of five, covering both Airbus A320 and A330 operations. Since the partnership began, TP Aerospace has supported Parata Air through its Land For Less (LFL) programme, providing Airbus A320 wheels and brakes and Airbus A330 brakes. The service includes component exchanges, access to pooled inventory, on-site stock support and 24-hour aircraft-on-ground assistance. Backed by TP Aerospace's Asia-Pacific team and global supply network, the programme has grown alongside Parata Air's fleet, helping to maintain reliable operations, control maintenance costs and simplify component management. Parata Air currently operates two Airbus A320s and three Airbus A330s across an expanding network of key regional destinations. As the airline continues to grow, it requires scalable support solutions capable of covering both narrowbody and widebody aircraft under a single programme. "The partnership reflects our ability to deliver scalable wheels and brakes support across both narrow-body and wide-body Airbus platforms while providing the reliability, flexibility and responsiveness required by growing airlines. As Parata Air pursues its planned expansion to the US West Coast, our workshop in Las Vegas positions us to provide local support while leveraging our global supply chain, ensuring the same high level of operational reliability as the airline expands across regions," commented Philip Broskov Hansen, Vice President, Global Program Sales at TP Aerospace. "As important as expanding our fleet is, it is equally important to ensure that we have the maintenance and parts support infrastructure in place to operate our growing fleet safely and reliably," stated Lee Kang-hyun, Head of Maintenance at Parata Air. "Through partnerships with global industry specialists like TP Aerospace, we will continue to proactively prepare for the expansion of our fleet and route network while further strengthening the foundation for safe and stable operations."

Textron Aviation gains Australian CASA Part 145 approval

Textron Aviation has received Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Part 145 approval for its Australian maintenance organisation, strengthening its factory-direct service and support across the Asia-Pacific region. The approval covers the company's service centres in Melbourne, Perth and on the Gold Coast, creating one of Australia's most extensive OEM-owned support networks. CASA Part 145 approval confirms that Textron Aviation's Australian maintenance organisation has the systems, qualified personnel, processes and oversight needed to carry out and certify aircraft maintenance in line with Australia's stringent aviation standards. The approval gives customers confidence that work is completed within a CASA-approved framework, while promoting consistent quality, regulatory compliance and technical expertise across Textron Aviation's three company-owned service centres in Melbourne, Perth and on the Gold Coast. Their strategic locations enable the company to provide factory-direct support to operators throughout Australia. More than 1,400 Cessna, Beechcraft and Hawker aircraft are currently operating in the country. The approval strengthens Textron Aviation's ability to support this fleet through local knowledge and capabilities backed by the resources of one of the aviation industry's largest service networks. Customers can access CASA-approved maintenance, aircraft modifications, overhaul services and aircraft-on-ground assistance closer to their operating locations. This localised support is intended to shorten maintenance turnaround times, reduce aircraft downtime and help operators keep their aircraft flying safely and efficiently, while benefiting from direct access to the manufacturer's technical knowledge, parts and wider international support capabilities.



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AMAC Aerospace reports strong Bombardier demand

AMAC Aerospace has recently completed a wide range of scheduled inspections across the Challenger and Global families at their Basel facility, reflecting continued activity among operators seeking specialist maintenance support. Recent projects have included a 36-month inspection on a Bombardier Challenger 604, as well as a 12-month inspection combined with a change of aircraft registry on another Challenger 604. The Basel team also carried out a 12-month inspection on a Challenger 605. Demand has been particularly strong for Bombardier Global aircraft. AMAC Aerospace completed a 30-month inspection on a Global 6000 and combined 15-month and 2,250-flight-hour checks on a Global 6000 XRS. A further Global 6000 underwent both 1,500- and 500-flight-hour inspections, while the company also performed a 1,000-flight-hour inspection on a Global 5000. AMAC Aerospace has



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also welcomed several Bombardier aircraft to its Basel facility for defect rectification. Recent work has included an engine repair on a Global Express XRS, replacement of a bleed-air controller on a Global 5000 and a flap-actuator change on a Challenger 604. The team also completed a tail-cone repair and tyre replacement on a Global 7500. The variety of completed projects highlights the Basel facility's ability to manage maintenance requirements based on both calendar intervals and aircraft utilisation. It also demonstrates the breadth of AMAC Aerospace's experience across Bombardier's long-range business jet portfolio. With several substantial inspections recently completed, the company's Basel operation continues to serve as an important maintenance centre for Bombardier operators. Alexis Ott, Director of Sales and Key Account Management, said the company is once again handling a busy summer programme of Bombardier projects, adding that AMAC Aerospace is attracting a growing number of new clients seeking an alternative maintenance, repair and overhaul provider.

Lufthansa Technik and Emirates renew A380 maintenance deal



Emirates renews A380 Maintenance Deal

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Lufthansa Technik and Emirates have reinforced their long-standing A380 base maintenance agreement. Under the new multi-year contract, Lufthansa Technik Philippines, the global MRO provider's Asian centre of excellence for wide-body base maintenance, will continue carrying out heavy checks on Emirates' A380s until 2030. The programme is already under way at Lufthansa Technik Philippines' existing maintenance facility in Manila, where two base maintenance lines are dedicated to Emirates. The airline will also serve as the launch customer for the company's new facility at Clark International Airport once it becomes operational. The agreement is among the largest by value in Lufthansa Technik Philippines' history, underlining the strength and longevity of the relationship between the two companies. Emirates, the world's largest Airbus A380 operator, has drawn on Lufthansa Technik's extensive heavy

maintenance expertise for its flagship double-deck aircraft since 2023. Lufthansa Technik Philippines has completed more than 30 A380 checks for the airline to date. Kai Roepke, Vice-President Corporate Sales Europe, Middle East and Africa at Lufthansa Technik, thanked Emirates for its continued trust and confidence in the company. "This agreement reflects the success of our partnership and the high quality consistently delivered by our teams. As the world's leading provider of MRO services, we are proud to support the operation of the world's largest passenger aircraft and to further strengthen our collaboration with Emirates. We look forward to continuing to offer reliable, high-quality maintenance support for the airline's impressive A380 fleet in the years ahead."

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AFI KLM E&M signs Air Corsica LEAP-1A engine deal

Air France Industries KLM Engineering & Maintenance (AFI KLM E&M) and Air Corsica have signed a new multi-year agreement to support the airline's fleet of LEAP-1A engines. Covering nine engines that power Air Corsica's Airbus A320neo aircraft, the agreement marks a significant milestone in a partnership spanning several decades. AFI KLM E&M, which already provides CFM56-5B engine maintenance and component support for Air Corsica's Airbus A320ceo and A320neo fleet, will now extend its services to the airline's new-generation LEAP-1A engines. The agreement underlines Air Corsica's continued confidence in AFI KLM E&M's engine MRO expertise and strengthens the Group's position in the rapidly growing LEAP engine support market. By combining extensive operational expertise with high-quality maintenance solutions, AFI KLM E&M will help Air Corsica maximise engine reliability, fleet availability and operational performance throughout the agreement.

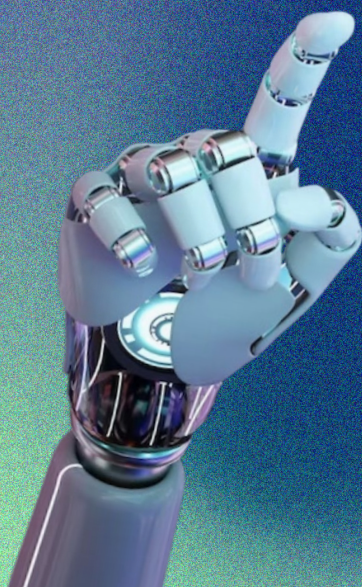


New LEAP-1A engine partnership with Air Corsica

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Martijn de Vries, Senior Vice-President Commercial at AFI KLM E&M, praises the extended partnership, saying the new LEAP-1A engine support agreement further strengthens the company's long-standing relationship with Air Corsica. "For decades, AFI KLM E&M has been a trusted partner, supporting the reliability of our operations as our fleet has evolved. As we continue modernising with the Airbus A320neo, extending our collaboration to include LEAP-1A engine support is a logical progression of that long-standing relationship. Having a partner that understands our operational requirements gives us confidence that we can continue delivering the high levels of reliability and service our passengers expect."

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AkzoNobel Aerospace Coatings opens new Thailand facility

AkzoNobel Aerospace Coatings has officially opened a new colour blending and distribution facility in Chonburi, Thailand, strengthening its support for commercial aviation operators, MRO providers, OEMs and industry partners across the Asia-Pacific region. The opening ceremony took place on August 25, 2026, giving guests the opportunity to tour the production floor, quality control laboratory and distribution facilities, as well as meet members of AkzoNobel's local and regional teams. The new aerospace facility will provide locally blended and stocked coating solutions tailored to customers' individual requirements, improving product availability and supporting regional growth. AkzoNobel's Chonburi site, located 90 minutes from Bangkok International Airport and east of Pattaya, will blend aerospace topcoats locally and provide streamlined access to primers, thinners and curing solutions, helping to reduce lead times, improve product availability and strengthen technical and commercial support for customers across the region's growing aviation industry.



Chonburi, Thailand facility

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Marius Vasiliu, Regional Sales Director, AkzoNobel Aerospace Coatings Asia Pacific, commented on the new Asia-Pacific facility expansion: "The new opening of our Chonburi facility is an important milestone as we look to support commercial aviation operators, MROs, OEMs, and industry partners across the region. Customers can expect fast access to the products they need, backed by technical expertise and increased responsiveness for locally blended and stocked coatings solutions at the highest quality." He continued: "From this site we will be able to offer increased distribution capabilities, reducing lead times for local blending of topcoats alongside streamlined access to primers, thinners and curing solutions."

StandardAero opens Winnipeg facility expansion



StandardAero expands Winnipeg facilities

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StandardAero has opened a 70,000 ft² extension to its Winnipeg facility, increasing MRO and component repair capacity for airline and military operators worldwide. The expanded site supports GE Aerospace CF34-3/8 and CFM International CFM56 engines, which power a range of regional, business, commercial and military aircraft, including the Embraer E-Jets, MHIRJ CRJ family, Bombardier Challenger, Boeing 737NG, Airbus A320ceo and P-8A Poseidon. The investment underlines StandardAero's continued commitment to CF34 and CFM56 customers worldwide while building on its 115-year history in Winnipeg. The company employs 1,500 highly skilled people across eight facilities in the city, supporting commercial, military and business aviation operators globally and contributing to the local economy. "Opening this facility in the city where our company was founded underscores both our deep roots in Winnipeg and our confidence in the future," said Russell Ford, Chairman and CEO of StandardAero. "By increasing our capacity to support CF34 and CFM56 operators, we are investing in the long-term success of our customers and reinforcing Winnipeg's role as a key hub within our global network. We are grateful to both the Manitoba provincial government and our other partners for their support as we continue to provide reliable, high-quality engine services for customers around the globe." "Demand for high-quality CF34 and CFM56 support continues to grow, and we believe that this expansion will ensure that we can meet our customers' evolving needs for years to come," added Peter Wheatley, Vice President and General Manager – CF34/CFM56 at StandardAero. "By combining additional capacity with world-class equipment, talent and processes, we are delivering on our commitment to deliver operational excellence. Backed by a highly skilled workforce and a strong foundation of long-term customer commitments, this facility positions us to deliver even greater value, responsiveness and reliability."



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JCB Aero achieves Boeing Part 145 certification

JCB Aero, part of the AMAC Aerospace Group, has expanded its MRO capabilities after securing a new Part 145 approval covering Boeing aircraft. Based in Auch, near Toulouse, France, JCB Aero began its MRO operations in October 2024 and has since completed numerous maintenance projects on Airbus aircraft. Following this new approval, the company can now extend these services to Boeing operators, covering Base and Line Maintenance on Boeing B737 aircraft, including the B737-600, B737-700, B737-800 and B737-900 variants. JCB Aero has already begun issuing quotations and expects to welcome several Boeing aircraft to its hangar in the coming months. Sébastien Kubler, Chief Operating Officer at JCB Aero, commented on the company's achievement: "Receiving this Boeing approval marks an important milestone in the development of JCB Aero's MRO activities. Adding the Boeing 737 family to our existing Airbus capabilities enables us to serve a wider range of customers and further strengthens our position as a flexible and responsive MRO partner. This achievement is also a great recognition of the commitment and expertise of our teams." This milestone follows AMAC Aerospace's recent announcement of strong demand for Bombardier maintenance services at its Basel facility, where the company has completed a wide range of inspections, repairs and component replacements across the manufacturer's long-range business jet portfolio.



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AnimaWings selects SAMCO for Airbus A220 maintenance



AnimaWings Airbus A220

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AnimaWings has selected SAMCO Aircraft Maintenance (SAMCO), as the base maintenance provider for its Airbus A220 fleet. The newly signed agreement further strengthens the companies' existing relationship and builds on the close cooperation and strong support already established between them, providing a solid foundation for the continued operation of AnimaWings' A220 aircraft. Under the agreement, SAMCO will provide tailored base maintenance services designed to support the safety, reliability and operational availability of AnimaWings' growing Airbus A220 fleet. Each maintenance input will be carefully planned and managed in close collaboration with the airline, ensuring that work is completed efficiently and aircraft are returned to service on schedule. SAMCO's experienced engineering and maintenance teams will draw on their in-depth knowledge of the A220 platform to deliver consistently high standards of workmanship and customer support. Its

flexible approach enables the company to respond to individual operational requirements while minimising aircraft downtime and maintaining full transparency throughout every stage of the maintenance process. The partnership also reflects SAMCO's continued commitment to strengthening its position as a trusted maintenance provider for A220 operators across Europe and beyond. By combining technical capability with responsive service and close customer cooperation, SAMCO aims to provide long-term support throughout the aircraft lifecycle. SAMCO looks forward to welcoming AnimaWings' A220 aircraft to its facilities and developing the partnership further in the years ahead. The agreement represents another important milestone for both companies and reinforces their shared focus on safety, quality, efficiency and dependable fleet operations.

FINANCIAL NEWS

VSE Corporation acquires Atech Turbine Components

VSE Corporation (VSE) has disclosed the acquisition of Atech Turbine Components (Atech), a specialist maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) provider focused on complex hot-section components for aircraft turbine engines. Founded in 1990 and based in Auburn, Massachusetts, Atech specialises in proprietary engine component repairs, primarily for Pratt & Whitney Canada platforms. Its approvals cover more than 300 part numbers, and it is the sole-source provider for many flight-critical repairs across several engine families and the PW901 auxiliary power unit. Its approximately 40 employees deliver highly technical repairs for hot-section and structural engine components supporting business, commercial, military, rotorcraft and special-mission aviation. The acquisition adds more than 300 specialised, proprietary and OEM-approved repairs to VSE Aviation's engine aftermarket platform, expanding its capabilities beyond parts distribution and accessory MRO into differentiated engine component repair. Atech's long-standing relationship with Pratt & Whitney Canada also strengthens VSE's alignment with a key OEM partner and broadens its aftermarket support across critical engine platforms. VSE plans to expand Atech's capacity and capabilities, accelerate the development of new proprietary repairs and support future organic growth. "This acquisition represents another important step in the expansion of VSE Aviation's engine aftermarket capabilities," commented John Cuomo, President and CEO of VSE Corporation. "Atech brings a differentiated portfolio of proprietary repairs, highly technical capabilities and a deep relationship with Pratt & Whitney Canada across some of the most important engine platforms in the aviation aftermarket. By adding Atech to VSE, we are expanding the breadth of solutions we provide to our OEM partners and customers while creating another attractive platform for long-term organic growth." Rita Kapur, President of Atech Turbine Components praised the company for their achievements: "Our people, our reputation, and the trust we have earned from our customers are what defines us. This partnership with VSE Aviation allows us to build on that foundation while creating even greater opportunities for growth. VSE shares our commitment to technical excellence, exceptional customer service, and investment in our people. Together, we will have greater resources and capabilities to expand our specialized repair portfolio, deepen our customer relationships, and continue delivering the quality and service that have defined Atech Turbine Components for decades."



VSE Corporation acquires Atech Turbine Components
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FINANCIAL NEWS

SIAEC acquires 30% stake in Arport AME

SIA Engineering Company Limited (SIAEC) has completed its acquisition of a 30% stake in Arport Aircraft Maintenance & Engineering (Fujian), also called Arport AME. The transaction was completed on August 26, 2026, after all conditions were met. This follows SIAEC's announcement on March 17, 2026, that it and its wholly owned subsidiary, SIAEC Global Private Limited, had signed agreements with Arport AME, Xiamen Iport Group and Arport AME's direct shareholders to complete the transaction and establish an MRO joint venture in Fujian, China. Following completion, Arport AME has become an associated company of SIAEC. Arport (Xiamen) International Airport Co., and Arport (Fuzhou) International Airport Co., Ltd. hold the remaining 38.5% and 31.5% stakes, respectively. The transaction is not expected to have a material effect on the SIAEC Group's consolidated net tangible assets per share or earnings per share for the financial year ending March 31, 2027. None of SIAEC's directors or controlling shareholders has any direct or indirect interest in the transaction, other than through any shares they may hold in SIAEC. The joint venture expands SIAEC's presence in China's aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul market while bringing together its engineering expertise and IPORT Group's regional airport network. Through Arport AME, the partners will be positioned to support airline customers in Fujian and respond to growing demand for regional aviation maintenance services.



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JetZero raises US\$100 million to advance Z4 Programme



Jet1 aircraft

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JetZero has completed a senior secured term loan facility worth up to US\$100 million, building on recent milestones for its all-wing aircraft programme. Designed for the mid-market segment, the aircraft will carry around 250 passengers over distances of up to 5,000 nautical miles and is expected to reduce fuel consumption and emissions by up to 50% compared with conventional tube-and-wing aircraft of a similar capacity. The funding will support technology development, manufacture of the Demonstrator Jet1 aircraft, expansion of JetZero's US manufacturing and testing facilities in Greensboro, North Carolina, and working capital for its US operations. Tom O'Leary, JetZero CEO and co-founder commented: "Through this facility, we will fund tooling and production facilities in North Carolina, advancing aerospace innovation and reindustrialising America. Not only has the time come to reshape aviation, but the Z4 will lead the way." The Z4 is expected to enter service in the early 2030s.

The group of lenders includes Pinegrove Credit Partners, backed by Brookfield and HRTG Partners, alongside Silicon Valley Bank, a division of First-Citizens Bank. "JetZero is moving from demonstration to production, and that transition is where capital structure matters most," added Craig Caukin, Partner at Pinegrove. "We structured this facility around the programme's real milestones. Together with our limited partners, we will be looking to expand the capacity of this facility when the opportunity presents itself." JetZero is continuing to build Jet1, its full-scale demonstrator aircraft, in partnership with Scaled Composites, a Northrop Grumman company. Construction was 40% complete as of June 2026, with the maiden flight planned for the fourth quarter of 2027. In June 2026, JetZero broke ground on Factory1, its Z4 production facility in North Carolina, where it plans to create more than 14,000 jobs over the next decade.

Bombardier agrees to acquire MHI Canada Aerospace assets

Bombardier and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (MHI) have agreed that Bombardier will acquire the assets of MHI Canada Aerospace (MHICA) in Mississauga, Ontario. Subject to regulatory approval and customary closing conditions, the transaction is expected to be completed later this year. Through the acquisition, Bombardier will add MHICA's aerostructure manufacturing expertise and approximately 750 employees to support its aircraft programmes. The transaction will also strengthen Bombardier's in-house aerostructures capabilities, resilience and operational independence. MHI will work closely with Bombardier to ensure a smooth transition, maintain continuity and minimise disruption to aircraft programmes. Following completion of the transaction, MHI will provide support during an interim period to help transfer operations and ensure continuity for MHICA's employees and Mississauga activities. "This agreement represents a key step in Bombardier's long-term growth strategy, strengthening critical capabilities, enhancing operational resilience and supporting the company's flexibility to meet growing customer demand," commented David Murray, Executive Vice President, Manufacturing, Supply Chain Execution and Bombardier Operational Excellence (BOE) System, Bombardier. "MHI Canada Aerospace has built a highly respected operation with a talented and experienced team. With this acquisition, we are deepening our core manufacturing expertise as well as our commitment to proactively develop the local workforce through multiple streams in component manufacturing and whole aircraft assembly." Hiroyuki Koguchi, Executive Vice-President and Head of Commercial Aviation Systems at MHI, praised MHICA's employees for their achievements and the important contribution they have made: "Together, we have built one of Canada's aerostructures manufacturers, and this agreement ensures a bright future for our employees, whose skill, dedication and expertise have been central to MHICA's success."



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FINANCIAL NEWS

Nayak Aircraft Services takes over LAS Maintenance

Nayak Aircraft Services has acquired a controlling stake in Portugal's LAS Group, which comprises LAS Maintenance, LAS Training and SLOT-Human Resources. Founder João Louro will retain a shareholding and continue to lead LAS Maintenance as Chief Executive Officer. The acquisition expands Nayak's European network and strengthens its ability to provide high-quality, customer-focused aviation services. The integration strengthens Nayak's presence in Southern Europe while maintaining LAS Group's existing management, operations and brand. Airline customers will benefit from continued high-quality maintenance support, backed by the resources of a larger international group. Marco Smit, CEO of Nayak Aircraft Services commented on the acquisition: "What makes this acquisition particularly powerful is the cultural alignment between our organizations," He continued: "LAS Group brings not only strong technical capabilities but also a mindset that perfectly matches our approach: pragmatic, customer-focused, and collaborative." "We strongly believe in empowering local teams while providing the structure and support of a larger group," added João Louro, CEO and Founder of LAS Maintenance. "Maintaining our management structure and leadership ensures that our clients will continue to receive the exact same quality and service levels they have always trusted, while gaining access to the benefits of a larger European platform. Together, we will continue to grow in a sustainable way, driven by quality, safety, and customer satisfaction."



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Veryon adds Polaris Aero to aviation software portfolio



VOCUS SMS Software

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Veryon, a provider of aviation software solutions, has acquired Polaris Aero, a company specialising in aviation safety management software. Founded in 2007, the company provides safety management solutions to aircraft operators and maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) providers worldwide. The acquisition adds more than 200 customers to Veryon's portfolio and strengthens its position in the aviation maintenance software market. Polaris Aero's VOCUS SMS, FlightRisk and GroundRisk products help corporate flight departments, charter operators and MRO providers manage compliance, assess risk and improve operational safety. The deal also combines Polaris Aero's extensive safety information with Veryon's dataset of more than 100 million maintenance events. The expanded data will enhance the accuracy and reach of Veryon AIRE, its AI-powered intelligence platform, giving operators more precise insights into safety risks and maintenance requirements. Veryon Chief Executive Officer, Bethany Little, welcomed the addition of Polaris Aero's proven safety solutions to the

company's software suite. She stated: "It's a pivotal step towards a better alignment between aviation safety and maintenance, enabling smarter and safer decisions across every phase of customers' operations."

"Joining forces with Veryon is an exciting next chapter for Polaris Aero," added Chris Connor, Chief Executive Officer of Polaris Aero. "Our mission has always been to help operators manage risk and streamline compliance through smarter safety programmes. With Veryon, we can scale that mission even further, integrating safety and maintenance in ways that deliver more value, more efficiency, and ultimately, safer operations for our customers."

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

HAVELSAN's A320 FFS orders rise to six units

Türkiye-based flight simulator manufacturer HAVELSAN is experiencing growing international demand for its Airbus A320-family training solutions, with orders for six additional devices complementing the five Airbus A320 full-flight simulators (FFS) already in service. All HAVELSAN-manufactured A320 full-flight simulators currently in service have received European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) qualification. Several airlines and training centres are also evaluating the devices, including through assessment flights designed to examine the handling characteristics, fidelity and training capabilities of the company's Airbus A320-family simulators. The Airbus A320-family devices are part of HAVELSAN's STARLINE full-flight simulator portfolio and are backed by the company's engineering, maintenance and after-sales services. HAVELSAN is focused on establishing long-term partnerships with airlines and training organisations that extend beyond the initial delivery, offering lifecycle support, maintenance, upgrades and flexible financing options. In March 2026, HAVELSAN began construction of a new 17,000-square-metre Simulator Production and Integration Facility in Ankara. Due to become operational in 2027, the site will enable the company to manufacture more than 30 simulators a year and develop and integrate up to 16 devices simultaneously. Together with HAVELSAN's existing facilities in Ankara, the new site will give the company capacity to handle up to 40 commercial and military simulators at various stages of development, production and integration.



A320 full-flight simulators

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

ASL Airlines Australia selects Acron Aviation CTS

Acron Aviation Commercial Training Solutions (CTS) has expanded its partnership with ASL Airlines Australia under a preferred supplier agreement for Boeing 737 type-rating training until the end of 2028. The multi-year agreement follows the successful delivery of Boeing 737 type-rating training for ASL Airlines Australia pilots at CTS' London Training Centre during the first half of 2026. It also covers pilots who need to complete Airline Pilot Standards Multi-Crew Cooperation (APS MCC) training. As part of the partnership, CTS has worked closely with ASL Airlines Australia to tailor its type-rating course further, completing a standardisation programme that integrates the airline's standard operating procedures (SOPs) into the training. "Feedback from our trainees on the course, facilities, instructors and overall training environment has been overwhelmingly positive, with particular praise for the instructors' professionalism, knowledge and commitment to helping every pilot succeed," commented Captain Nathan Burkitt Head of Training and Checking, Flight Operations, ASL Australia Patrick Davis, Vice-President and General Manager of Acron Aviation Commercial Training Solutions' London Training Centre, welcomed ASL Airlines Australia's decision to extend its partnership with the company and appoint it as a preferred supplier of Boeing 737 type-rating training until the end of 2028. He commented: "This agreement reflects the confidence ASL Australia has in the quality of our training, our instructors and our ability to deliver customer-focused solutions that prepare pilots for airline operations from day one." The partnership follows the announcement in late August that FlightSafety International (FSI) would acquire the Commercial Training Solutions business from Acron Technologies.



ASL Airlines Boeing 737

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Safran and Ramco streamline engine data integration



Ramco and Safran Helicopter Engines partner on engine data integration © Ramco Systems

Ramco Systems has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Safran Helicopter Engines, to integrate Safran engine data with Ramco Aviation Software. Under the agreement, engine information generated following shop visits will flow directly from Safran into Ramco Aviation Software's Maintenance Information System, reducing manual data entry and enabling helicopter operators to focus on keeping aircraft in service. The collaboration is expected to result in Ramco receiving Safran Helicopter Engines' EngineLife® Connect label, which recognises connectivity solutions compatible with Safran's products and services. Under the MoU, Ramco Systems and Safran Helicopter Engines will work to integrate engine configuration, usage and maintenance data directly into Ramco Aviation Software. The partnership will establish a reliable two-way data exchange, supported by compatible formats and operational processes. For operators, the integration is expected to reduce the time and effort required to enter engine data into the Maintenance Information System, while improving the accuracy, quality and consistency of information used for airworthiness management and maintenance planning. Sam Jacob, Executive Vice President & SBU Head – Aviation, Aerospace and Defense, Ramco Systems, commented on the new partnership: "With several of the world's largest helicopter operators on our platform, Ramco sits at a unique intersection of the aviation MRO ecosystem — connecting OEMs and operators through a single digital backbone. We're delighted to partner with a leader like Safran Helicopter Engines to enable this seamless digital exchange: Safran gains richer engine maintenance data to strengthen reliability, while operators receive OEM information directly into their systems, cutting manual work and improving productivity. Powered by AI and agentic automation, Ramco Aviation Software is built to make exactly this kind of connected, intelligent ecosystem possible."

OTHER NEWS

Wisk begins construction of eVTOL vertiport at Hollister Airport

Wisk Aero, the autonomous aviation company that is currently being acquired by Archer Aviation from Boeing, has broken ground on a new state-of-the-art vertiport at Hollister Municipal Airport in California. The facility will be one of the first vertiports at a US public airport designed to support both piloted and autonomous operations. Located next to Wisk's existing flight-test facilities in Hollister, the 100 ft by 100 ft vertiport will serve as a dedicated test bed for evaluating terminal-area flight procedures, gathering real-world operational data and validating precision-landing technologies. Data collected during test flights will contribute directly to key regulatory and industry initiatives, including the FAA's eVTOL Integration Pilot Program (eIPP) and the continuing development of the FAA's Vertical Lift Infrastructure Advisory Circular. Designed in accordance with existing FAA vertiport standards, the new infrastructure features a modular, deployable layout comprising elevated steel structures, integrated solar panels, power banks and taxiway connections. Its relocatable design allows the platform to be used in a range of operational environments, including future eIPP flight testing in Texas. "Breaking ground on this vertiport at Hollister Municipal Airport is a big moment for Wisk, AAM, and autonomous aviation," expressed Annie Cheng, Senior Program Manager, Operational Integration and Testing, at Wisk. "By testing autonomous and piloted operations on an actual public airport, we are bridging the gap between advanced aircraft development and real-world infrastructure. The data and operational learnings generated here will directly feed into our autonomy stack and help shape the FAA's foundational standards for future vertiport operations, moving autonomous air taxis significantly closer to commercial readiness."



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INDUSTRY PEOPLE



Harald Gloy (left) to succeed Soeren Stark (right) as CEO
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• Lufthansa Technik (LHT) has released that **Harald Gloy** will become Chief Executive Officer as of February 1, 2027, succeeding **Soeren Stark**, who is retiring. The company's Supervisory Board has appointed the engineering graduate to lead the global aircraft maintenance services provider for a five-year term. Gloy has served on LHT's Executive Board as Chief Operating Officer since 2022. He joined the Executive Board of Lufthansa Cargo AG as Chief Operating Officer in January 2019, taking on additional responsibilities as Chief Human Resources Officer and Labour Relations Director in 2021, returning to LHT's Executive Board in 2022 as Chief Operating Officer and Accountable Manager, with responsibility for all operational processes and IT. Gloy also oversaw human resources as Labour Relations Director until 2025. "Harald Gloy combines deep knowledge of Lufthansa Technik with broad leadership experience across the Lufthansa Group. He has played an important role in the company's strong performance and knows our customers, our employees and the global maintenance, repair and overhaul market exceptionally well. The Supervisory Board has full confidence in his ability to lead Lufthansa Technik into its next phase, deliver on the company's strategy, and further strengthen its position as a global industry leader. I look forward to continuing to work with Harald and the entire Executive Board as he takes on his new role," commented **Grazia Vittadini**, Chairwoman of the Supervisory Board of Lufthansa Technik. Soeren Stark, has served as Chairman of the Executive Board of Lufthansa Technik AG since 2022, having joined the Board as Chief Operating Officer and Accountable Manager in 2019. An industrial engineering graduate, he began his Lufthansa Group career in 2001 as plant manager for LSG Sky Chefs at Frankfurt Airport. He later led Lufthansa

sa Technik Logistik Services and headed Lufthansa Technik's aircraft overhaul division, overseeing the integration of its international overhaul sites and expansion of its global network. In 2016, he joined the Executive Board of Lufthansa Cargo as Chief Operating Officer before returning to Lufthansa Technik three years later. "Soeren Stark has made an outstanding contribution to Lufthansa Technik and the Lufthansa Group over many years. The Supervisory Board is grateful to him for his leadership, under which Lufthansa Technik has set a clear strategic course, strengthened its customer relations and delivered significant growth. As Soeren will continue to lead the company until Harald takes office on February 1, 2027, I look forward to working closely with both of them to ensure continuity and a smooth transition," Grazia Vittadini added.



Sanjay Sood

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• AAR has announced the appointment of **Sanjay Sood** as Senior Vice-President and Chief Digital and Technology Officer, effective immediately. Sood will lead AAR's technology organisation, overseeing enterprise systems, infrastructure, cybersecurity, data and analytics, as well as the company's wider adoption of artificial intelligence and other technologies across its operations. He will report to **John M. Holmes**, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. Before joining AAR, Sood was Senior Vice-President and Chief Technology Officer at CDW, a leading multi-brand provider of information technology solutions. In this role, he modernised the company's platforms, data architecture and AI programmes, while managing the technical integration of several acquisitions. He previously held senior technology and product leadership roles at HERE Technologies, where he led global engineering teams and developed emerging products. Earlier in his career, Sood held leadership positions at YP, formerly AT&T Interactive,

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AllVoices and BuzzLabs. "Sanjay brings a unique combination of significant experience in large-scale information technology leadership, infrastructure modernization, and AI technology implementation," said Holmes. "We are pleased to welcome Sanjay to the AAR team. His leadership will be critical as we continue executing our long-term strategy and strengthening the systems and data management that help our business operate effectively." "I look forward to helping connect information across the organization, build on the strong foundation already in place, and reinforce the operational discipline that has long defined AAR," said Sood. "Advancing AAR's vast data resources is key to driving further value and efficiency for customers."

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