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> *US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer*



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Trade truce between US and Europe under threat over recent Airbus loan

Scrutiny over record-breaking US$3.4 billion loan made in June from the European Investment Bank, the EU's official lending arm

US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer told the European Union on October 26, that a lack of information about its record-breaking loan to Airbus threatens a delicate transatlantic trade truce, including on financing large civil aircraft (LCA) projects. According to Reuters news agency, in a statement, Greer expressed frustration that despite "ongoing requests," his office has received no details about the US$3.4 billion loan made in June from the European Investment Bank, the EU's official lending arm. US planemaker Boeing had asked the US government in July to press for transparency on the loan, which came amid speculation that Airbus would use the funds to develop a new aircraft model. "This situation injects substantial uncertainty into transatlantic trade in the aerospace sector," Greer said. "It is important this situation is resolved as soon as possible to ensure market-driven production in the aerospace sector and to avoid violation of the terms of our hard-won LCA deal." An Airbus spokesman said the EIB loan "is a standard corporate financing facility, similar to commercially available loans we've signed in the past. "We are actively engaging with the relevant authorities and are happy to share more information about the loan with governments," the spokesman said in an emailed statement. The loan was also meant to diversify Airbus' funding sources, which was "necessary to manage the complexity of a high-value global production system and supply chain." There is a long history of scrutiny between the US and Europe which began in 2004 over subsidised European financing for Airbus. As reported by the BBC at the time, the USTR argued that European countries had given US$22bn in state aid to Airbus to assist in the launch of the planemaker's A380 and A350 jets, causing losses to US rival Boeing. The WTO initially found in favour of the US in 2011. The US subsequently complained that the EU and certain member countries were not in compliance with the decision, prompting further wrangling between the two sides. Both sides won partial victories before agreeing to a five-year truce in 2021 that forestalled mutual tariffs on some US$11.5 billion worth of trade. The truce was extended in July after the EU parliament approved a broader US trade deal that removed tariffs on US industrial goods in return for a 15% US tariff on most EU goods. US President Donald Trump had threatened higher tariffs unless EU member states met a July 4 deadline for ratifying the deal initially reached in July 2025. A key question for USTR is whether the terms of the EIB loan would be considered a subsidy for Airbus, as the WTO has found in the past on such loans. Boeing did not immediately respond to requests for comment on Greer's statement. The EIB said in July that it finances thousands of companies every year and denied offering Airbus any unusual support. "This is a normal loan, carrying interest, part of the EIB's overall financing activity," a spokesperson for the lender said. Airbus Chief Financial Officer Thomas Toepfer also told reporters in London in July that the loan had been taken out "completely at market level."

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Patriot Dynamics orders six CFM LEAP spare engines

Leasing firm Patriot Dynamics has agreed to buy six spare engines from CFM International, comprising three LEAP-1A engines for the Airbus A320neo family and three LEAP-1B engines for the Boeing 737 MAX family. The agreement marks the first purchase deal between Patriot Dynamics and CFM. The transaction supports Patriot Dynamics' strategy to expand its spare engine portfolio and diversify its funding structure, said David Rojas, a partner at the leasing firm. "This agreement is an important step in our strategy to expand our spare engine portfolio while successfully scaling and diversifying our fund structure," said David Rojas, Partner at Patriot Dynamics. "We recognise the reliability, fuel efficiency, and performance of the LEAP engine family, and we are pleased to work with CFM to support our customers." CFM has delivered more than 10,000 LEAP engines since they entered service a decade ago, accumulating more than 100 million flight hours. The engine maker is continuing to upgrade the fleet, including through a high-pressure turbine durability kit designed to extend time on wing and a reverse bleed system. CFM said it was focused on maximising engine availability through MRO performance, competitive ownership costs and an open MRO ecosystem that supports aftermarket competition.

Life Flight Network orders five H135s



© Life Flight Network

US air medical operator Life Flight Network has ordered five Airbus H135 helicopters, bringing its total orders for the type to eight following a purchase of three aircraft in 2025. The twin-engine helicopters will support emergency medical transport across Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, expanding the operator's capacity to transport critically ill and injured patients. The aircraft will feature modern flight decks and dedicated medical space, supporting crews operating across the Pacific Northwest and Intermountain West. "Every investment in our fleet is an investment in the patients and communities who count on us," said Ben Clayton, Chief Executive of Life Flight Network. The H135's safety features and medical capabilities are suited to operations across regions characterised by mountain ranges, remote communities and long distances, Clayton said, adding that the company would continue its partnership with Airbus as it expands access to critical care across its service areas, including Hawaii.

Atlantic Airways orders two Airbus A320neos



Image of Atlantic Airways Airbus A320neo *© Airbus*

Atlantic Airways, the Faroe Islands' national airline, has placed a firm order with Airbus for two A320neo aircraft as it moves towards an all-A320neo fleet. The order is intended to improve operational efficiency and streamline maintenance through a common fleet. Atlantic Airways currently operates four A320-family aircraft, comprising two A320ceos and two A320neos. "Our ambition is to operate an exclusively A320neo aircraft fleet in the near future, and this agreement marks a significant step towards achieving that goal," said Niels Mortensen, Chairman of Atlantic Airways' board. He said the investment would support fleet renewal and efficient operations. The A320 family has secured more than 20,400 orders worldwide, making it the world's most popular single-aisle aircraft family, Airbus said. The aircraft offer fuel savings and carbon dioxide emissions reductions of at least 20% compared with previous-generation single-aisle models, while providing a wide cabin designed to improve passenger comfort.

Turkish Airlines will add two B777-300ERSFs to its fleet

AerCap has signed lease agreements with Turkish Airlines for two B777-300ERSF converted freighters (known as 'The Big Twin'), with deliveries scheduled between March and September 2027. The aircraft will undergo conversion at Etihad Engineering's maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facility in Abu Dhabi, providing AerCap with additional capacity to serve customers across the Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) region. The deal expands AerCap's growing B777-300ERSF programme, following the delivery of its first converted freighter to launch customer Kalitta Air in September 2025. The lessor has since delivered aircraft to Fly Meta and signed lease agreements with Ethiopian Airlines and China Southern Group. AerCap said the latest agreement would strengthen its longstanding relationship with Turkish Airlines while providing the carrier with additional cargo capacity.



B777-300ERSF also know as 'The Big Twin' *© The Big Twin*

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Boston MedFlight orders three Airbus H145 helicopters

Boston MedFlight has ordered three Airbus H145 helicopters to modernise and expand its air medical transport fleet serving New England. The latest order brings the non-profit critical care transport organisation's total purchases of the H145 to 12. Boston MedFlight has provided critical care transport services for more than 41 years, assisting more than 115,000 patients. Airbus has been a longstanding partner, and the organisation currently operates an all-Airbus fleet. The three twin-engine H145 helicopters will be delivered over the coming years, replacing existing aircraft while also enabling fleet expansion. The additional capacity will strengthen Boston MedFlight's ability to transport critically ill and injured patients between regional healthcare facilities and directly from emergency scenes.



Boston MedFlight has placed an order for three H145 helicopters *© Lyn Burks*



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Garuda Indonesia entrusts MTU to maintain GE90-115B engines



© MTU Maintenance

MTU Maintenance has signed a three-year agreement with Garuda Indonesia to maintain the airline's GE90-115B engines, which power its fleet of eight Boeing 777-300ER aircraft. The agreement covers engine MRO at MTU Maintenance's facility in Hannover, Germany, with the aim of improving engine availability, operational efficiency and fleet reliability. MTU's Singapore office will provide leasing and asset management support as required. Director of Maintenance of Garuda Indonesia, Mukhtaris Aris said that the collaboration with MTU Maintenance reflects the airline's continued commitment to upholding the highest standards of safety and operational reliability. "Maintaining the safety and operational readiness of our fleet, including our B777-300ER aircraft, remains a fundamental priority, particularly given their role in supporting our long-haul network. By leveraging MTU Maintenance's expertise in GE90 engine maintenance, we aim to further strengthen our fleet readiness and ensure the continued reliability of our operations, enabling us to deliver safe, reliable, and comfortable journeys for our passengers." The GE90-110/115B has been part of MTU Maintenance's MRO portfolio since 2010 and is a key component of its wide-body engine business in Hannover.

Pratt & Whitney invests US$100 million in Rzeszów, Poland, plant



Ground breaking on the new Rzeszów facility © RTX

Pratt & Whitney has begun construction of a US$100 million facility in Rzeszów, Poland, to expand engine component production, with operations expected to start in 2028. The investment, equivalent to 375 million zlotys, will add manufacturing capacity for critical rotating components used in commercial and military engines, including the Pratt & Whitney GTF, F135 and F100. The expansion is expected to create more than 120 jobs. The Rzeszów site produces components for commercial and military engines, turboprops and auxiliary power units. Its output includes GTF fan drive gear systems, F100 static structures, and components for the F135 fighter engine. The facility also manufactures engines from the PT6, PW200, PW500/600 and PW800 families, used in helicopters, business jets and general aviation aircraft. The project follows a US$200 million investment announced in February in a seventh isothermal forging press at Pratt & Whitney's Columbus Forge facility in Georgia, US. The two investments are expected to increase output of critical engine components, including rotating compressors and turbine disks, by 30% once fully operational by 2028. Pratt & Whitney is part of RTX, which also owns Collins Aerospace and Raytheon. Poland is RTX's largest investment and employment base outside the US, with more than 9,500 employees across its three businesses in the country.

Air Corsica selects StandardAero for LEAP-1A support



Air Corsica Airbus A320 © AirTeamImages

French airline Air Corsica has selected StandardAero to provide performance restoration shop visit (PRSV) services for CFM International LEAP-1A engines powering its Airbus A320neo fleet. The agreement gives Air Corsica access to StandardAero's LEAP-1A maintenance services at its facility in San Antonio, Texas, including PRSVs, quick-turn shop visits, component repairs, short-term engine leases and engine health monitoring data analysis. StandardAero is a CFM LEAP Premier MRO provider, offering manufacturer-authorised maintenance, repair and overhaul services to operators worldwide. Air Corsica joins a global customer base spanning Europe, the Middle East, Africa, South Asia, Asia-Pacific, Latin America and North America that uses StandardAero to support its next-generation LEAP engines. StandardAero is a trusted partner of Air Corsica, having provided the airline with engine services in support of its legacy ATR regional turboprops, as well as the carrier's new-generation ATR 72-600 fleet. The relationship between the two companies dates back to 2023.

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Liebherr-Aerospace to supply Phenom 300EV rudder actuator



Liebherr-Aerospace supplies electromechanical rudder actuator for the new Phenom 300EV *© Embraer*

Liebherr-Aerospace has signed an agreement with Brazilian aircraft manufacturer Embraer to supply a new electromechanical rudder actuator for the Phenom 300EV business jet as part of an upgrade to its flight control system. The actuator, which incorporates integrated control and power electronics, will become standard equipment on the aircraft. The system represents one of the first applications of an electromechanical actuator (EMA) for primary rudder control on a civil aircraft and the first to feature fully integrated electronics, Liebherr-Aerospace said. The Phenom 300EV received certification from Brazil's ANAC, the US Federal Aviation Administration and the European Union Aviation Safety Agency in 2026. Entry into service is scheduled for 2028. The agreement expands Liebherr's involvement in Embraer's aircraft programmes. The lightweight actuator features an integrated control and power module developed in-house by Liebherr. Development and production will be carried out by Liebherr-Aerospace Lindenberg in Germany, the group's centre of excellence for flight controls, actuation systems, gears, gearboxes and landing gear, in cooperation with Liebherr-Elektronik in Lindau and Liebherr's team at Embraer's facilities in Brazil.



StandardAero renews TAROM engine support deal



TAROM ATR 72-600 *© AirTeamImages*

StandardAero has signed a multi-year exclusive engine maintenance agreement with Romanian flag carrier TAROM, extending support for the airline's ATR 72-500 and -600 turboprop fleet. Under the agreement, StandardAero will provide maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) services for the aircraft's Pratt & Whitney Canada PW127M engines from its facilities in Summerside, Canada, and Gonesse, France. StandardAero is the world's largest independent Pratt & Whitney Canada-authorised PW100 Designated Overhaul Facility. It has supported operators of the engine family for more than 40 years, becoming the first independent MRO provider for the PW100 in 1984. Cristian Anghel, TAROM's general manager, said the agreement would ensure continued technical support for the airline's ATR fleet, which provides strategic connections between Romanian and European cities, the Middle East and other international destinations via Bucharest Otopeni. Tayeb Bouhassis, StandardAero's sales director for Europe, the Middle East and Africa, said the renewed agreement reflected TAROM's confidence in the company's PW127M support services. StandardAero's PW100 offering also includes component repairs, rental engines, on-site field services and engine condition trend monitoring. Founded in 1954, TAROM operates under Romania's Ministry of Transport and has been a member of the SkyTeam alliance since 2010.

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FL Technics wins EASA approval for Bali facility



FL Technics Indonesia has secured EASA certification for its Bali hangar *© FL Technics Indonesia*

FL Technics Indonesia has received European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) Part-145 approval for its maintenance facility in Bali, allowing it to service aircraft registered in the European Union. The certification makes the facility one of a small number of MRO providers in Indonesia to hold EASA approval. The approval covers base and line maintenance for Airbus A320-family aircraft, including the CEO and NEO variants, and Boeing 737 Classic, Next Generation and MAX aircraft. The company has previously provided maintenance services for aircraft registered across the Americas, Asia, Africa and Australia. The new certification enables the Bali facility to serve European carriers operating under EASA regulatory requirements. The approval followed technical and quality audits by EASA inspectors covering the facility's infrastructure, tooling systems and engineering workforce. Located at I Gusti Ngurah Rai International Airport in Denpasar, the 17,000 m² facility comprises three hangars with three aircraft bays and a 2,000 m² booth. It provides airframe maintenance services aimed at reducing aircraft downtime while meeting regulatory and safety requirements.

Honeywell plans US$500 million Arizona factory


Rendering of Honeywell Aerospace's new facility in Arizona *© Honeywell Aerospace*

Honeywell Aerospace will invest US$500 million in a new manufacturing facility in Tempe, Arizona, to meet growing demand from commercial aviation and defence programmes. The 300,000 ft² facility, near the company's global headquarters, will feature digital production systems, modular robotics, automated inspection and digital twins, supported by an end-to-end digital production network. The investment will add in-house complex machining capabilities, addressing constraints in the supply chain, and increase vertical integration for next-generation products, including Assure advanced actuation systems and Attune vapour-cycle cooling subsystems. Scheduled to open in late 2028, the facility will support existing programmes, US$15 billion in new Control Systems programme wins and future aviation requirements. It will also increase production capacity for critical defence technologies covered by a supplier framework agreement signed with the US Department of War in March. The facility is expected to create about 600 jobs over time, expanding Honeywell's engineering capabilities and skilled workforce. Construction is expected to support more than 1,000 local jobs.

AJW Group signs Avionics and Radome repair deal with Airbus


© AJW Technique

AJW Group has signed a long-term repair deal with Airbus covering avionics and radome products, strengthening the partnership between the aircraft component specialist and the manufacturer. Airbus will become AJW's preferred partner for the maintenance and repair of the components across AJW's global network. The partnership will combine Airbus' original equipment manufacturer (OEM) expertise, quality standards and product knowledge with AJW's global aftermarket support capabilities to provide repair solutions aimed at improving aircraft availability. The agreement will complement AJW's existing maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) capabilities at AJW Technique, expanding the range of repair services available to customers worldwide.

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Joramco to begin Condor fleet maintenance

Joramco, the Amman-based aircraft MRO provider owned by Dubai Aerospace Enterprise (DAE), will receive the first Condor aircraft next week for winter maintenance under a five-year agreement with the German airline. The first Airbus A330neo will arrive at Joramco's facility, marking the start of maintenance operations for the carrier at the site. Signed earlier this year, the agreement covers base maintenance checks for the airline's Airbus A320ceo, A320neo and A330neo fleets. Bernd Bechtel, Director Maintenance Economics & Strategy of Condor Airlines, said: "We are pleased to begin our cooperation with Joramco under this five-year agreement. Working with an experienced maintenance partner is an important part of supporting our fleet and our technical operations. We look forward to a close collaboration, beginning with the first A330neo and to developing our partnership over the coming years."



Bernd Bechtel Director Maintenance Economics & Strategy of Condor (l) and Jeff Wilkinson, CEO of DAE Engineering (r) *© Joramco*

Aeroitalia selects Delta TechOps for 737 support



Delta TechOps at MRO Europe in Amsterdam *© Delta TechOps*

Aeroitalia has selected Delta TechOps to provide component support for its Boeing 737 fleet, as the US maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) provider expands its business with European airlines. Announced at MRO Europe in Amsterdam on October 28, the agreement gives the Italian carrier access to Delta TechOps' component maintenance expertise and materials resources to improve fleet reliability and aircraft availability as it grows. The deal builds on an existing relationship between the airlines. In 2025, Aeroitalia announced new connectivity opportunities linking its domestic Italian network with Delta's global network. The latest agreement extends the relationship into maintenance and technical operations. The contract adds to Delta TechOps' expanding component support portfolio, following recent agreements with airline customers in Europe and the Americas. The company said demand for component support solutions was increasing as airlines sought to maximise fleet reliability and aircraft availability. Delta recently reported US$1 billion in MRO revenue year to date, reflecting demand for its maintenance expertise, operational experience and customer service.

IAG Engine Tech targets global engine MRO market

IAG Engine Tech, the new engine MRO business of International Airlines Group (IAG), is exhibiting at MRO Europe for the first time, using the event to outline its plans to expand into the third-party market while supporting IAG airlines' narrow-body fleets. The company builds on more than 50 years of engine maintenance experience developed by Iberia Maintenance. Its current capabilities cover the V2500, CFM56 and GTF-PW1100 engines, with operations based at the engine MRO facilities in La Muñoza, Madrid. From early 2027, IAG Engine Tech plans to add maintenance for CFM International's LEAP-1A and LEAP-1B engines under the CFM LEAP Premier MRO licence. This would make it one of eight LEAP Premier MRO providers worldwide and one of three in Europe. The company also plans to expand its production capacity and technical specialisation over time. The addition of LEAP engines will extend the company's portfolio to five engine types: the V2500, CFM56, GTF-PW1100, LEAP-1A and LEAP-1B. The LEAP-1A powers the Airbus A320neo family, while the LEAP-1B is used on the Boeing 737 MAX. Iberia, IAG Engine Tech's majority shareholder, has signed an agreement with Japan's ITOCHU Corporation for the trading and investment group to acquire a minority stake in the company. IAG will retain majority ownership through Iberia.



IAG Engine Tech is exhibiting at MRO Europe for the first time *© Aviation Week*


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Airbus, Air France launch A350 component venture

Airbus and Air France have established Alpha Component Solutions, a 50-50 joint venture dedicated to component support for the A350-aircraft family. The venture, jointly operated by Airbus and Air France-KLM, will manage a worldwide shared-access pool of aircraft components, providing maintenance services, supply chain management and repairs for A350 operators globally. Combining Airbus' Flight Hours Services (FHS) with Air France Industries KLM Engineering & Maintenance (AFI KLM E&M), the venture aims to meet growing long-term component maintenance requirements as the global A350 fleet expands. Alpha Component Solutions already has contractual support agreements covering more than 500 aircraft. Its global footprint is designed to serve both existing and new operators in the growing market. The venture aims to improve component reliability, streamline lifecycle maintenance and provide tailored support through integrated maintenance and advanced supply chain capabilities. The partnership reflects the companies' shared focus on improving operational resilience and providing reliable, fleet-ready services to A350 operators throughout the aircraft's lifecycle.



A350 *© Airbus*

Boeing and Lufthansa Technik extend tailored parts deal



Signing ceremony at MRO Europe: Dan Abraham (l) SVP Commercial Sales and Marketing, Boeing Global Services and Thomas Boettger (r) VP Corporate Procurement at Lufthansa Technik *© Boeing*

Boeing and Lufthansa Technik have renewed their Tailored Parts Package (TPP) agreement for a further three years, extending a longstanding partnership aimed at improving parts availability and cost predictability. The agreement covers more than 6,500 Boeing part numbers across all Boeing commercial aircraft platforms. It will enable Lufthansa Technik to improve material availability for its airline customers, streamline procurement and provide greater cost certainty. Under the arrangement, Boeing will manage supply chain execution for the parts covered by the agreement, while Lufthansa Technik will use the programme to strengthen its component support capabilities. The renewed partnership is designed to secure access to critical components, reduce sourcing complexity and improve planning reliability for airlines operating Boeing aircraft.

Satair takes over Airbus parts management for Sabena technics

Satair and Sabena technics have signed a long-term Integrated Material Services (IMS) agreement, extending their existing commercial relationship into a multi-year operational partnership. Announced at MRO Europe, the contract marks the first time an independent European MRO provider has joined Satair's IMS programme. The agreement also expands Satair's established global IMS presence in Asia-Pacific and China. Under the deal, Satair will manage the planning, availability and obsolescence of consumable and expendable parts across Sabena technics' Airbus maintenance activities. The programme combines dedicated on-site stock at Sabena technics' facilities with access to Satair's global inventory pool. Operating under a flexible pay-after-use model, the arrangement is designed to reduce capital tied up in inventory and eliminate the need for Sabena technics to bear associated stockholding risks. A dedicated Satair team will also be based on site, working directly with Sabena technics' maintenance and procurement teams to manage material requirements and support operational efficiency.



Representatives from Satair and Sabena technics at the MRO Europe in Amsterdam *© Satair*

Engine Alliance extends GP7200 engine support deal with CTS

Engine Alliance, a 50-50 joint venture between GE Aerospace and RTX's Pratt & Whitney, has extended its maintenance agreement with CTS Engines (CTS) by two years to continue supporting the GP7200 engine. Since the original agreement was signed in 2023, CTS has expanded its GP7200 capacity, dedicated tooling, repair capabilities and production infrastructure to meet customer demand. The GP7200 powers the Airbus A380 and is known for its reliability and fuel efficiency. With A380s expected to remain in service for years to come, airlines require dependable engine maintenance and long-term fleet support. Engine Alliance has continued to strengthen its global repair network to support operators throughout the fleet's service life. CTS has also invested in its engine hub in Coral Springs, Florida, a facility designed to support large commercial engines. Combined with dedicated test infrastructure, in-house repair capabilities and an experienced engineering team, the investments position CTS to provide ongoing support as the global GP7200 fleet matures.

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AkzoNobel launches digital colour system MIXIT



AkzoNobel introduces MIXIT at the MRO Europe in Amsterdam *© AkzoNobel*

AkzoNobel Aerospace Coatings has introduced its MIXIT digital colour-retrieval system to the aerospace sector, offering MRO providers, airline paint facilities and distributors a faster way to identify, retrieve and prepare approved coating colours on site. The cloud-based system is designed to accelerate aircraft repairs and reduce turnaround times when aircraft availability is critical. Launched at MRO Europe in Amsterdam, MIXIT allows users to retrieve colour formulas from a digital database through desktop computers, tablets or mobile devices. Where the required formula is unknown, a connected spectrophotometer can scan an aircraft surface or paint sample and identify the closest available colour match. Once the correct formula has been identified, paint technicians can use a colour mixing wall and precision scales to prepare the coating on site. The process includes selecting the appropriate tints and associated components, such as hardeners and thinners, to ensure the coating is prepared according to the specified requirements. AkzoNobel said the system is intended to simplify the process from colour identification to paint preparation, particularly in repair situations where aircraft-on-ground (AOG) time and response speed are important considerations. By bringing colour retrieval and preparation closer to the point of application, the company aims to help MRO providers and airline paint facilities improve operational efficiency. Visitors to AkzoNobel's display at MRO Europe were able to see the system demonstrated using a spectrophotometer to scan sample panels, with the results displayed on a touchscreen. The demonstration showed how quickly a colour could be identified through MIXIT and the corresponding coating prepared for application. The aerospace launch builds on AkzoNobel's existing MIXIT platform, which has been used in the automotive refinishing sector for the past decade. The rollout will take place in phases. The initial database will provide access to more than 2,700 formulae covering the most frequently requested tints for AkzoNobel's Topcoat FR2-55, used for aircraft cabin interiors. Formulae for exterior coatings are scheduled to be added in 2027. AkzoNobel is also considering further digital functions for the same year, including stock management, e-commerce, reporting and the option for customers to store their own generated colour formulae.

Austrian Airlines and Embraer sign component support deal



Embraer and Austrian Airlines have signed a Component Pool Programme agreement *© Embraer*

Embraer and Austrian Airlines have signed a component pool programme agreement covering the airline's fleet of 13 Embraer E195 aircraft. The agreement provides Austrian Airlines with access to a comprehensive range of component support solutions designed to maintain high levels of fleet availability. The programme covers more than 300 aircraft components and includes advanced exchange, repair and overhaul services. "Our Pool Programme is designed to simplify component management while helping operators maximise aircraft availability and reduce maintenance-related costs. We are pleased to support Austrian Airlines with a solution that combines inventory access, repair capabilities and technical expertise, allowing the airline to focus on delivering an outstanding travel experience," said Carlos Naufel, President and Chief Executive Officer, Embraer Services & Support.

Ontic expands repair deal with AFI KLM E&M

Ontic has signed a series of agreements with Air France Industries KLM Engineering & Maintenance (AFI KLM E&M) covering component repair and overhaul, expanding an existing five-year global partnership that took effect in October 2025. The agreement covers component maintenance across Ontic's entire portfolio, supporting AFI KLM E&M's internal operations and its airline customers. The scope includes Ontic-owned and licensed products for the Boeing 777, Airbus A320 and A330, and Embraer aircraft. The expanded partnership gives AFI KLM E&M direct access to Ontic's original equipment manufacturer (OEM) repair services, including repair technologies, genuine parts and technical expertise. The companies said the arrangement is intended to reduce fleet downtime and improve aircraft availability. Repairs will be carried out at Ontic's MRO facilities in Miramar, Florida, and Tewkesbury, UK, providing regional support for AFI KLM E&M's operations.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Heston secures US$20 million revolving credit facility

Heston Materials has secured an initial US$20m revolving credit facility from volofin Capital Management to finance aviation asset acquisitions and expand its capabilities across the aviation aftermarket. The facility will provide additional funding capacity to support portfolio growth and the company's broader expansion plans. "Securing this financing is an important milestone for Heston Materials," said Chief Executive Kestutis Volungevicius. "It gives us greater scope to pursue strategic opportunities, expand our portfolio and respond to the evolving needs of our customers." Chief Financial Officer Petras Akstinas said the revolving structure would allow the company to access capital as opportunities arose, while maintaining a disciplined approach to funding and capital allocation. "In aviation asset trading, the ability to act at the right time can be a significant commercial advantage," he said. The agreement provides Heston Materials with greater financial flexibility as it pursues further opportunities in the aviation market.



Heston Materials warehouse *© Heston Materials*

AAR expands credit facility

AAR Corp. has increased its revolving credit facility by US$550 million to US$1.375 billion and extended its maturity by nearly four years to October 2031, strengthening its financing capacity as it pursues growth. The amended unsecured facility will help finance the previously announced pending acquisition of a controlling interest in MRO Holdings. The previous facility totalled US$825 million and was due to mature in December 2027. AAR said all existing banking group members had increased their commitments, while two additional banks had joined the facility. Wells Fargo acted as lead arranger and administrative agent. Further details are available in AAR's current report filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

ITOCHU to take minority stake in IAG engine unit

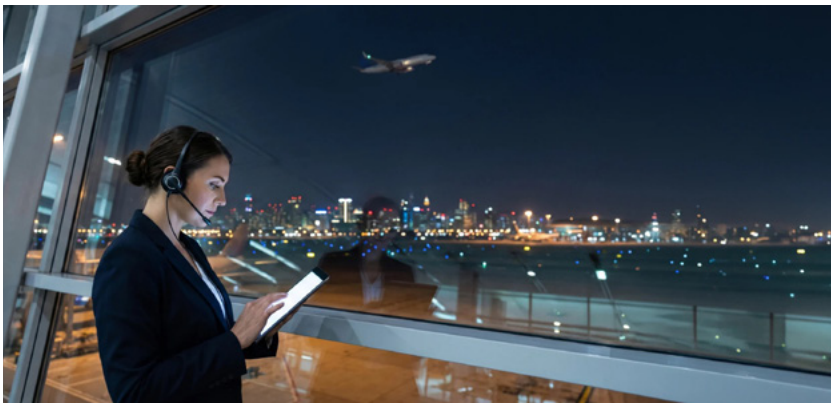
Iberia has agreed to sell a minority stake in IAG Engine Tech (IET), a company established in 2026 to specialise in aircraft engine maintenance within International Airlines Group (IAG), to Japanese trading and investment group ITOCHU Corporation. IAG will retain a majority stake in IET through Iberia, the companies said. ITOCHU's investment builds on its existing relationship with Iberia and IAG through aircraft leasing operations. The partnership is expected to support IET's expansion and strengthen its international presence as IAG seeks to grow its engine maintenance business. The deal forms part of Iberia's broader maintenance business transformation and its long-term strategy under Flight Plan 2030, Iberia Chairman and Chief Executive Marco Sansavini said. ITOCHU would bring investment capacity, international reach and industry experience to help develop IET's business in a market with significant growth prospects, Sansavini said. ITOCHU's entry into IET's share capital is expected to take effect in early 2027, subject to the necessary regulatory approvals and consents.

IFS revenue tops €1.3 billion, up 24%

IFS, a provider of industrial artificial intelligence (AI) software, reported annual recurring revenue (ARR) of more than €1.3 billion (US$1.46 billion) at the end of the third quarter of 2026, up 24% year on year. Bookings for its Industrial AI products in the first nine months of 2026 were already more than three times the total recorded for the whole of 2025, the company said. Recurring revenue accounted for 85% of total revenue, reflecting demand from customers across manufacturing, asset maintenance, field service and supply chains. IFS said customers were moving Industrial AI applications from pilot projects into daily operations, with industry-specific AI use cases driving growth. Customers selecting IFS Industrial AI products in the third quarter included Tesco, LATAM Airlines, Yeo Valley, Mitsubishi Electric and Eight Group. Their applications covered asset lifecycle management, field service, aviation maintenance and manufacturing.

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SITA to acquire CAE airline software Flightscape



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SITA has agreed to acquire Flightscape, CAE Inc.'s airline operations software business, in a move aimed at helping airlines improve operational decision-making and manage disruption more effectively. Flightscape's software helps airlines plan flights, manage crews, oversee operations, coordinate ground activities and deliver in-flight services. Its systems are used by more than 90 airlines to manage flight operations across their networks. The acquisition comes as the aviation industry faces growing operational complexity. More than ten billion passengers are expected to fly annually by 2050, while disruption continues to affect daily operations. Airlines and their industry partners often work with fragmented information, limiting their ability to coordinate responses. SITA, which is owned by the air transport industry, connects aviation stakeholders through the exchange of operational information. Integrating Flightscape's software will complement SITA's existing portfolio by bringing more operational data into the systems airlines use to make decisions. Work to connect the platforms will begin after the transaction closes. The deal builds on SITA's investment in airline operations technology. In 2021, the company acquired Safety Line, whose technology helps airlines reduce fuel consumption, followed earlier this year by Big Blue Analytics, which uses artificial intelligence to help airlines develop recovery plans in minutes. Both technologies are designed to work alongside airlines' existing systems. SITA plans to integrate them with Flightscape's software in stages, working closely with customers. The company said the acquisition would support further innovation for airlines and the wider aviation industry.

Boeing posts US$24.2 billion in third-quarter revenue

Boeing reported third-quarter revenue of US$24.2 billion, primarily reflecting higher volumes in its defence and services businesses and a less favourable mix of commercial aircraft deliveries. The US planemaker reported a GAAP loss per share of US$0.26 and a core loss per share, excluding certain items, of US$0.34. Operating cash flow was US$1.5 billion, while free cash flow stood at US$500 million. Total company backlog reached a record US$745 billion at the end of the quarter. "Recent milestones, including certification of the 737-7 and 737-10 and selection to design and build the Navy's sixth-generation fighter aircraft, are important steps as we continue building on our progress," said Kelly Ortberg, Boeing's President and Chief Executive. "But we are not done. We remain focused on safety and quality as we redouble our efforts on lean and disciplined execution to deliver on our commitments and build the durable performance our stakeholders expect." Third-quarter revenue at Boeing's Commercial Airplanes division was US$10.7 billion, with an operating margin of minus 6.5%. The results primarily reflected a less favourable delivery mix; higher projected costs associated with future production rate adjustments and higher estimated supply chain costs. Operating margins in the third quarter of 2025 were affected by a charge on the 777X programme. Revenue at the Defence, Space & Security division was US$7.9 billion, driven by higher volumes. The operating margin was 6.2%, primarily reflecting a US$252 million gain from the sale of HRL Laboratories and improved operational performance. Global Services reported third-quarter revenue of US$5.6 billion, driven by higher volumes. The division's operating margin was 18.3%, reflecting a favourable volume and mix.

MILITARY AND DEFENCE

Saab plans Canadian Gripen production network



Gripen E fighter jet © Saab

Swedish defence group Saab plans to establish a network of Canadian aerospace companies to build, assemble and support its Gripen E fighter jets if Canada selects the aircraft for its air force. The proposed industrial partnership would create domestic capabilities covering production, final assembly, maintenance, training and long-term support, as well as the further development of military aviation technology. Saab has signed a teaming agreement with Canadian aerospace company IMP Aerospace and Defence to establish a final assembly line for the Gripen in Canada. IMP would also handle electrical assembly production and in-service support for the country's aircraft. A separate memorandum of understanding with Magellan Aerospace would provide for the local manufacture of advanced aerostructures, composite structures and structural assemblies. Saab previously signed a memorandum of understanding with CAE to provide fighter pilot and technician training, mission systems engineering and support and sustainment capabilities in Canada. "Canada's fighter capability is a long-term national investment. Together with CAE, IMP and Magellan Aerospace we are prepared to establish a strong Canadian industrial ecosystem around Gripen that delivers operational effect, national sovereignty and lasting industrial and technological benefits," Saab Chief Executive Micael Johansson said. The proposed arrangements are conditional on the Canadian government deciding to acquire the Gripen E.

MILITARY AND DEFENCE

Bombardier, BAE Systems explore combat air partnership

Bombardier and BAE Systems have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to explore collaboration on next-generation combat air capabilities in Canada. Potential areas of cooperation include aircraft and mission-system design, systems integration, digital engineering, digital thread technologies, advanced manufacturing, and long-term product support, sustainment and security. The companies aim to develop a lasting set of capabilities to support next-generation combat air solutions throughout their lifecycle, from early-stage design and digital development to systems integration, manufacturing and in-service support. The agreement seeks to combine the companies' aerospace and defence expertise to develop sovereign combat air capabilities in Canada, while also creating opportunities in international markets.



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EPCOR wins A330 MRTT global APU support contract



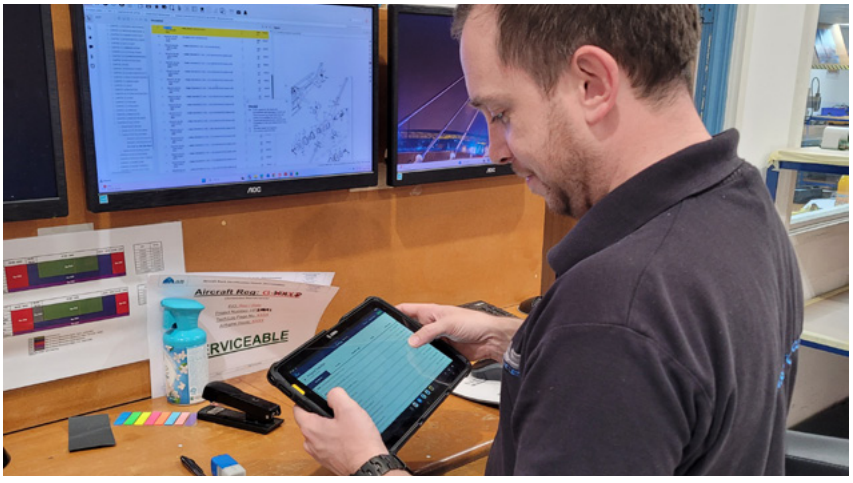
A330 MRTT aircraft © Airbus

EPCOR, part of Air France Industries KLM Engineering & Maintenance (AFI KLM E&M), has signed an agreement with Airbus Defence and Space to provide auxiliary power unit (APU) maintenance support for the worldwide fleet of A330 Multi Role Tanker Transport (MRTT) aircraft operated by Airbus Defence and Space customers. The agreement extends the existing partnership between the companies, which already covers engine and component maintenance. Under the new arrangement, EPCOR will provide its specialist APU maintenance capabilities to support the requirements of Airbus Defence and Space's international customer base. The A330 MRTT is used in military operations worldwide, where aircraft availability and operational readiness are critical. The agreement combines EPCOR's APU expertise with AFI KLM E&M's broader maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) capabilities to strengthen support for the global fleet.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

AS Aerospace to launch Tracware mobile technology

UK-based AS Aerospace has begun implementing Tracware's Aerotrac Web Interface (AWI) and Aerotrac Mobile (ATM-E) software following a successful pilot, with the system expected to go live in November. The CAMO and Part 145 maintenance provider, which supports helicopter operators, is introducing the technology to extend mobile engineering capabilities across its maintenance operations. ATM-E is designed for tablet use, allowing engineers to review tasks, record working time, request parts and tooling, add unscheduled tasks and defects, complete maintenance tasks and record inspections. The associated AWI platform will enable Part 145 administrative staff to review engineering records in real time. The pilot involved testing both systems within AS Aerospace's Part 145 environment. Feedback from the company's team will inform the final implementation stages ahead of the planned launch.



AS Aerospace to implement Tracware mobile technology © Tracware

OTHER NEWS



Archer Aviation's eVTOL Midnight aircraft *© Archer*

Archer Aviation and **ITA Airways** have signed an agreement to develop an all-electric air taxi network in Italy, targeting major cities across the country. The partnership will use Archer's Midnight electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) aircraft. ITA Airways, Italy's flag carrier and a member of the **Lufthansa Group**, serves more than 70 destinations worldwide and is part of the **Star Alliance** network. The companies aim to introduce air taxi services offering zero-operating-emission flights to reduce journey times in congested urban areas. Archer's Midnight aircraft is designed for rapid consecutive flights, with the company targeting journeys of 10 to 20 minutes that would otherwise take 60 to 90 minutes by car. One potential route would connect Fiumicino Airport with central Rome. Archer estimates that a journey taking about an hour by road could be completed in less than ten minutes by air. The agreement marks a step towards integrating electric air mobility into Italy's transport network, with the partners looking to provide faster connections between airports and major urban centres. With this latest agreement, ITA Airways becomes the first European carrier to join Archer's global network of airline partners, extending its commercialisation strategy already underway in the U.S., UAE, and beyond.

INDUSTRY PEOPLE



Edwin Poldermans

• Aircraft painting specialist MAAS Aviation has appointed **Edwin Poldermans** as Head of Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO), as Group Chief Operating Officer **Mark Gidman** prepares to step back after 36 years with the business. Poldermans brings more than 30 years of aviation and aerospace experience, having held senior positions at Fokker Techniek, GKN Fokker and the Netherlands Aerospace Group. Gidman, who has played a central role in developing the business and expanding its network of facilities, will remain involved as a shareholder and special adviser. Day-to-day operational responsibilities will pass to Poldermans. "I'm very pleased to be joining MAAS at an important stage in its development," he said, adding that the company was well positioned to build on its operational capabilities and meet the evolving needs of airlines, original equipment manufacturers and private jet operators. Danny Hakker, MAAS CEO, credited Gidman with helping establish the company's quality standards, customer focus and team culture, describing his contribution to the business as significant.



Malcolm Chandler

• **Malcolm Chandler** is joining Vallair as MRO Sales Director – Lessors & Airlines, bringing him back to the company in a senior leadership role after gaining international experience in the aviation sector. Chandler will oversee commercial activities across Vallair's MRO operations at its facilities in Châteauroux and Montpellier, France, covering airframes, engines and aerostructures. His priorities include improving efficiency, supporting business growth and strengthening customer and partner relationships. He will work with the company's MRO and commercial teams to streamline workflows and implement restructuring measures across its airframe services. These services include base maintenance, lease transfers, aircraft parking and storage, painting and teardown. Vallair holds maintenance approvals for the Airbus A330ceo/neo, A340-300/-600 and A320ceo/neo families, as well as Boeing 737 aircraft. The company plans to progressively extend its approvals to additional new-generation narrow-body and wide-body aircraft. Chandler will also oversee commercial activities related to engine storage, part-out and light repairs, alongside aerostructures services. Vallair specialises in aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul, as well as mature aircraft asset management.

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