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Rockwell Collins at Aircraft Interiors Expo 2015: Redefining passenger engagement with full suite of cabin solutions that deliver value for airlines

AIR ASTANA LAUNCHES NEW SERVICE FROM ASTANA TO PARIS

Innovative Economy Sleeper Class available on all flights to Europe

Air Astana, Kazakhstan's Skytrax award winning carrier, launched a new three-times a week service from Astana to Paris on 29th March. The service originates in Almaty, with no change of aircraft in Astana, and is operated using a Boeing 757 configured with 16 business and 150 economy class seats. The flight time from Astana to Paris is 7 hours 5 minutes.

Along with Air Astana services to/from Frankfurt and London Heathrow, passengers flying to/from Paris can also choose to experience the innovative new Economy Sleeper Class, which provides the opportunity to rest and sleep in a lie flat position, by combining three economy seats. Economy

Sleeper Class passengers are accommodated in a separate cabin and offered a Business Class mattress, pillow and duvet, with additional benefits including Priority Check-in, 30kg baggage allowance, Business Class Lounge access, Priority boarding, Fast Track for immigration / security clearance, Business Class Amenity Kit and In-flight entertainment system.

Economy fares start at EUR 585 return, including taxes.



Morocco welcomed 10.2 million tourists in 2014, 2.4 % more than in 2013, says Tourism Minister Lahcen Haddad





Airline Services announces dedicated Interiors business at AIX, Hamburg

Airline Services Ltd returns to Aircraft Interiors Expo in Hamburg this week (**Hall 6 Stand B78**) under strengthened new management and with a streamlined structure as it repositions the 30-year old UK business for growth.

In Hamburg it is showcasing a raft of capabilities under Airline Services Interiors, one of the three new divisions, complementing Components and Handling. Each has their own business managers, under the ultimate leadership of CEO Mike Humphreys, who joined the company in June 2014.

The newly formed Airline Services Interiors business, headed by Managing Director Martin Barnes, who joined Airline Services from Virgin Atlantic and Threesixty Aerospace, combines the company's existing workshops and soft furnishings business and focuses on three product streams; Managed Solutions, Through Life Services and Engineered Products. Managed Solutions brings together its in-house EASA Part 21J and part 21G design and production capabilities to deliver customised solutions for airlines that want to redesign, refurbish or upgrade their cabin interiors, passenger seating and IFE.

Through Life Services, delivered from facilities near London Stansted and Manchester Airports has been what Airline Services is primarily known for by its 100 airline and leasing company customers, delivering repair and maintenance services for aircraft seats and galley equipment. Recent

additions to this expertise include its work in passenger service units and monitors for IFE systems, together with the refurbishment and repair of a full range of interiors components.

Engineered Products specialises in the cost effective supply of engineered parts for customers. Expertise also includes the use of reverse engineering using laser scanning and a 3D printing facility at its Manchester facility. Martin and newly appointed Director of Sales and Marketing Mark Stevens, formerly with GE Aviation and SR Technics, are both hosting at AIX Expo.

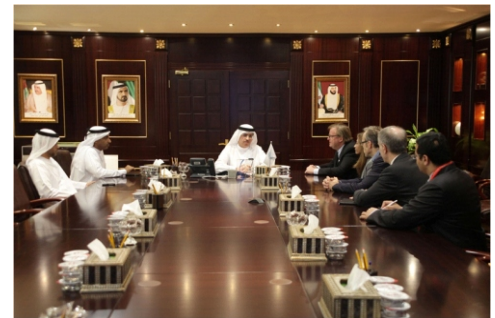
Airline Services Handling expands into ground handling First customer is Monarch Airlines at Gatwick Airport

The new Airline Services Handling is also split into three product streams De-icing; Ground Handling and Aircraft Presentation. At the end of last year Airline Services moved into passenger and baggage handling for the first time when it took over the ground handling for Monarch Airlines at Gatwick Airport, UK. An additional 120 staff were recruited and trained for this sector, bolstering Airline Services' staff numbers to over 800. Handling embraces airport ramp services including de-icing, where ASL is the market leader, being present at 11 airports in the UK; external washing and cabin cleaning, plus a raft of other ramp services including laundry and dry cleaning and carpet fitting.



Sultan Bin Saeed Al Mansouri, Minister of Economy opens 11th International Property Show

UAE Minister of Economy: "UAE - Egypt collaboration in developing Egypt's New Capital City can be extended to other Arab countries"



MD & CEO of DEWA receives a delegation from Sweden's Ericsson, Platinum Sponsor of WETEX 2015

Al Hikma and Al Ryadah Nursery celebrate Mother's Day with a twist

Innovative activities pampering mothers were highlights of the fun-filled celebrations





Flying Colours Corp. opens doors in Singapore.

Ahead of this year's ABACE, where Flying Colours Corp. will be promoting the opening of its Singapore interiors facility on **booth H320**, the completion and refurbishment specialist has announced the appointment of Paul Dunford as General Manager of Flying Colours Corp. Asia PTE. Ltd., based at Singapore's Seletar Aerospace Park.

Canadian-born Dunford joins the company following a 25-year career with in the aerospace industry and was selected for his extensive knowledge of Bombardier Challenger and Global completion programmes. Previously working for Bombardier Aerospace in Montreal, Dunford has relocated to Singapore where he is responsible for managing the progress of interiors completion projects, developing new business and building a robust, onsite interiors team for Flying Colours.

"We're delighted Paul agreed to join us," said Eric Gillespie, VP Flying Colours, about the appointment, "his customer facing experience and understanding of the complexity of interior completions makes him a perfect fit for the role. He will certainly add real value to our growing Asian business."

Housed in the Bombardier Aerospace Singapore Service Centre, the Flying Colours facility became fully operational in early 2015 and has already completed its first project since opening woodwork refinishing on a Challenger 605 model. The team is currently working on two Global models refurbishing and refinishing the woodwork on both aircraft. The cabinetry, finishing and upholstery shops are also active on a variety of Bombardier projects.

"This is a very important geographical area for our company. There are limited facilities in the region capable of refurbishing Challenger, Global or Learjet aircraft to the required standard so this is a great opportunity," said Gillespie.

"Operational costs to fly aircraft back to North American or Europe are high, and down time becomes lengthy, so by having a local base we are fulfilling a strong market demand and anticipate we will continue to grow in the region as a result."

One of Dunford's key responsibilities will be to meet Flying Colours long-term aim of employing a mainly local workforce. It has already recruited 12 team members: six local technicians, four Canadian technicians and two administration staff in addition to the General Manager role. The plan is to hire another six to eight technicians in 2015, all of which will go through a specially developed three-month training schedule in Canada. Through on-the-job training and specific aircraft project-led work it is expected they will become proficient in all elements of the interior skills portfolio currently provided by Flying Colours. "Paul will help us select the right candidates and then ensure their ongoing development supports the business requirements. Right now the skills needed to deliver the quality expected for Bombardier aircraft are rare, which is why we wanted to recruit someone who really understood the challenges and could rise to the opportunities presented. We have that in Paul," said Gillespie.

Flying Colours Corp. offers a full range of interiors services including preliminary interior inspections, interior removals and installation, interior repair work, interior modification work and interior refurbishment work at the Singapore-based Bombardier Service Centre facility. The full service interior offering complements Bombardier's comprehensive line and heavy maintenance services at the same facility.

Flying Colours Corp.



Private Jet Charter: "Expo 2020 fueling private jet and air charter business in the Middle East"

According to Alpen Capital report: "Dubai is world's fourth busiest airport for international passenger and cargo traffic"

Dubai, UAE, 19 March 2015: Private Jet Charter (PJC), one of the world's largest independent private jet charter brokers, says that World Expo 2020 will be a game-changer for the regional private jet and air charter business. The company said that Dubai is investing significantly in new aircraft and airport expansion in preparation for the World Expo 2020 and private jet business expects to be a big beneficiary.

PJC said that at Expo 2020, many wealthy and VIP visitors will be using private jets to visit the show, especially since commercial airlines will be as busy as ever due to this phenomenal event that takes place once in five years. According to an Alpen Capital (ME) Limited report, there is no threat of overcapacity. "Dubai is now the world's fourth busiest airport for international passenger and cargo traffic," said the report.

Ross Kelly, Managing Director for Middle East, PJC said: "Our operations are growing at a rapid pace. There has been no high demand for private jet business in the region for the past two decades.

VIPs are now more aware there are alternative ways of travelling between various destinations without all the hassle and time-wasting in airports." PJC projects accelerated growth in years to come with the tremendous potential that exists in this region. "Private jet business lacks awareness in the Middle East, which clearly demonstrates its high potential. The infrastructure is developing at a fast pace, the technology is now more devoted to serve passengers at airports, but not many people are aware that this kind of travel is not prohibitively expensive, compared to commercial flights," added Kelly. "Renting a private jet today is much more cost-effective and personalised. Users can find a private jet and rent it while it is on its way to a nearby destination. This eliminates the costs of bringing the flight from its home destination and then having to go empty on its return journey," said Kelly.

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Construction sector is Gulf's biggest consumer of wood, with Dubai serving as major trading hub for GCC, Iran & East Africa

Paradise found: Outrigger Mauritius Beach Resort



"Why rent when you can buy' was second day's dominant theme at International Property Show 2015"