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ETIHAD ENGINEERING AND ISRAEL AEROSPACE INDUSTRIES TEAM UP TO PROVIDE PASSENGER TO FREIGHTER CONVERSIONS

EtihaEngineering, the largest commercial aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) services provider in the Middle East, has signed a strategic partnership with Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI), to provide Passenger to Freighter (P2F) conversions on Boeing 777-300ER's.

In 2019, IAI and GE Capital Aviation Services (GECAS) announced the launch of the Boeing 777-300ERSF, a programme which established a P2F conversion dubbed 'The Big Twin' denoting its status as the largest ever twin-engine freighter.

While the Covid-19 pandemic has taken its toll on the aviation sector, cargo operations are offsetting operators' losses, as it continues to play a critical role in facilitating international trade. As a result, industry forecasts show an increase in demand for wide-body freighter aircraft with long-haul capacity.

Etiha Engineering will capitalise on their expertise and extensive capabilities for the specialised Boeing 777-



300ERSF conversion. In the initial stage of the partnership, Etiha Engineering will facilitate towards two conversion lines accommodating multiple aircraft conversions per year.

Tony Douglas, Group Chief Executive Officer, Etiha Aviation Group, said: "The Boeing 777-300ERSF is not only extremely attractive to customers but a technological breakthrough, given that it's the first in its size category to offer extensive cargo solutions. Not only do we see the demand, but we view it as a greener, more profitable, highly innovative solution for our airline customers, and an excellent way to drive value for our business."

Abdul Khaliq Saeed, Chief Executive Officer, Etiha Engineering, said, "We are delighted to announce our partnership with IAI which maximises the potential of our highly skilled workforce and reinforces Etiha

Engineering's position as a centre of excellence in Abu Dhabi in line with Abu Dhabi's economic vision 2030. Our commitment to the P2F programme demonstrates our confidence in the ability of IAI to deliver long-term value enhancement of the B777-300ER's in the global fleet."

Boaz Levy, President & CEO, Israel Aerospace Industries, said "The Abraham Accords have given IAI the opportunity to expand its global activity to
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BRITISH AIRWAYS EXTENDS ITS UK DESTINATIONS THIS WINTER

British Airways is extending three of its newest domestic routes – Exeter, Glasgow and Leeds from Belfast this Winter season. Customers will also be able to book direct to Birmingham as the airline further extends its UK network. Customers can book on BA.com from today with travel between 31 October 2021 and 26 March 2022. Following a popular summer of domestic travel, the extended routes will continue to support vital business and leisure links between Northern Ireland and key cities across the UK.

Flights between Belfast and
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BA CityFlyer Embraer

Airline to extend some of its newest Belfast routes: Exeter, Glasgow and Leeds, Brand new Birmingham route launches & Also, London City and Southampton operate to Salzburg

JetPack Aviation announces first orders for two JB12JetPacks for customer in Southeast Asia

Photo Caption: The JB12 is a classified model evolved from the JB11, in this photo, developed by JetPack Aviation



California-based JetPack Aviation announced today that it has closed a sale with an undisclosed military customer in Southeast Asia for two JB12JetPacks. The USD\$800,000 order will take around six months to complete.

Weighing 105lb (48kg) and powered by six turbojet engines each delivering around 88lb (0.39kN) thrust, the JB12 delivers unprecedented air mobility to individual pilots. The vertical take-off and landing (VTOL) JetPack is controlled through whole-engine vectoring and a thrust management computer which enables the pilot to hover and maneuver in all directions, at speeds up to 120mph (193km/h).

"The ratification of this deal demonstrates that the JB12 JetPack provides defense forces with exceptional aerial capabilities to fulfill a wide array of mission requirements. The maneuverability of the JetPack, its small form factor, which fits inside a set of standard Pelican cases, and ease of integration with our Speeder platform to complement the JB12's capabilities, were all factors that informed the sale," said David Mayman, Founder and CEO of JetPack Aviation. "This order represents a significant step forward for us as it confirms that our development program is meeting military needs." The JetPack technology supports the ongoing development of the Speeder program. With its

unique combination of heavy payload, speed, minimal-footprint VTOL operation, simplicity and optionally piloted flight, the Speeder offers unparalleled special missions and emergency services capabilities, with longer term application to the urban air mobility market. In military and special missions' applications the JB12 and Speeder offer distinctive individual capabilities, while together they offer an attractive mix of personal mobility and high-speed VTOL mission performance. Through commonality of technology and operational compatibility, the teaming of JB12 and Speeder enables expansion into new, emerging mission sets.

JetPack Aviation recently completed flight trials with P1, its first full-scale prototype Speeder, and plans to begin flying P1.5 later in 2021. The aircraft will gather data to inform the design and build of P2, for which flight test is anticipated from Q1/2 2022. Demand for the Speeder is expected to be high and JetPack Aviation has already begun readying letters of intent for customers and taking pre-orders for the aircraft. The Speeder and JB12 burn regular Jet A-1, kerosene, or diesel, but in a recent cooperative supply agreement with Prometheus Fuels Inc., JetPack Aviation has committed to using 100% zero net carbon fuel in all its future operations.

ETIHAD ENHANCES VERIFIED TO FLY SERVICE TO MAKE TRAVEL EASIER

Etiihad Airways, the national airline of the UAE, has upgraded its innovative Verified to Fly service to offer a more streamlined and personalised service through its website, etihad.com. This upgrade makes the process quicker and easier for Etihad's guests to ensure they have all the required COVID-related documents before leaving for the airport. Seven days ahead of travel, all guests will receive a personalised email informing them of the documents required for their destination. These travel documents can now be uploaded directly to the 'Manage my Booking' page of etihad.com, up to 72 hours before departure. The new website functionality replaces the email upload system which was launched by the airline in May 2021. The new upload process guides travellers through the process of uploading and shows the specific documents needed to get verified for their chosen destination.



Once uploaded, the documents will be checked and guests will receive an email confirming they have met all requirements for their flight. Additionally, travellers can check the status of their submission at any time by logging onto Manage my Booking at etihad.com. As a result, they can begin their journey with complete peace of mind and will also benefit from a significantly faster check-in at the airport.

John Wright, Vice President Airports and Network Operations, Etihad Airways, said: "Etihad's hugely popular Verified to Fly service has been used by more than 110k guests already and has now been further improved and streamlined. The service has significantly reduced airport check-in times, and provided much-needed reassurance to our guests that they have already met all Covid-19 travel requirements before

they reach the airport." Etihad requires 100% of its passengers to show a negative PCR test to protect the inflight environment, which is now recognised to be one of the best in the world. More information on the stringent measures being taken by Etihad to provide a healthy and hygienic travel experience is available at etihad.com/wellness. As a precautionary measure, guests travelling on Etihad Airways flights are required to wear a face mask throughout their journey. Those wishing to book with Etihad are advised to visit etihad.com to view their options and to remain informed of the appropriate entry requirements for Abu Dhabi. Flights are also available for booking through the mobile app, by calling the Etihad contact centre on +971 600 555 666 (UAE), or through a local or online travel agency.

ETIHAD ANTICIPATING SURGE IN DEMAND AS ABU DHABI OPENS TO FULLY VACCINATED TRAVELLERS

No quarantine for fully vaccinated visitors as well as UAE citizens and residents

Etiihad Airways, the national airline of the UAE, is prepared for a boost in travel to and from Abu Dhabi following the government's announcement to remove the quarantine requirement for all vaccinated travellers arriving from abroad.

Fully vaccinated travellers (with vaccines approved by the World Health Organization) can arrive from all international destinations without the need to quarantine. All travellers will require a PCR test within 48 hours of departure, a test on arrival and retesting on select days depending on the country they have travelled from. Unvaccinated travellers, however, should follow the rules according to the destination they are arriving from. Tony Douglas, Group Chief Executive Officer, Etihad, commented: "The news is perfectly timed to begin welcoming the world back to Abu Dhabi. We expect a huge surge in demand from tourists and visiting friends and

relatives from around the world. This will also give UAE residents greater flexibility and peace of mind when travelling globally. "The emirate has delivered one of the world's best public health programmes to protect the population with an extremely high vaccination rate, and smart technologically-driven solutions such as the Al Hosn app to ensure the safety of residents and visitors. "This is a huge step forward as the UAE prepares to host the EXPO 2020, the Formula 1 Etihad Airways Abu Dhabi Grand Prix and many more global events over the coming months. "Etihad is currently operating to 65 passenger destinations with one of the world's youngest and most sustainable fleets. We look forward to welcoming our guests to Abu Dhabi with Etihad to enjoy this world-class destination – an emirate and capital city we're so proud to call our home." Flying with Etihad is supported by the Etihad Wellness programme which has been introduced to help limit the spread of COVID-19. Etihad was the first airline in the world to fully vaccinate its

crew on board. Etihad also requires 100% of its passengers to show a negative PCR test before boarding to protect the inflight environment, which is now recognised to be one of the best in the world. The airline has implemented an extensive sanitisation and wellness programme and is practising the highest standards of hygiene at every part of the customer journey. This includes catering, aircraft and cabin deep-cleaning, check-in, health screening, boarding, inflight, crew interaction, meal service, disembarkation and ground transportation, among others. More information on the stringent measures being

taken by Etihad to provide a healthy and hygienic travel experience is available at etihad.com/wellness. As a precautionary measure, guests travelling on Etihad Airways flights are required to wear a face mask throughout their journey. Those wishing to book with Etihad are advised to visit etihad.com to view their options and to remain informed of the appropriate entry requirements for Abu Dhabi. Flights are also available for booking through the mobile app, by calling the Etihad contact centre on +971 600 555 666 (UAE), or through a local or online travel agency.

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the Gulf region. IAI is active in over 100 countries across the world. Establishing the conversion site in partnership with Etihad Engineering is a testament to IAI's strong ties with the UAE and strengthens its foothold in the region. I am confident that this agreement will lead to many more partnerships with local companies in the Gulf States, which will grow our business in the region." Yossi Melamed, Executive Vice President and General Manager, Israel Aerospace Industries Aviation Group, said, "IAI's Aviation Group, the world's leading cargo conversion provider, has begun the structural modification of Boeing 777-300ERSF in cooperation with GECAS to provide a leading professional solution to the air cargo industry. Over many years, Etihad Engineering has received the highest professional regard from IAI's Aviation Group. The Abraham Accords have enabled us to meet the company's managers first-hand, to see their ability and dedication, in addition to witnessing the company's great capabilities in the field of jet maintenance. The agreement we signed adds a significant tier to the relations between Israel and the Gulf States. I have no doubt following this agreement, additional agreements with companies in the region will arrive, and they will economically benefit the sides involved. I would like to thank Tony Douglas, the company's CEO, and my friend Abdul Khaliq Saeed for the energy they invested in bringing to fruition the first cooperation agreement between IAI and Etihad Engineering. I eagerly await the moment when B77-300ERSF jets converted jointly by IAI and Etihad Engineering will take to the skies and serves clients all over the world."



Marwan Al Marzouqi – crystal clear Abu Dhabi waters

Hooreya Al Muflahi – the unique architecture of the Louvre Abu Dhabi

Hooreya Al Muflahi – Abu Dhabi's natural mangroves

BRITISH AIRWAYS STARTS THE NEXT PHASE OF ITS LOUNGE REOPENING PLAN WITH ADDED ENHANCEMENTS FOR CUSTOMERS

British Airways reopens its Concorde Room at New York's JFK airport and Heathrow Terminal 5. To coincide the airline has partnered with a renowned mixologist, Mr Lyan, to create new bespoke cocktail menus available in its lounges, with two exclusive signature serves. Other enhancements include 'surprise and delight' lounge access for selected Bronze BA executive card holders and the introduction of 'Forty Winks' sleep pods in the Concorde Rooms at JFK & Heathrow. The airline will continue to gradually reopen lounges across its network. British Airways has today announced that it will move to the next phase of its lounge reopening plan, as it is set to once again open the doors to its Concorde Room (specifically for those flying in First) at JFK and Heathrow on September 1, with a number of other enhancements in store for customers. The reopening of the airline's two exclusive lounges, both of which have remained closed since March 2020, follows swiftly in the footsteps of the airline's flagship US lounge, that started to welcome back eligible customers from the start of August. To coincide with both Concorde Rooms opening their doors once again, British

Airways will be introducing a new exciting cocktail menu, created exclusively for the airline by Mr Lyan (Ryan Chetiyawardana), a figurehead in the global cocktail scene. Driven by sustainability and his love for experimenting with new ingredients, he has carefully created an array of elegant cocktails for customers to enjoy depending on their individual tastes and preferences, ahead of their flight.

The new menu contains seven cocktails, with two unique British Airways serves designed in celebration of the airline's heritage and iconic colleagues. The two special cocktails are named the Barton and Lawford after Lynne Barton, the first female British Airways pilot, and Bill Lawford, the first ever British Airways pilot in 1919. The menu has been designed with a focus on the best of British seasonal ingredients that specifically embrace 'in-flight' and wind-pollinated flavours. The Barton and Lawford will also be available in the



Galleries Club lounges and First lounge. Customers in the Concorde Room will continue to receive table

service across the whole lounge, but visitors to other lounges will also benefit from using the airline's new digital 'Your Menu' service which allows them to order food from the menu directly to their seat in the lounge with the use of a QR code close to them. Elsewhere the airline will also be surprising a number of its Bronze Executive card holders on a daily basis in September and October with the taste of Silver Card benefits. British Airways will be inviting those who are close to the next threshold to use one of the airline's lounge at Heathrow with a guest. Tom Stevens, British Airways' Director of Brand and Customer Experience, said: "As we start to gradually welcome back customers, we want to ensure that they have the best experience possible with British Airways. We are looking at every element of the customer experience, from

sleep pods and signature cocktails in our newly reopened lounges, to roast dinners onboard and additional benefits for our card holders - we want flying with British Airways to be memorable. Our teams will continue to innovate, and we look forward to sharing more exciting developments with our customers over the coming months." British Airways customers using the airline's Concorde Room will also have access to the new 'Forty Winks' EnergyPods, to get some pre-flight shut-eye if they wish to. Concorde Room customers will be able to book an EnergyPod via dedicated hosts, request a time to be woken and choose a hot beverage to enjoy after their rest. Water and hot towels will be provided to add to the refreshing awakening experience. Other enhancements to the customer experience also include the introduction of 'Best of British menus' on board the airline's flights, focusing on seasonal ingredients and British provenance, taking customers on a culinary journey across the British Isles. British Airways recently announced that the first edition of the carefully curated menus will include a traditional roast with all the trimmings.

THE TRADITIONAL BRITISH ROAST TAKES TO THE SKIES WITH BRITISH AIRWAYS

British Airways customers will be welcomed back on board with new 'Best of British Menus' with the September edition featuring a traditional British Roast dinner. The airline's roast, that will be available in First and Club World, will provide customers flying across the globe a taste of a quintessentially British dish. British Airways will debut its traditional roast with 21-day aged British beef, served with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, seasonal vegetables, horseradish cream and gravy. On flights to the Indian subcontinent, customers will be offered British roast chicken served with roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables, bread sauce and gravy. The chefs will also be creating themed desserts on its monthly menus, with September's theme being 'All Things Botanical' including an elderflower and white

chocolate dessert with compressed apple and elderflower sorbet. British Airways' new monthly 'Best of British' menus champion seasonal ingredients and British provenance, taking customers on a culinary journey across the British Isles. The airline has proudly worked with farmers, caterers and producers to find great quality ingredients, advocating farm to fork. In October, customers can expect to see another great traditional roast featuring chicken, as well as lamb hot pot and Welsh rarebit with chutney. The new dessert menu will celebrate the British apple season with treats such as apple mousse, with granny smith sorbet or British apple compote with vanilla custard and crumble. Other classic dishes that will feature on menus will include

gastro pub classics such as chicken pie with mash, pork pie with piccalilli, shepherd's pie, sausage and mash, as well as chicken bacon leek and mushroom pie. The menu also features vegetarian options using British produce, such as butternut squash gnocchi with blue cheese sauce and wild cavolo nero, and handmade ricotta mezzaluna with truffle cream and grilled asparagus.

Sajida Ismail, Head of Inflight said: "As we look ahead to welcoming back customers who may not have flown for a while, we wanted to mark the occasion by offering a really special menu that celebrates the best of Britain. Working with our catering partners, DO & CO and Newrest, we have created dishes using the best of British ingredients while they

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British Airways' Best of British menu

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Birmingham will operate twice daily, increasing to three times a day on Thursday and Friday. Flights from Belfast to Exeter, Glasgow and Leeds will increase compared to the Summer season at 4, 13 and 10 a week respectively. The airline has also launched a new route to Salzburg, operating from London City and Southampton. Offering customers a new destination idea for skiing this Winter, flights operate twice a week from London City, on Friday and Saturday from 10 December 2021, and once a week from Southampton, on Saturday from 11 December 2021. Return fares start from £109 from London City and £75 from Southampton.

Tom Stoddart, Managing Director of BA CityFlyer which operates the routes, said: "This year has shown how much customers want to stay connected with the rest of the UK. We're responding to the customer demand we saw over the last few months by extending some of our newest UK routes from Belfast City Airport. Katy Best, Commercial Director at Belfast City Airport, added: "British Airways has a longstanding presence at Belfast City Airport, and its introduction of regional services earlier this year has been strongly welcomed by our passengers who know and enjoy the excellent BA product.

"This latest increase in frequency is superb news for those who want to plan ahead and book winter staycations or weekend breaks in Birmingham, Exeter, Glasgow or Leeds. The convenient flight times will also be attractive to business travellers who avail of same day returns."

Customers booking with British Airways can do so with absolute confidence, thanks to the airline's flexible booking policy. Customers are able to exchange their booking for a voucher or move their dates without incurring a change fee if their plans change. British Airways Holidays' customers also have access to a range of additional flexible booking options, as part of the company's Customer Promise

ETIHAD AIRWAYS FLY THE UAE PARALYMPIC CHAMPIONS HOME

Etihad is the official carrier of the UAE Paralympic team

Etihad Airways, the national airline of the UAE, carried the UAE's Paralympic champions from Japan following their success at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. The UAE Team brought home gold and bronze medals for competing in the Athletics, Powerlifting, Cycling and Shooting.

Etihad flight, EY 0871, departed Narita Airport at 9pm local time on Sunday 5

September, the airline carried the victorious UAE para-athletes, coaches, medical and media crew. Etihad's cabin crew gave a hero's welcome to the champions as they travelled with the airline.

On arrival at Abu Dhabi International Airport, the delegation was greeted by His Excellency Mohammed Fadel Al Hameli, Chairman of the UAE National Paralympics Committee, members of the UAE National sports Committee and Etihad Airways representatives.

Amina Taher, Vice President Brand, Marketing and Sponsorships at Etihad Airways, said: "It is an absolute honour as the UAE's national airline to host the UAE champions on our flights. Over the years, Etihad has flown champions from many different sporting disciplines and world games, and we are proud to have this opportunity once again. As the official airline partner of the UAE Paralympic team and on behalf of the entire Etihad family, we send our heartfelt congratulations to these

champions."

On 22 August 2021, Etihad hosted 32 members of the UAE Paralympic Committee on their way to the competition.

In the past week, the UAE participated at the Tokyo Paralympic Games with a 12-member squad, under the motto of "Determination and Perseverance". The athletes represented the nation in the sports of Athletics,

Powerlifting, Cycling and Shooting.

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are in season. We are particularly excited to be offering a roast dinner on board. We know that Yorkshire puddings and crispy roast potatoes can be difficult to re-create at altitude, but our chefs have been working to make it happen, because we know that every British roast dinner should have them!" The introduction of the new menus follows the introduction of other British Airways food and drink improvements for short-haul flights in its Euro Traveller (economy) cabin. The improvements include the introduction of 'Buy Before you Fly' menus including a selection of gourmet food from Michelin-starred chef Tom Kerridge, and the recent introduction of digital technology to 'Buy on Board' which will allow customers to order to their seat through a mobile device. The airline has also re-introduced free water and snacks on shorter flights in the Euro Traveller cabin. The changes come as part of the airline's pledge to reduce food waste as part of its broader Sustainability commitments. Customers booking with British Airways can do so with absolute confidence, thanks to the airline's flexible booking policy. Customers are able to exchange their booking for a voucher or move their dates without incurring a change fee if their plans change. British Airways Holidays' customers also have access to a range of additional flexible booking options, as part of the company's Customer Promise, including securing a holiday with a deposit from just £60 per person and lounge access for those spending over £1,500 per person.



UAE Paralympic gold medalist, Abdullah Sultan Alaryani, receiving a celebratory cake from Etihad cabin crew and joined by members of the UAE committee and Etihad's cabin crew.



Abdullah Sultan Alaryani, joined by Etihad wellness ambassador, holding his golden medal on his return flight to Abu Dhabi after weeks of training and competing at Tokyo 2020 Paralympics Games.



Etihad airport staff welcome UAE Paralympic team upon arrival at Abu Dhabi Airport.

BRITISH AIRWAYS SET TO PROUDLY WELCOME HOME FINAL PARALYMPICS GB ATHLETES

British Airways is set to welcome home the final athletes from ParalympicsGB after their triumph at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic games, with the flight due to land today at 19:20.

Athletes have been returning home from Tokyo throughout the past week with a total of 124 medals including 41 gold, 38 silver and 45 bronze weighing a combined total of 63.946kg.

To celebrate the team's success British Airways, will be giving all medal winners an executive card status to match the medal that they won in Tokyo.

The final flight home has athletes from the archery, athletics, badminton, boccia, shooting, canoeing and the men's wheelchair basketball team.

The airline has worked tirelessly to ensure that it got the team and all of their equipment to and from Tokyo safely, flying 468 passengers, 429 wheelchairs and mobility equipment, 209 bikes, 4381

bags and sporting equipment, including 58 oversized items.

Tom Stevens, British Airways' Director of Brand and Customer, said: "Everyone at British Airways couldn't be prouder of ParalympicsGB and their incredible achievements at Tokyo 2020. Like the Team GB athletes before them, they have lifted the spirits of the nation after a difficult year. It has been an honour to continue our partnership with ParalympicsGB and fly them to and from Tokyo, and we are excited to welcome home the final athletes as they reunite with loved ones to celebrate their success. From all of us at British Airways, well done!"

Mike Sharrock, Chief Executive of ParalympicsGB, said "I would like to thank British Airways for taking such great care of our athletes and support staff as they travelled to and from Tokyo 2020 during the most complex Games ParalympicsGB have ever been involved in. Our talented athletes have produced countless incredible

performance to inspire and unite the nation and we couldn't be prouder to be returning to the UK having

British Airways has a long-standing history in supporting national sporting events and teams. The airline has been the proud airline partner to Team GB and Paralympics GB since 2008 and is currently the Principal Partner to Twickenham Stadium, Official Airline Partner to England Rugby. The airline also flew the British & Irish Lions home after competing in their recent tour of South Africa.



achieved what we set out to do."