

SELETAR SITE GETS OFF TO FLYING START

Canadians set up in Singapore

Canadian completions house Flying Colours is showing off its latest offshoot at this year's EBACE – its new interiors facility at Singapore's Seletar airport.

Based inside long-term partner Bombardier's service centre at the business airport, the site comprises a gluing workshop and dedicated rooms for polishing, sanding and spraying. There is also a design room where customers can discuss refurbishment projects and select materials. The Peterborough, Ontario-based firm says the facility complements the repair and maintenance services offered next door by Bombardier.

Although the facility was opened officially by president and chief executive of Flying Colours John Gillespie

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on 21 April – in the presence of guests from Bombardier, the Canadian High Commission and the Singapore Economic Development Board – it has already carried out its first project, refinishing the woodwork of a Singapore-based Bombardier Challenger 605.

The team of 12 at Seletar is now refurbishing the woodwork on two Asia Pacific-based Globals.

While Singapore will specialise in Bombardier aircraft, Flying Colours also handles Dassault Falcon, Gulfstream and Beechcraft/Hawker types at its Ontario and US centres.



◀ **GILLESPIE:** Officially opened the new facility in the presence of VIPs in April

San Marino registers first AOC

San Marino is the latest small country to offer its own aircraft registry, and is marking at EBACE (stand S035) the award of its first air operator's certificate, to flight services and aircraft management operator ACASS.

The AOC will allow ACASS to base aircraft on the books of the landlocked European republic, which has inspectors "in strategic locations around the world".

Registry president David Colindres says it was an "honour" for ACASS to choose San Marino for its European branch. "Since day one we have aimed to become a premier aircraft registry composed of the best aviation safety professionals in the business to ensure our clients receive a higher quality of service."

ACASS executive vice president David Dorrance adds: "We found the process to be timely, precise and very cost-effective. There was guidance throughout the AOC certification."

JCB AERO'S LITTLE ROCK SITE GETS ROLLING

French cabin interior manufacturer JCB Aero has opened a US facility in Little Rock, Arkansas, close to Dassault Falcon's completion centre, where 'green' Falcon executive jets are painted and outfitted.

The first two shipsets of Falcon 2000 interiors have already been shipped across to the US operation, which will be named Beaudet Aviation, after JCB's owner. It is the latest stage in the company's 10-year association with the iconic French executive jet manufacturer.

Starting with small items of cabin interiors, such as panels, JCB Aero gradually built up its reputation and now provides complete interiors for the Falcon 2000 and 7X. With the latter type reaching the end of its production life, JCB Aero is helping develop interiors for the new Falcon 5X and 8X.

Operating from the airfield at Auch-Lamothe, near Toulouse – the local French government paid to extend the airfield's runway to allow executive jets to land at JCB Aero's facility – around 30% of the company's work is now for Dassault and a further 15-20% for Airbus Helicopters.



◀ **COOL:** Blinds ensure privacy and keep out heat on Falcon 900

Vision Systems is brimming with dimming and shady ideas for jets

Vision Systems (stand 1098) is presenting several innovations at EBACE, including its new motorised shade for two windows, Twin Comfort-Shade. Also on display is its dimmable sun visor, Opti-Visor, and its touchless-controlled dimmable window, Nuance Touchless.

The company says its products "feature a silent, fluid motion" and "advanced motorisation with brake, manual

unlocking and anti-jamming devices".

Its electronically dimmable windows are based on what it calls "suspended particle device" technology, which makes them "instantly dimmable" to reduce the light and heat entering the aircraft.

As well as blocking up to 95% of incoming heat, the devices also keep out 99.9% of UV light, which stops the interior from fading, adds the company. The

windows can be controlled from a touch panel on the window or a wireless tablet and can interface with any cabin management system, says Vision Systems.

One of the company's new customers is Ruag Aviation. Its maintenance facility has carried out an upgrade on a Dassault Falcon 900, which included black-out and privacy (opaque white) modes on the windows.



▲ BREMER: Delighted Structural changes for OHS

Berlin-based refurbishment specialist OHS Aviation Services (stand U123) is expanding its engineering offering to include primary structural changes and supplemental type certificate work.

OHS specialises in modifications such as cabin seating and furnishings, in-flight entertainment systems, wireless routers and galley remodelling.

With the expansion of the portfolio, modifications can now also be developed to adapt aircraft for special missions such as flight inspection services, medevac, research and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, says the company.

"We are delighted that OHS can now offer more extensive modifications on all sizes of aircraft from small aircraft right through to very large aircraft on an international level," adds chief operating officer Gregor Bremer.



▲ **BRANDED:** Avfuel FBOs on display

AVFUEL PUMPS UP ITS MEMBERSHIP

One of the most unusual exhibitors at any EBACE is Avfuel (stand N090). The fuel supplier distributes via a network of independent fixed base operations, many of which are represented on the Avfuel stand.

This year's branded FBOs are Avflight from Belfast City, Bahamas-based Banyan Air Service, Duncan Aviation

and Fargo Jet Center from the USA, Rizon Jet at Biggin Hill, Sheltair, based in locations down the east of the USA, Iceland's SouthAir, and Sky Valet, which is at Paris Le Bourget.

Avfuel has added to its network Marshall Aviation Services at Birmingham and Private Jet, the Isle of Man's only business aviation operator.

Marci Ammerman, Avfuel vice president marketing, said of the latest addition: "The Isle of Man has become a thriving international business destination and a major offshore financial centre. Business travel to this region will only continue to increase, and it's important to have an aviation service provider capable of catering to this clientele."