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A new year has begun and with it comes the promise of great happenings in 2017.

This is no exception for the Air Elite Network. The World Fuel Services sponsored network began in 2011 with 12 FBOs in the United States, all seeking to become something beyond just a single FBO. These FBOs sought the support and best practices of FBOs from around the globe to learn, teach and collaborate toward a more robust definition of what an FBO can do in the way of service delivery for the pilots, passengers, and aircraft.

We had no idea the concept would resound so well around the globe and with such high caliber FBOs operating across all continents. Today, the network membership consists of a total of 69 Diamond Service Locations and each member remains committed to providing FBO service and facilities that set a new standard in quality.

The network is truly a unique collection of FBOs who simply will not settle to do things the way they have always been done. Air Elite FBOs aim to expand their efforts and the future definition of FBO service levels – they seek to deliver what others have not yet defined as possible. These independent Owners, General Managers, Directors, Chief Executive Officers and respective teams refuse to limit their current efforts to what is expected – they commit to finding innovative and elevated strategies to redefine their ability to exceed today’s expectation of the FBO. In doing this, the network trusts that they will draw the attention of those discerning, sometimes demanding aircraft operators, who need assurances that their FBO selection will bode well for the aircraft owner, management company, charter company and ultimately their passengers. This is the driving force behind the design and the philosophy of the Air Elite Network.

The network has certainly seen its share of growth in recent months. Most notably, the addition of eight Deer Jet FBO locations in China and the addition of five Hawker Pacific locations throughout Australia and Singapore has punctuated the impressive expansion into the Asia-Pacific market. We are optimistic about the prospect for more growth continuing through 2017 in a variety of regions. We will share the newest locations each quarter in the ‘A World Of Air Elite’ magazine, for your future arrivals.

Keep your eye on the Air Elite Network to continue to answer the call for FBO owners who refuse to settle for mediocrity – much like the operators they serve. The strategic growth planned for 2017 and beyond will evolve the connectivity of network locations and continue to seek independent operators who are able to answer the call, raise the bar and deliver uniquely exceptional service to aircraft operators around the world.

Michael Szczechowski
SVP, Business Aviation Sales
World Fuel Services
Greetings from Abu Dhabi and Royal Jet. Please accept my wishes for a happy, safe and successful new year.

I have had the honor to serve as a member of the Air Elite Board since June, 2014, representing the Middle East, Africa, and most recently, the Asia-Pacific region. As the Outstation Logistics Manager for Royal Jet, I am based out of Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates where my focus is in guiding Royal Jet’s operational expansion and business development as it relates to our charter business and our FBO operations. My career in aviation has allowed me many opportunities, where I’ve been fortunate to see the industry from several vantages in the areas of auditing, FBO operations, FBO project development and even commercial airline operations. My contributions to the Air Elite Network Board stem from my knowledge and experience in these areas, where I have provided my guidance to give the network better global perspective as it relates to growth, expansion and improvements in standards.

In my time as an Air Elite Network Board member, I’ve witnessed the network’s extraordinary growth. The network has expanded to new continents and countries, now fully encompassing the globe and spreading the Diamond Difference. With each new FBO addition, flight operator’s benefit from the convenience of a more widespread network with the ’Comfort of Consistency’ and the ’Pleasure of Variety’. These are two of the network’s foundational beliefs established to ensure passengers and crews receive a trusted and unique experience. Our network definition is continuously refined with a focused lens on the services, facilities, training and safety to support each location’s delivery of a consistent, diamond-level service experience. In this new year, the Air Elite Network is poised to grow even larger, creating an further interconnected network, all while continuing to set the standard for business & general aviation service and quality.

It has always been my goal to ensure that customer service delivery is defined in the training, management and daily operations of our FBO, as we wished to see it elevated from an operator perspective. I’ve been fortunate to experience FBO Service delivery at multiple locations as a customer and I can share that the definition of service excellence widely varies around the globe. This is what inspired Royal Jet to join the network. As with other Air Elite Diamond Service Locations, we sought to partner with other like-minded FBOs who genuinely wished to collaborate and redefine FBO service delivery.

We have worked diligently together in the pursuit of delivering intelligent, genuine and incomparable service to the flight departments and operators we serve globally. This is enforced from the start with the stringent facility and service standards required for membership. The network seeks only those FBOs that sincerely understand and align with the network philosophy for Diamond Service.

I will continue to serve in my role as Board Member through June, 2017, collaborating with the Board, the Air Elite Network Members and the World Fuel Services team to continue this trend. It has been a truly enjoyable experience to watch the network definition evolve and the philosophy take hold in each member. I encourage you to learn more about the Air Elite Network and our FBO members. We, at Royal Jet, await the opportunity to exceed your expectations and serve your passengers, crew and aircraft needs.

Prajeet Pareparambil
Outstation Logistics Manager
Royal Jet (OMAA)
Air Elite Network Board Member
DIAMOND SERVICE LOCATIONS

Asian Pacific And Middle Eastern FBOs Are Ready To Serve

We are honored to present the Air Elite Network members. The value these FBOs provide to the operators around the globe include . . .

- Comfort of consistency through elevated customer service and facility standards
- Pleasure of variety with local expertise of independently owned FBOs
- Benchmarking The Ritz-Carlton philosophy on customer service
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Royal Jet (OMAA)

- Abu Dhabi is a strategic location, referred to as the crossroads of the world, and ideal for technical stopovers during flights between Europe, Asia and the Far East.
- The Royal Jet Terminal is favorably situated right next to the runway, which allows for swift taxiing time.
- Our FBO also benefits from its own security, customs and immigration department, meaning that discretion and security are always assured.

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Jet Aviation - Dubai (OMDB)

- Jet Aviation Dubai opened its maintenance and FBO operation in 2005 and is located at Dubai International Airport.
- The company provides scheduled and unscheduled maintenance, FBO services, aircraft washing and hangar service.
- Jet Aviation’s FBO in Dubai offers clients and crew members in-house immigration and customs clearance.

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Hawker Pacific - Sydney (YSSY)

- With the iconic Opera House and Harbour Bridge, Sydney is the business capital of Australia. The airport is located just 9 km from the city centre.
- Hawker Pacific’s commitment to world class, on-demand aviation services is supported by the largest network of Fixed Base Operations (FBOs) across Asia and Australia – with Sydney as it’s masterpiece.
- The Sydney FBO, recently refurbished, provides a fully serviced luxury lounge, VIP ground handling, on-site customs/immigration and quarantine clearance and communication facilities to suit business and leisure travel needs.

DIAMOND SERVICE LOCATIONS  Asian Pacific & Middle Eastern FBOs

Hawker Pacific - Perth (YPPH)

- Perth, the city where “nature and urban life exist in harmony”, beautiful white soft sand beaches, wineries and vast expanses of open land make Perth an appealing destination. Easy access to the city, only 30 minutes from the airport.
- Hawker Pacific’s Perth FBO provides a world class facility, with luxury lounge, hangars available, VIP ground handling, on-site customs/immigration and quarantine clearance and communication facilities to suit business and leisure travel needs.
- This FBO hosts superb crew facilities for the discerning operators.

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Hawker Pacific - Brisbane (YBBN)

- Brisbane, the capital of Queensland “beautiful one day, perfect the next.” Located 30 minutes from the city centre and only a few hour’s drive from the beautiful Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast, home for the 2018 Commonwealth Games.
- Hawker Pacific’s Brisbane FBO provides two world class facilities, with luxury lounge, hangars available, VIP ground handling, on-site customs/immigration and quarantine clearance and communication facilities to suit business and leisure travel needs.
- Our FBO location on the field provides easy access to the domestic and international terminals.

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Hawker Pacific - Cairns (YBCS)

- Cairns, the “gateway to the tropical north,” home to the Great Barrier Reef and Daintree Rainforest. Relax and enjoy the beautiful beaches and amazing diving in the Great Barrier Reef.
- Hawker Pacific’s Cairns FBO provides VIP ground handling through the domestic and international terminals with access to the aircraft stairs via private luxury vehicle. Crew facilities available at the large Hawker Pacific hangar with full communication facilities available.
- Easy access to the domestic and international terminals. Cairns International Airport located just 10 minutes from the city centre is a convenient option with no traffic to contend with.

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Hawker Pacific - Singapore (WSSL)

- Singapore, one of the world's greatest cities has just turned 50 years old. The business capital and gateway to Asia is a thriving bustling city, not to be missed on your trip to Australia.
- Hawker Pacific's Singapore FBO provides VIP ground handling in both Seletar and Changi Airports. At Seletar Airport Hawker Pacific's large hangar and luxury FBO is well situated for easy access to the city and other destinations in Asia.
- The Seletar FBO provides a world class facility, with luxury lounges, hangars available, VIP ground handling, customs/immigration and quarantine clearance and communication facilities to suit business and leisure travel needs. Superb crew facilities.

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Deer Jet - Changsha (ZGHA)

- Located at the Changsha Huanghua International Airport, which serves the Changsha, Hunan province.
- Includes ground support for business jets, agency services, flight line maintenance, aircraft and hangar cleaning, and agency ground handling service for business jet passengers.
- Changsha FBO will become the first FBO with its own business jet terminal among all Deer Jet FBOs.

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Deer Jet - Guilin Branch of Guangxi (ZGKL)

- Located at the Guilin Liangjiang International Airport, the airport serving the city of Guilin in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China.
- Guilin FBO has three VIP rooms decorated with Chinese and Western style.
- Guangxi FBO is committed to establishing Guangxi as a corporate aircraft gateway of southeast Asia.

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Deer Jet – Guangxi in Nanning (ZGNN)

- Located at the Nanning Wuxu Airport, an airport serving Nanning, the capital of Guangxi Autonomous Region, China.
- Guangxi FBO will extend to passengers who travel by corporate aircraft professional ground and passenger services.
- The design of the VIP building combines the local style of Guangxi with a contemporary influence.

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Deer Jet - Shenzhen (ZGSZ)

- Located at the Shenzhen Bao’an International Airport in Shenzhen, China.
- Provides business jet supervision and coordination, communication and stowage, passenger services, luggage loading and unloading, transportation, aircraft ground support and cleaning services.
- Committed to providing 24 hour complete ground handling services to its high-end, and exclusive clientele.

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Deer Jet - Haikou (ZIHK)

- Located at the Haikou Meilan International Airport near Qiongshan, China.
- Deer Jet’s Haikou FBO provides inbound and outbound customers with 24/7, seamless, professional services including ground services for the flight crew and passengers.
- The No.2 VIP building and the new international terminal provides guiding service, exclusive pathways for security checks and CIQ as well as VIP lounges.

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Deer Jet - Sanya (ZJSY)

• Located at Sanya Phoenix International Airport near Hainan, China.
• Committed to providing professional ground services to inbound and outbound flight service from the Sanya Airport.
• The FBO offers 24/7 on-call services for high-end customers and efficient, seamless services to satisfy customers’ demands for city traffic, customs clearance, entry and exit from the airport.

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Deer Jet - Xi’an (ZLXY)

• Located at the Xi’an Xianyang International Airport in the northwest region of China.
• Providing efficient and seamless services for high-end customers 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.
• Provides professional ground handling service, route maintenance, business jet supervision and coordination, communication and stowage, customer service, aircraft cleaning, and aircraft service.

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Deer Jet - Hangzhou (ZSHC)

• Located at the Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport serving Hangzhou, China.
• Comprehensive business aircraft ground handling services, business aircraft operations and services, VIP services, aircraft cleaning, catering, CAO agents, car rentals, and hotel extension services.
• Professional business aircraft ground handling service company.

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It’s a ‘Good Day’ for the Air Elite Network

With Hawker Pacific officially joining the network on January 1, 2017, we are excited to share that the network has grown significantly in the APAC Region in the last 6 months. Hawker Pacific operates the largest network of Fixed Base Operators (FBOs) and VIP lounges across Asia and Australia, where they aim to exceed all expectations for luxury and quality of service.

When you want to travel in ultimate comfort and style, their FBOs offer five star amenities, first-class support services and the highest quality ground handling and aircraft facilities.

Hawker Pacific’s commitment to world-class, on-demand aviation services is supported by the largest network of Fixed Base Operators (FBOs) across Asia and Australia. Crews & passengers enjoy fully serviced luxury lounges, VIP ground handling, on-site customs/immigration and quarantine clearance and communication facilities to suit all leisure and business travel needs.

The luxury VIP lounges located at Brisbane, Cairns, Perth, Singapore, and Sydney, provide the most relaxing environment possible for transiting passengers and crew. All lounges are hosted by highly trained personnel and offer a range of 24/7 concierge services. Hawker Pacific handles all aircraft types from 747-400 to single engine aircraft and can arrange ground handling at any location throughout Australia, New Zealand and Asia. No aircraft is too large or too small.

It’s all part of their integrated service and another reason why Hawker Pacific is Aviation’s Trusted Choice.

The Hawker Pacific name does not limit itself to FBO operations. For over 35 years, Hawker Pacific has been delivering a diverse range of integrated aviation solutions from aircraft sales, product support and flight services throughout Australia, Asia, the Pacific and Middle East. From new and used aircraft to engineering design, aircraft special mission modification, MRO support, spares supply, avionics support and fleet management, Hawker Pacific delivers you the best total aviation solution.

If that is not enough to serve your needs, Hawker Pacific continues to offer aviation expertise with aircraft management and maintenance.

Hawker Pacific Aircraft Asset Management provides a full range of support services to enable aircraft owners to enjoy the benefits of aircraft ownership without the time-consuming management and operational responsibilities. Their dedicated team of experts can help lower the costs of running an aircraft while improving safety.

Aircraft Maintenance Management and Continuing Airworthiness Management ensure serviceability and smooth operation of your aircraft at all times. It promotes safety through meticulous management of all aspects of airworthiness. Hawker Pacific’s services consist of long term maintenance planning, taking into account availability of the aircraft, maintenance oversight including: quality control, continuous monitoring of airworthiness requirements (AD/ SB’s) and expert type specific issues resolution and AOG support. Efficient maintenance management long term reduces the cost of operation as well as preserves the value of your aircraft.

Hawker Pacific delivers everything you need for private aircraft travel; from sourcing the most suitable aircraft and experienced flight crew to on-ground support, trip planning and access to an extensive network of FBOs and global affiliations, all while taking care of the important aspects of safety management and maintenance behind the scenes.

We invite you to visit these five new ‘Diamond Service Locations’ for your elevated aviation experience. Aircraft operators selecting any of the 69 Diamond Service Locations will discover the difference - ‘Loyalty Has Its Rewards’. Air Elite locations deliver elevated FlyBuys™ Rewards along with a commitment to the highest level of facility and customer service standards in the industry.
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Deer Jet’s FBO Locations include:

- BAO’AN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (ZGSZ)
- SANYA PHOENIX INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (ZJSY)
- HAIKOU MEILAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (ZJHK)
- NANNING WUXU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (ZGNN)
- XI’AN XIANYANG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (ZLXY)
- HANGZHOU XIAOSHAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (ZSHC)
- GUILIN LIANGJIANG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (ZGKL)
- CHANGSHA HUANGHUA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (ZSHA)

As Deer Jet continues to expand its FBO network across China, it remains committed to exceed international standards of quality and excellence in service. Deer Jet FBOs offer 24/7, bespoke solutions for customers and crew members including ground handling, permit issuing, luggage and cargo handling, aircraft cleaning, catering, trip support, limousine, among other services.

Deer Jet FBOs are dedicated to enhancing service capabilities at all locations, delivering outstanding seamless service experiences to customers. We welcome you to visit the Deer Jet FBOs and become an elite associate and FBO business partner.
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With its large and growing fleet comprising some of the finest and best-regarded business jets in the world, Royal Jet has invested wisely in aircraft to serve its customers to the highest standards. The world’s largest independent fleet of Boeing Business Jets (BBJs) is complemented by two mid-range Global 5000 jets, a Gulfstream 300 and two Learjet 60XRs.

Royal Jet, opened the doors of its VIP terminal in 2003. The dedicated Royal Jet VIP terminal, which was recently refurbished in 2013, sets well apart from the main airport terminal and has two spacious, elegant private lounges. Here, clients’ can relax in privacy and enjoy its outstanding service.

The international-standard facility for VIP private jets in the Emirate – means they can offer completely seamless standards of efficiency and service. The VIP terminal has its own customs and immigration department, with security provided by internal police. All staff are experienced in dealing with a variety of VIPs, from royalty to corporate clients and individuals, so you can be sure of perfect discretion and service.

Royal Jet also extends its VIP terminal services to those flying on scheduled commercial flights and can arrange for secure airside transfers from its VIP terminal to the aircraft and vice versa.

With the eyes of the world’s racing enthusiasts focusing on the Formula 1 season held at the Yas Marina Circuit in Abu Dhabi, visiting royalty, VIPs, celebrities and F1 enthusiasts from across the globe are able to enjoy Royal Jet’s VIP treatment at its award-winning FBO and VIP Terminal facility at Abu Dhabi International Airport. Guests are able to take advantage of the FBO’s close proximity to the iconic Yas Marina Circuit, which is just minutes away by helicopter or limousine.

If you have your own aircraft, the Royal Jet FBO is the ideal location for technical stopovers between Europe, Asia and the Far East. It has been nominated as one of the world’s top ten FBOs by Aviation International News, and is regularly acknowledged by leading industry journals as one of the finest FBOs in the Middle East.

Their teams of licensed and experienced engineers take care of every aspect of aircraft handling, maintenance and management. There is no sub-contracting, thereby guaranteeing outstanding performance at every stage.
Jet Aviation Marks 50th Anniversary with Refreshed Branding

By Samantha Cartaino

Jet Aviation is set to kick off its 50th anniversary year with a new corporate identity to be used beginning January 1, 2017. The global business aviation services group has unveiled a new logo and corporate emblem that replaces the traditional deer-head symbol that has been in use since the company, now a General Dynamics subsidiary, was founded by Swiss entrepreneur Carl Hirschmann and his family back in 1967. The new branding retains the same colors but features a new monogram with the word JET that acknowledges the industry’s commonly used abbreviation for Jet Aviation.

“Milestones such as this provide an excellent opportunity to reflect on the past as we look to the future,” said Jet Aviation Group president Rob Smith. “We wanted to do something special in honor of the occasion and I believe our new branding initiative really makes a statement. As we continue to expand our capabilities, it’s important for our customers to recognize the strength and consistency of our standards, culture and service philosophy, no matter where we are.”

Jet Aviation operates from locations across Europe, the Middle East, Asia, North America and the Caribbean. It provides maintenance, engineering, completion and refurbishment, FBO and fuel services as well as charter, aircraft management and staffing services.

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Business Aviation Centre - Cologne (EDDK)

• We are the owner and operator of the General Aviation Terminal which makes us the only FBO on site where you receive all services first hand.
• Enjoy the hospitality of our friendly staff and the comfort of our VIP and crew lounges.
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Jet Aviation - Düsseldorf (EDDL)

• Jet Aviation Düsseldorf was established in 1975 as the company’s first permanent foreign operation.
• The in-house immigration and customs services make your journey on and off the tarmac fast and easy and our staff can arrange transportation and hotel accommodations.
• From our accommodating staff, to our modern facility, you will find everything you need to make your journey pleasant and efficient.

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Harrods Aviation, London Luton (EGGW)

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• Situated off the delta taxiway adjacent to our hangars with our own gate access airside, away from onlookers, your privacy is assured at our site.
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Harrods Aviation, London Stansted (EGSS)

- Harrods Aviation’s full service FBO facility at London Stansted is situated on the north side of the airport in the easily accessible Business Centre, away from the bustle and congestion of the main terminal complex.
- Ample parking facilities are provided and passenger and crew drop off can easily be made right outside the building.
- Dependent on the security restrictions of the departing flight, passenger set-down at the aircraft is possible without transiting our facilities.

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- Located at the O.R. Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg, South Africa.
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- Full service FBO including VIP ground handling, concierge driver service, hangar parking, line maintenance, full GSE, catering and amenities.

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YU Lounge - Mauritius (FIMP)

- Adjacent to the SSR International Airport in Mauritius, our arrival and departure lounges offer the very best in unobtrusive services and comfort for discerning travelers on commercial airliners or private jets in search of exclusivity.
- The team brings to you a wealth of experience and knowledge; they are the cornerstones to YU Lounge’s 5-star status.
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Stratos is planning a product introduction at EAA’s AirVenture 2017 and will also exhibit at the annual NBAA convention in Las Vegas this year. The goal is to certify the Stratos 714 by 2019 and start delivery soon after certification.

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Gulfstream Continues Supersonic Business Jet Research

By Chad Trautvetter

Gulfstream Aerospace continues to pursue technologies that would enable development of a supersonic business jet (SSBJ), logging two new U.S. patents for such technologies in the past several months alone. Asked about these latest patent awards, a company spokeswoman told AIN, “Gulfstream has a small team committed to researching sonic-boom mitigation. We also continue to work to remove the ban on flying supersonically over land.”

The Savannah, Georgia-based aircraft manufacturer’s most prominent research in this field is its Quiet Spike, a telescoping nose meant to greatly reduce or even eliminate the sonic boom. It has previously tested the Quiet Spike on a NASA F-15 and has even built an acoustic simulator to demonstrate the spike’s effectiveness, which it dubs the “Gulfstream Whisper.”

The company, however, has noted that the engine inlet is also a major factor in reducing sonic boom noise. Thus, a patent issued on November 1 to Gulfstream (Stand A13, A14) is for an “isentropic compression inlet for supersonic aircraft [which shapes] the compression surface of the inlet to defocus the resulting shocklets away from the cowl lip.” This improves inlet drag characteristics and interference drag characteristics, according to the patent.

The company has also developed a way to use fuel loading to mitigate the sonic boom. In a patent issued on September 20, Gulfstream engineers outline a computerized fuel redistribution “to adjust an amount of fuel stored within a wing to minimize a twist in the wing caused by the deviation.” Such redistribution will reduce the magnitude of the sonic boom caused by the deviation, the patent notes.

While the Concorde also employed fuel load shifting, it did so for moving the center of gravity in the supersonic realm and was a highly manual process, using a series of toggle switches controlled by an on-board flight engineer. The Gulfstream application is different—not just because it will be used to twist the wings to minimize the sonic boom, but also because it is employing a computerized system with processors and sensors to automatically and instantly adjust fuel loads. It is primarily this computing and sensor technology that is the underlying basis of the patent.

SSBJ CLUES

The patents also give some clues to what a Gulfstream supersonic business jet might look like, should the company actually decide to go ahead with such an ambitious project. According to information and drawings included in these patents, the design would likely employ a swing wing, like that used for the F-111 (built by Gulfstream parent company General Dynamics in the 1960s), and be powered by two engines. Configuration drawings also show a T-tail and the telescoping Quiet Spike, in addition to isentropic compression engine inlets and the fuel-load shifting system. In addition, the patents suggest a top speed of Mach 1.9 for a would-be Gulfstream SSBJ.

Gulfstream has flirted on and off with the idea of an SSBJ since 1989, though it appears to have become more serious about such an aircraft in 2008, when it tapped Robert Cowart as director of supersonic technology development, a position that was newly created at the time. Cowart still heads this research at the aircraft manufacturer.

And as Gulfstream and rival Bombardier Aerospace approach subsonic large-cabin business jets with ranges nearing 8,000 nm—enough to fly halfway around the globe non-stop—speed appears to be the next frontier. In fact, an aviation consultancy specializing in this issue published a study last year that concluded that an SSBJ now makes economic sense.

“We’ve done the study in two ways—on the air transportation side with the airlines, and with the corporate aviation side,” said Inter-Flight Global CEO Oscar Garcia. “On the airline side, the price premium cannot exceed 30 percent. On the corporate side, the price premium can reach up to 70 percent. The corporate and special-mission government side is much less price sensitive.”

He also thinks that the time is ripe for the U.S. Congress to revisit the national ban on supersonic flight over land. “Congress is looking at this issue again, maybe more than ever before. It is starting to look at the fact that we need speed, we need the ability for rapid reaction,” Garcia noted.

“It’s mostly for the military, but it is permeating into the civilian realm,” he added. “With good research results from Gulfstream and NASA, if that sonic boom gets reduced to a certain level, I wouldn’t be surprised if the ban is lifted.” That could happen as early as 2020, Garcia believes.

He envisions an SSBJ as just the first step in developing a pathway to regular suborbital transportation, perhaps as early as 2035. “Propulsion remains the main challenge,” Garcia concluded.

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