

ARRIVALS LOUNGE

Jet Aviation opens hangar facility at Seletar Aerospace Park



Jet Aviation Singapore officially opened its new 80,000ft² hangar at Seletar Aerospace Park on May 31, 2014 following a year-long design-build contract project with Aircraft Support Industries (ASI) costing US\$25m.

The project consisted of constructing a 54,000ft² hangar alongside the existing 27,000ft² hangar in order to accommodate large, long-range business jets that are gaining popularity in the region. The facility now permits up to five Gulfstream G650 or five Bombardier Global Express 7000 aircraft, and can also accommodate the Boeing Business Jet and Airbus Corporate Jet.

"The decision for significant expansion in Singapore was made in direct response to clear signs of further growth in the Asian market – we have grown our fleet from three aircraft five years ago to 30 aircraft today. As our key MRO and FBO location in the Asian Pacific region, the facility expansion also served to strengthen

our global MRO network, while demonstrating our commitment to providing our clients the highest quality services, comforts and standards. We wanted to expand our capacity to meet increased customer demand in the region and to accommodate large, long-range business jets, which are the preferred aircraft in the region," explained Gary Dolski, vice president and general manager, Jet Aviation Singapore.

"This investment really underscores our commitment to meeting our customers' requirements in Asia," added Rob Smith, president of Jet Aviation Group. "We look forward to working with our partners for many years to come and to serving our customers from this and the rest of our global network of facilities."

In addition to the new hangar, Jet Aviation's apron now has direct access to the tarmac and has been expanded by 100,000ft². The company has also expanded its staff to meet growing regional demand. Employee headcount

has grown from 59 in 2010 to 123 in 2013 – 73% were local hires – with a further 13 new aviation professionals expected to join the team throughout 2014.

"Almost three-quarters of our employees were hired locally," explained Dolski, "and we have jointly founded a Licensed Aircraft Engineer Training Program with the Air Transport Training College to help develop a competitive pool of local licensed aircraft engineers and professionals for the business aviation network at Seletar Aerospace Park." [↗](#)

Interior shop expansion

In April 2014, Jet Aviation Singapore expanded its Interior Shop at Seletar Aerospace Park, enabling it to provide comprehensive interior refurbishment services to customers.

The 4,500ft² Interior Shop is situated at the company's new hangar facility and will offer interior services capabilities, from minor repairs and touch-ups to full interior aircraft refurbishment. The shop includes state-of-the-art equipment for upholstery, wood and veneer finishing and carpeting, as well as a 650ft² eco-friendly spray painting and buffing shop.

"The new production environment is designed to support the highest quality and service standards for interior aircraft refurbishment," said Gary Dolski, vice president and general manager of Jet Aviation Singapore. "There is growing appreciation of the value of business jets in the Asian economy, and demand for unique interiors continues to increase."



Above (L-R): Gary Dolski, VP and GM, Jet Aviation Singapore; Tan Kong Hwee, deputy director, Transport Engineering, Economic Development Board of Singapore; Stefan Benz, VP, Jet Aviation MRO and FBO Operations, EMEA & Asia; Heah Soon Poh, assistant CEO, JTC Corporation; Rob Smith, Jet Aviation president