

## **AVIATION MAINTENANCE & FBO**

**Liebherr-Aerospace, a Toulouse-based supplier of aviation systems and components, is expanding its maintenance, repair and overhaul facilities in Lindenberg (Bavaria, Germany) during 2026.** The project will increase the site area by approximately 6,040 m<sup>2</sup> (65,000 ft<sup>2</sup>) through the expansion of customer service and assembly areas supporting repair and refurbishment activities. The Lindenberg facility supports landing gear systems, flight control and actuation systems, and air management systems, as well as specialised surface treatment technologies. The company will demolish an existing administration building and replace it with new infrastructure.

The expansion is driven by rising demand for maintenance, repair and overhaul services linked to ageing aircraft fleets, increased aftermarket activity and more complex aircraft systems. Liebherr cited programmes such as the Airbus A350, for which it supplies slat actuation systems and nose landing gear manufactured at Lindenberg.

In addition, the company will construct a new office complex of approximately 9,940 m<sup>2</sup> (107,000 ft<sup>2</sup>) to support its workforce at the site. #1266.MRO1

**Teruel Airport (Aragon, Spain) may see planned expansion by Tarmac Aerosave redirected elsewhere following a land allocation decision by local authorities.** The airport's governing consortium, formed by the Aragon regional government and Teruel City Council, has awarded land to López Soriano Group for the development of an aircraft recycling plant. Tarmac stated that this activity falls within its existing operations and described the decision as unfavourable to its position at the airport. Tarmac indicated that the decision could affect its plans to expand facilities at Teruel Airport, where it currently operates aircraft storage, maintenance and dismantling services. The company has previously developed infrastructure at the site, including a hangar designed to accommodate large aircraft such as the Airbus A380.

Teruel Airport functions primarily as an aircraft storage, maintenance and recycling facility rather than a commercial passenger airport, benefiting from dry climatic conditions and available space for long-term parking. Further details regarding the potential relocation of Tarmac's expansion plans have not been disclosed. #1266.MRO2

**International Aerospace Coatings, a United States- and Ireland-based aircraft painting services provider, has taken over a hangar facility at Safi Aviation Park (Malta) under a long-term lease.** The facility was previously operated by Aviation Cosmetics, which ceased operations earlier in 2026 following financial difficulties. The site includes a widebody hangar capable of accommodating aircraft up to the Airbus A380, along with a narrowbody hangar that will be integrated into IAC's existing infrastructure.

All 58 employees from the previous operator will transfer to the new operation, with plans to expand the workforce by approximately 90 additional staff over the next three years. **The company also intends to upgrade the facility as part of its development programme.**

IAC, headquartered in Irvine (California, United States) and Shannon (Ireland), is expanding its global network from 19 to 25 facilities, with additional projects underway in Fort Worth (Texas, United States) and Teruel (Spain). #1266.MRO3

**Air Côte d'Ivoire, the national airline of the Ivory Coast, is developing a maintenance facility at Abidjan's Félix Houphouët-Boigny International Airport (Ivory Coast) to support its fleet and regional carriers.** The maintenance, repair and overhaul facility will provide technical support for aircraft operating across West and Central Africa. It will include a new hangar covering 22,225 m<sup>2</sup> and is

expected to employ around 300 people. The project will complement an existing hangar, which is planned for later renovation and is not equipped to service Airbus A330 aircraft. The development follows the airline's expansion into long-haul operations, supported by a 30 billion FCFA (USD 49.36 million) loan from the West African Development Bank to finance two Airbus A330-900neo aircraft delivered in September and December 2025. Air Côte d'Ivoire's fleet is projected to reach 20 aircraft, including six long-haul units, by 2028. The financing was approved during the bank's 150th board session in Dakar, as part of its 2026–2030 programme, with similar maintenance infrastructure projects also under development in the region. #1266.MRO4

### **Aircraft Manufacturing Facilities**

**Boom Supersonic, a United States-based aerospace company, plans to begin aircraft production within two years at Piedmont Triad International Airport (North Carolina, United States).** The company's manufacturing facility at the airport remains under development, with a lease agreement requiring hiring targets to be met by 31 December 2026, or the site could be reassigned by the Piedmont Triad Airport Authority. Boom has raised approximately USD 1 billion in funding, including USD 400 million since the end of 2024.

The airport, located in Greensboro, serves as a regional aviation hub with cargo, maintenance and manufacturing activities alongside passenger operations. It provides runway access and industrial facilities supporting aerospace production and related services.

Boom is developing a supersonic passenger aircraft, with conditional orders from airlines including United Airlines, subject to regulatory approval. The company's timeline and progress continue to be monitored in relation to lease obligations and employment targets linked to state incentives. #1266.MRO5

**JetZero, a US-based aircraft developer, plans to begin construction in June 2026 on a manufacturing facility at Greensboro's Piedmont Triad International Airport with an investment of USD 4.7 billion.** The project will establish a greenfield aircraft production site for blended-wing jetliners, with long-term employment projected at approximately 14,500 workers. The development is supported by public incentives totalling around USD 1.7 billion at the state level and approximately USD 90 million from local authorities, while initial operations will be based in a leased office facility at the airport.

JetZero is developing a full-scale demonstrator aircraft targeted for flight testing in 2027, with commercial production planned towards the end of the decade. The company is working with partners including Northrop Grumman, Scaled Composites and Pratt & Whitney, and is sourcing components from established manufacturers to support certification requirements.

The project forms part of a wider aerospace cluster at the airport, where companies such as Honda Aircraft Company are developing new aircraft programmes and expanding employment, with North Carolina hosting approximately 400 aerospace-related businesses. #1266.MRO6

### **FBO & Business Aviation Airports**

**NetJets, a US-based private aviation company, has begun constructing a dedicated terminal at Augusta Regional Airport (Georgia, United States) for its fractional aircraft owners.**

The project includes a private aircraft ramp covering 40,134 m<sup>2</sup> (432,000 sq ft), intended to provide parking space for aircraft. Construction is ongoing, with the ramp and foundational walls already in place, and completion scheduled ahead of the Masters Tournament in April 2026.

Augusta Regional Airport, a public airport serving Augusta in the state of Georgia, recorded nearly 580 NetJets owner flights during the 2025 tournament period, representing a 34% increase compared to the previous year. Passengers travelled from 36 US states during the event period. #1266.MRO7

**A proposed general aviation airport in Bryan County (Georgia, United States) faces uncertainty as local authorities reconsider financial and political support for the project.**

The Richmond Hill–Bryan County Airport Authority, established in 2025 by the Georgia Legislature, is responsible for planning a facility primarily intended for private aircraft and hangar storage, with an estimated total cost of approximately USD 128 million. Funding plans indicate that around 90% would be sourced from federal programmes, with the remainder covered by state contributions and authority-issued bonds, while feasibility studies to date have cost approximately USD 300,000.

Bryan County suspended funding in December 2025, and Richmond Hill city officials are considering withdrawing support due to concerns over costs, demand forecasts and community opposition. Residents have raised issues including safety, environmental impacts and proximity to existing airspace and developments.

The project remains subject to a regional aviation study by the Georgia Department of Transportation and a required environmental assessment, both of which will determine whether development proceeds. #1266.MRO8

**Rise Aviation, a US-based fixed-base operator providing fuel, maintenance and aviation services, plans to construct a new hangar at Denison's North Texas Regional Airport (Texas, United States).** The project involves a 5,850 m<sup>2</sup> (63,000 sq ft) hangar, with construction scheduled to begin on 16 April 2026 by Plyler Construction, a Texas-based contractor. The development is expected to create approximately 50 jobs, including pilots, technicians, mechanics and administrative staff.

North Texas Regional Airport, located in Grayson County and originally developed as a military airfield during World War II, features a 2,743 m (9,000 ft) runway capable of accommodating large aircraft. Local authorities have identified the site for potential future commercial aviation development, subject to investment and airline interest. #1266.MRO9

**South Valley Regional Airport (West Jordan, Utah, United States) will see expanded business aviation facilities as SkyShare takes over FBO operations and plans new hangar development.**

The agreement with the Salt Lake City Department of Airports appoints SkyShare as the full-service FBO operator, covering fueling, ground handling, maintenance support and concierge services, while also managing approximately 650,000 square feet of hangar, office and lease space. Planned developments include the construction of 50 new T-hangars and a large community hangar, alongside a full refurbishment of the FBO, aimed at addressing a shortage of aircraft storage capacity, where waiting times currently exceed four years.

South Valley Regional Airport, located around 16 km south of Salt Lake City International Airport, serves general and private aviation with a 1,787 m runway capable of accommodating super mid-size business jets.

The project supports growing demand for private aviation in the Salt Lake City region, where nearby Salt Lake City International Airport ranks among the busiest private jet markets in the United States.

#1266.MRO10

**Infinity Aviation Group, a United States-based general aviation infrastructure developer, has opened an office in Charleston (South Carolina, United States) to support the expansion of its fixed-base operator network.** The new office will support mergers and acquisitions activity, as well as the development of existing facilities, including FBOs and aircraft hangars. The company stated that

the location will serve as a base for advancing its strategy focused on acquiring and developing general aviation infrastructure across the United States.

Infinity Aviation Group currently operates an FBO at Nashua Airport (New Hampshire, United States) and is pursuing further expansion opportunities in key domestic markets. The Charleston office will support both strategic growth initiatives and operational activities as the company expands its network.

The development reflects continued investment activity in the general aviation sector, including consolidation and infrastructure development by operators seeking to expand FBO networks.

#1266.MRO11

**Apollo Global Management, a US-based investment firm, is in advanced negotiations to acquire a majority stake in Atlantic Aviation from KKR for approximately USD 10 billion.**

The transaction would involve Singapore's sovereign wealth fund GIC Pte as a co-investor, while KKR, a global private equity firm, is expected to retain a significant minority stake and invest additional capital. Atlantic Aviation operates a network of fixed-base operators across the United States, providing services including fuelling, maintenance, de-icing and hangar leasing for private aircraft.

The company expanded to 106 locations in September 2025 and entered the Caribbean market in December 2025 through the acquisition of an FBO at Sint Maarten's Princess Juliana International Airport. KKR acquired Atlantic Aviation in 2021 for USD 4.5 billion, and an agreement on the current transaction could be announced in early April 2026. #1266.MRO12

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