FALCON AVIATION EXPANDS MAINTENANCE SERVICE CENTRE CAPABILITY WITH PILATUS PC-12

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Partners with GI Aviation for PC-12 maintenance, hangarage in the UAE

Falcon Aviation, the UAE's leading aviation company specialising in business aviation services, charter and aircraft management, is expanding its MRO activity in the growing turboprop market with a Pilatus PC-12 service centre at its Al Bateen Executive Airport Hangar facility.

Under the warranty services of Pilatus Aircraft and with the backing of AMAC Aerospace, the OEM's exclusive sales representative in the Middle East*, Falcon Aviation has ratified a new partnership agreement with PC-12 charter operator GI Aviation to provide line and base maintenance, plus regional AOG support.

The relationship extends to parking, handling and hangarage at Falcon Aviation's Hangar facilities at Al Bateen Executive Airport and FBO facilities at Dubai South, Al Maktoum International Airport.

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GI Aviation pioneered commercial charter services with the PC-12 in January, following the award of GCAA certification in December 2016. It is currently working with Falcon Aviation (on the re-registration) of its newly accepted second PC-12NG.

“We are very pleased to be supporting the increasingly popular PC-12 which is opening up an exciting new entry level for affordable charter here in the UAE and beyond,” said Falcon Aviation Director of Maintenance, Nicolas Tejera, “We will be supporting these aircraft with significant investment in parts and tooling and dedicated engineering team and technicians.”

“The majority of Falcon’s work under our GCAA maintenance certification will be supporting third party customers on a variety of business aviation models,” added Ronnie McCrae, Service Centre Manager.

“We are investing in appropriate infrastructure and technical support for the region to help new operators like GI Aviation grow. We can see them providing excellent feeder opportunities, not just to the larger private jet companies but also to the commercial airlines. We are very enthusiastic about the super versatile PC-12 and PC-24. These aircraft are real game-changers in the Middle East,” stated Captain Raman Oberoi, COO, Falcon Aviation.

“Having local support on the ground and in the field from a proficient and long-established business aviation maintenance organisation, especially in any AOG situation, is an important component of our overall offering. We are very pleased therefore to team with Falcon Aviation as our ground partner and are looking forward to a long term relationship with their team,” said Marios Belidis, General Manager of GI Aviation.

Falcon Aviation and the PC-24

Falcon Aviation’s relationship with the Swiss manufacturer will further expand in the future to include the PC-24 versatile light twin jet, both charter operations and MRO support. This is a natural progression following its commitment to acquire two aircraft for delivery from Spring 2019.

*AMAC Aerospace is marketing the versatile, high speed PC-12 in Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Yemen, Kuwait, Iraq, Bahrain, Qatar, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt and Turkey.

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