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Oxford Aviation Academy signs contract with Air Europa for EMBRAER 190 training

Oxford Aviation Academy (OAA) and Air Europa have signed a three-year Training Agreement for the provision of pilot training and simulator time for the airline's new fleet of EMBRAER 190 aircraft.

The airline already operates 5 EMBRAER 195LRs, with 6 more due for delivery over the next 18 months. The aircraft operates in 122 seat configuration, and flies short haul routes within Spain and the rest of Europe.

Entitlement Training for the initial group of 50 pilots began last January at OAA's Gatwick Training Centre on behalf of Embraer. OAA is an Authorised EMBRAER 170/190 Entitlement Training provider and holds JAR TRTO approval for the type. OAA has invested in a full training suite – a dual fit EMBRAER 170/190 Level D full flight simulator, and a state-of-the-art ground school facility which includes CBT stations, FMS trainers and an Integrated Procedures Trainer.

Commenting on the agreement, Mike Humphreys, Managing Director of OAA's Type Training Division, commented: "Air Europa trained all their initial crews at OAA against a very tight timescale in late 2008 and the early first part of 2009, and this programme was very successful. It is a great pleasure to extend this new relationship on a more long term basis, following signature of this new contract."

Roberto Perez, Air Europa's Flight Training Manager, Embraer fleet said: "Following the good results obtained during the EMBRAER 190 type rating courses for Air Europa pilots that took place at OAA, we are very pleased to sign this new contract with OAA in order to extend this new relationship on a long term basis. In the future, close to 110 Air Europa pilots will require simulator training to be provided by OAA."



Photo: Roberto Perez, EMBRAER 190 Flight Training Manager of Air Europa, and Rod Ward Regional Sales Manager of OAA.

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About Oxford Aviation Academy (OAA)

OAA is the world's leading independent provider of pilot, cabin crew and maintenance training and aviation resourcing services. It is unique in its ability to offer the world's only fully integrated pilot supply chain. With locations in Beijing, Copenhagen, Dublin, Hong Kong, London (Gatwick), London (Heathrow), Manchester, Melbourne, Oslo, Oxford, Phoenix, Riga, Shannon, Stockholm and Tokyo, OAA is able to provide a "Total Solution" tailored to meet the particular needs of a customer.

OAA operates 49 simulators, has 8 Type Training Centres across Europe and Asia, and can provide a full range of training courses or simulator leases. OAA's Ab Initio pilot training schools are amongst the world's largest and have trained over 23,000 professional pilots over the last 45 years. Parc Aviation, OAA's resourcing division, is the global market leader in providing aviation personnel on lease to airlines and aviation support organisations, currently providing more than 800 personnel contracted to 50 airlines in 30 different countries.

OAA is owned by STAR Capital Partners and General Electric Corporation.

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