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## **New FTO Approval supports OAA growth strategy in Singapore**

Oxford Aviation Academy (OAA) has further developed its training capability in Asia through securing full Flight Training Organisation (FTO) approval from the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS). The new approval is also an historical achievement with OAA becoming the very first non-Singaporean owned company to secure a CAAS FTO Approval.

The approval now enables OAA to deliver approved ab initio cadet pilot training at both the Oxford UK and Melbourne Australia training centres; leading to the issue of a CAAS Commercial Pilot's Licence and Instrument Rating with ATPL Theoretical Knowledge.

The first customers to benefit from this new OAA training capability will be Singapore based low fares airlines: Jetstar Asia and Tiger Airways. OAA has already partnered with Jetstar Asia for the launch of two innovative airline pilot cadet training programmes aimed at attracting Singapore Nationals to a career with Jetstar to support its expanding Pan-Asian operations. There has been significant interest in the cadet training programmes since launch with plans to train up to 36 cadets per annum for Jetstar Asia alone.

This new FTO approval and recognition from the Singaporean CAAS continues to build on the expanding portfolio of regulatory approvals secured by OAA throughout the Asia-Pacific region and further reinforces OAA's position as a leading and world-class provider of airline pilot training globally.

The award of the CAAS FTO approval is a key step in the overall OAA strategy of establishing a significant pilot training capability in Singapore with plans now well underway to open a new ground training centre in Singapore to enable CAAS training 'in-country'.

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## **About Oxford Aviation Academy (OAA)**

OAA is one of the World's leading independent providers of innovative aviation training and resourcing services. It is truly unique in its ability to offer a fully integrated global flight crew supply chain.

With locations across Europe, Asia-Pacific and Australia, OAA offers integrated "Total Training Solutions" tailored to meet the particular needs of any airline customer worldwide.

OAA operates: 102 training aircraft, 64 simulators and 10 training centres delivering an innovative and comprehensive portfolio of aviation training courses.

OAA's 3 ab Initio airline pilot training schools are amongst the World's most respected and have trained over 26,000 professional pilots during the past 50 years.

OAA's 7 type training centres combine to offer approved flight crew, cabin crew and aircraft maintenance training on a range of aircraft types including Airbus, Boeing, Bombardier, BAE Systems and Embraer.

Parc Aviation, OAA's resourcing division, is the global market leader in providing aviation personnel on lease to the aviation industry, currently providing 1000 personnel on assignments to over 50 organisations in 30 countries.

OAA is owned by STAR Capital Partners and the GE Corporation.

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