



## AIRLINES & AIRPORTS



### World's Best Airlines for 2017 Awarded by AirlineRatings

AirlineRatings.com the world's foremost safety and product rating website has selected Air New Zealand as its 2017 Airline of the Year for the fourth consecutive year.

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### Brussels Airport Seeks to Generate 120,000 Jobs in 2040

CEO of Brussels Airport Company (BAC) Arnaud Feist unveiled Thursday its



### airBaltic Announces World Debut of CS300

The Latvian airline airBaltic will start Bombardier CS300 commercial operations

strategic vision 2040, an ambition to double the activities and the job opportunities by 2040.

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### Alaska Airlines Completes First Commercial Wood Biofuel Flight

Alaska Airlines Flight 4 made history when its Boeing 737-800, with 163 passengers on board, flew from Seattle to Washington, D.C. - the first ever commercial flight to use an alternative renewable jet fuel made from forest residuals.

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on December 14, 2016 on its route linking Riga with Amsterdam.

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### Etihad Airways on the Lookout for New Pilots in Europe

If you know your way around the flight deck of the world's biggest passenger plane, among others, Etihad Airways would probably like to hear from you. The national airline of the UAE has announced it will shortly launch a pilot recruitment drive across Europe.

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30  
November

### The 6th China Aviation Industry Summit 2016

China Aviation Industry Summit 2016, which is the only event held in Asia Pacific focusing on the development of global aviation development and the high-technology applied in the aircraft.

6  
December

### The Future of Air Transport 2016

Join us for Marketforce's 24th annual Future of Air Transport. Expand your horizons alongside 200 senior aviation professionals. Delving into the hot topics with our expert speaker line-up of 15+ C-Level executives.

22  
February

### CONNECT – 14th European Route Development Forum

CONNECT is an international route development forum that every year brings together over 400 aviation stakeholders from airports, airlines, tour operators, tourism and government bodies, from Europe and beyond, to discuss future aviation networks.

Join decision makers from **Africa's governments, ministries, civil aviation authorities, airlines & airports** to discuss the continent's aviation expansion and construction.

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## EDITOR'S REVIEW



### **Pilots, Leap Into Action - Airlines are Looking for You**

After coping with terrorism, bankruptcies and consolidation, the largest airlines of the world are facing a new problem: a looming worldwide pilot shortage. The recent boom in air travel has created an urgent demand for new aircraft and additional flights as well as new routes all over the world which, in turn, have served the reason for a massive expansion of low-cost airlines.

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## REGULATIONS & SAFETY



### **DOT Tentatively Denies Expansion of Qantas-American Alliance**

The U.S. Department of Transportation issued a Show Cause Order tentatively



### **Easier Access for General Aviation Pilots to IFR Flying**

EASA has published a proposal opened for comments for 'Easier access for general aviation pilots to instrument flight rules

denying the application of American Airlines, Inc. and Qantas Airways, Ltd. to expand their existing alliance for services between the United States and Australia/New Zealand.

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flying' (NPA 2016-14). The objective is to provide a more accessible instrument rating for pilots holding non-commercial licences.

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## MANUFACTURERS



### **Boom Technology Unveils Supersonic Demonstrator**

Boom Technologies expects to start subsonic flight tests of its XB-1 supersonic demonstrator in late 2017. The engineering design was unveiled at the company's Centennial airport facility in Denver, Colorado, on November 15.

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### **Boeing Targets Latin America for Widebody Sales**

Boeing sees big sales potential in the evolving Latin American market, with the company particularly targeting carriers in



### **Poland Selects Gulfstream G550 for VIP Transport**

Gulfstream has secured an order from the Polish government for two G550 business jets to be used for VIP transport missions.

Argentina and Mexico for sales of new widebodies.

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The aircraft will be operated by country's air force.

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## MILITARY & DEFENCE



### India to Test Own Drone to Avoid US, Israeli Makes

India's state-owned defense research company is about to test a medium altitude long endurance drone. Its success could make the Indian military market out of bounds.

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### China Claims Its First Aircraft Carrier Is Now Ready For Combat

China's first aircraft carrier is now ready to engage in combat, marking a milestone for a navy that has invested heavily in its ability to project power far from China's shores.

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### Russia Ready to Deliver Six MiG-29 Fighter Jets to Serbia

The Russian authorities have expressed readiness to deliver six MiG-29 fighter jets to Serbia if Belgrade covers the jet fighters' repair costs, Serbian media reported.

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### US Approves \$1Bln Predator Drones Sale to UK

US Defense Security Cooperation Agency said that the US Department of State has approved a possible \$1 billion sale of Predator drones, equipment, training and support to the UK.

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## ACCIDENTS & INVESTIGATIONS



### **Dreamliner Lands Safely After Smoke in Cockpit**

An Air India aircraft flying from Kolkata to Delhi on Sunday witnessed a serious scare when the pilots reported fumes and smoke in the cockpit of the Boeing 787 Dreamliner.

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### **Three Heathrow Flights in Three Days Brush with Drones**

UK investigators have disclosed details of three more encounters, within three days, between commercial aircraft and unmanned aerial vehicles in London.

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### **Safran Delivers First 777X Exhaust**

The nacelles division of engine manufacturer Safran has delivered the first jet engine exhaust system component for the Boeing 777X aircraft.

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### **Pratt & Whitney PurePower® Engines Transform Aviation with VivaAerobus**

Pratt & Whitney's PurePower Geared Turbofan Engine™ has entered into service with VivaAerobus on the operator's A320neo.

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