

# **Editor's Review**



# Is Russian MS-21 Good Enough to Join the Oligopolistic Market?

On 8 June Russia's United Aircraft Corp. unveiled the next domestic airliner which is believed to achieve remarkable success in penetrating the global commercial aviation market.

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Airbus and Boeing: Rivals or Partners?

Undoubtedly, Airbus and Boeing are



Commercial Drones - A New Page In The World Of Labour

The rapidly globalizing world is

considered to be not only the most powerful units in the large jet airliner market but arch rivals, too.

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dramatically accelerating the pace of various innovations occurring within all the spheres possible, and drones are not left aside.

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### Airlines & Airports



#### Ryanair - The First Airline Carrying Over 11 m Passengers Per Month

By the end of July Ryanair had carried 110.7 million customers so far in 2016 – with 11.3 million people flying during July alone.

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European Airports Report 4.9% Traffic Growth In First Half Of 2016

European airport trade body, ACI EUROPE released its airport traffic report for June, Q2 and the first half of 2016.

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#### American Airlines to Increase Payment for 30,000 Ground Employees

Increases give employees the highest hourly wage rates among their peers at other carriers.

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#### Cathay Cuts A340s as A350s Roll In

Cathay Pacific is moving to retire all its Airbus A340-300s by the end of 2017, as it prepares to take A350-900s in quick succession over the next two years.

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Manufacturers



#### Airbus Pursues Autonomous Air Taxi Research Project

Airbus Group has provided a glimpse into its research on air taxis as a solution for growing surface-transport gridlock in the largest cities.

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### Boeing Delivers 50th 787 Dreamliner to ANA

Boeing and ANA celebrated the delivery of the airline's 50th 787 Dreamliner during a ceremony at Boeing's Everett Delivery Center.

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# Piper Receives EASA Approval of M500

Piper Aircraft, Inc. announced it has been awarded approval from the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), for the Piper M500, clearing the way for the innovative aircraft to enter into service on the European register.



# Airbus Delivers World's First A330-300 Regional to Saudi Arabian Airlines

Saudi Arabian Airlines has taken delivery of its first A330-300 Regional, making it the launch customer for this new member of the versatile and successful A330 family.

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**Regulations & Safety** 



#### **EASA Strengthens Medical Requirements for Pilots**

EASA published a set of proposals to the European Commission for an update of the rules concerning pilots' medical fitness, as part of its Action Plan following the Germanwings Flight 9525 accident.

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# The FAA is Hiring Air Traffic Controllers

In preparation for the future workforce, FAA announced that it will be accepting applications from entry-level candidates for air traffic controller positions from August 8-15, 2016.



#### China to Raise Standards for New Airline Entrants

The Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) is expected to raise the bar on approving new entrants in the domestic airline industry in light of market saturation and possible excessive competition.

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# Military & Defence



#### Afghan Air Force Needs More Pilots and Planes

The Afghan air force is limited not only by its size. Despite numbering only 130 aircraft, there are not enough pilots and crews to fly them all.

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#### US Air Force Declares F-35A Combat Ready

Australia's fighter jet has passed a milestone with the US Air Force declaring the Lockheed Martin F-35A Joint Strike Fighter ready.



#### **Boeing Awarded \$2.8B for KC-46A Tanker Initial Production**

The U.S. Air Force awarded Boeing \$2.8 billion on Aug. 18 for KC-46A tanker low-rate initial production.

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# Helicopters & UAV/UAS



#### India, Russia Sign \$300MIn Deal on Upgrade of 10 Ka-28 Helicopters

According to navy spokesman, Indian Navy and Russian state arms exporter Rosoboronexport signed a deal worth nearly \$300 million to modernize 10 Russia-produced Ka-28 anti-submarine helicopters.



#### Kuwait Orders French Airbus Transport Helicopters in \$1.1 Billion Deal

Kuwait ordered 30 Airbus military transport helicopters worth more than €1 billion (\$1.1 billion), the latest step in a long-term tie between the Gulf nation and France.

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# Facebook's Internet-Delivery Drone Completes First Test Flight

Facebook has carried out its first test flight of a solar-powered drone to provide faster and inexpensive internet access to remote regions.



### New FAA Drone Regulations Mean New Business Opportunities

It is clear that drones are not just for fun and games, but will help improve our lives in countless ways.

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Accidents



# China to Limit North Korean Airline's Operations After Forced Landing

China will limit the operations of Air Koryo after one of its aircraft made an emergency landing in a northeastern Chinese city last month.



### Airlander 10, World's Largest Aircraft, Damaged During Test Flight

The world's largest aircraft, the Airlander 10, has sustained damage during its second test flight in central England.

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