



Leonardo and Falcon Aviation Services launch groundbreaking urban mobility concept combining helipad, showroom and first-class lounge areas

- **New rotorcraft terminal to be established in Dubai next year in proximity of Expo 2020 supporting helicopter transport operations to and from the site**
- **The innovative concept will bring similar comforts and services to a private airport and will also open new point-to-point opportunities**
- **The AW609 tiltrotor will be on display beside the terminal showing the unique advantages of the world's fastest commercial rotorcraft paving the way for a new era in point-to-point connections**

Dubai, 17 November 2019 – **Leonardo and Falcon Aviation Services are launching, at the Dubai Air Show, an all-new rotorcraft-dedicated terminal concept.** This initiative will meet the growing demands for sustainable and modern vertical lift mobility as well as greater access to urban areas.

The new rotorcraft terminal uniquely combines a helipad, a showroom and lounge areas in a single city-based heliport. The terminal will be supporting the development of a network of point-to-point connections for both urban transfers and connections between cities. VIP and charter services users and passengers will be provided with levels of service typically available only in larger private airport facilities far from downtown and urban areas. The rotorcraft terminal features strong environmentally friendly design and modularity using recyclable materials and, if required, it can be transported.

A rotorcraft terminal will be established in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, next year in close proximity to the Expo 2020 area, comfortably supporting helicopter transport operations to and from the site. Leading operator Falcon Aviation Services will use the terminal to deliver best-in-class helicopter transport services. Joining forces in this initiative, Leonardo and Falcon Aviation Services will leverage their longstanding successful partnership in helicopter transportation across the region, offering customers an exclusive flight experience.

With approximately 90% of the UAE's VIP helicopter fleet made of Leonardo products, the Company will be **showcasing its AW609 tiltrotor beside the terminal**, providing a further example of innovative leadership in passenger transportation. The world's fastest commercial rotorcraft, the AW609 is set to begin a new era in urban connections, with unprecedented benefits for cities in the UAE and the Gulf region too.

Alessandro Profumo, Leonardo CEO, said: “This one of a kind initiative demonstrates that Leonardo, together with its long-established leading partners, is shaping the way we will fly in the next few decades. We’re proud to have joined forces with Falcon Aviation Services on this project in Dubai which will provide unprecedented levels of quality transportation services during a world class event like Expo 2020.”

Her Highness Sheikha Alyazia Bint Sultan Bin Khalifa Al Nahyan, Chairperson of the Executive Managing Committee Falcon Aviation, said: “We’re very excited to be working with Leonardo on this groundbreaking development in sustainable air mobility in Dubai to provide a never-before-seen level of transport service to millions of visitors during the World’s Greatest Show.”

Building on Leonardo’s long established expertise and leadership in the VIP-VVIP/executive helicopter transport world market, **several rotorcraft terminals may be established in other geographies, including Europe, North and South America, South-East Asia**, to respond to the regional demands for innovative mobility and greater levels of service.

About Leonardo

Leonardo, among the top ten world players in Aerospace, Defence and Security, is Italy’s main high-technology industrial company. Organized into five business divisions (Helicopters; Aircraft; Aerostructures; Electronics; Cyber Security) Leonardo has a significant manufacturing presence in Italy, the United Kingdom, Poland and the USA, where it also operates through subsidiaries such as Leonardo DRS (electronics), and joint ventures and partnerships: Telespazio, Thales Alenia Space and Avio (space); ATR (regional aircraft); and Elettronica and MBDA (electronics and defence systems). Listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (LDO), in 2018 Leonardo recorded consolidated revenues of €12.2 billion and invested €1.4 billion in Research and Development. The Group has been part of the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) since 2010 and became Industry leader of the Aerospace & Defence sector in 2019.

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About Falcon Aviation

Falcon Aviation Services is a leading business aviation services company based in Al Bateen Executive Airport, and Dubai (Al Maktoum International Airport) in the United Arab of Emirates. It was formed under the initiative of His Highness Dr. Sheikh Sultan Bin Khalifa Bin Zayed Al-Nahyan Advisor to the President of the United Arab Emirates. Falcon Aviation has been established for over twelve years, during which time the company has built an unrivalled reputation for its VIP Charter and support to the Governments Oil and Gas Sector. With a new and diversified fleet of luxurious corporate jets and helicopters, Falcon Aviation offers a multitude of Business and General Aviation Services including, Business Jet/VIP Helicopter Charter, Fixed Based Operations (FBO) Services, Aircraft Management and comprehensive MRO Support including Scheduled and Unscheduled Maintenance and Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization (CAMO).

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