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AMAC IN COMMERCIAL BREAK

Swiss business aircraft completions house AMAC Aerospace is making its AIX debut as it looks to diversify into the commercial maintenance and cabin refurbishment market.

The privately-owned, Basle-based company opened a 4,600m² (49,500ft²) hangar in Bodrum on the Turkish Aegean coast late last year – its fourth location and seventh aircraft facility – and in February sealed a contract with Tailwind Airlines for its fleet of Boeing 737-400 aircraft, which includes a full cabin refit.

It followed the acquisition in May 2016 of JCB Aero, another family-owned VIP fixed-wing and rotorcraft interiors specialist, which gave AMAC its fifth and

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sixth hangars to add to its four in the Swiss city.

AMAC also has a distribution and service centre for Pilatus in Istanbul. It has the contract to sell and service the Swiss airframer's PC-12 turboprop and PC-24 light jet in the Middle East.

Waleed Muhiddin, vice president strategic operations and business development, says that while the Basel facility will continue to focus on high-end business aircraft cabins, Bodrum will switch between airline maintenance, repair and overhaul in the winter, and business aircraft MRO in the busier summer months for commercial aviation.



ON THE ASCENT: Muhiddin (centre) and colleagues are going up in the world

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