

AMAC BUILDING UP

AMAC Aerospace is bidding to secure its first green completions deals for four Airbus and Boeing types, after being appointed by Toulouse as an approved completion centre for the ACJ350.

The Basel-based maintenance, repair and overhaul house is in talks with the owners of an Airbus ACJ350, a Boeing BBJ Max, 777 and 787. Chief executive Kadri Muhiddin says he is confident of winning one or more of the contracts by the end of the year.

The family-owned company – which has carried out 20 VIP green completion and refurbishment projects since being formed 10 years ago – will make two landmark deliveries next year: a Boeing 747-8, which has already been delivered green to Basel, and the first ACJ320, which will arrive in Switzerland at the end of 2019 for the 12-month project, before being delivered to launch customer Acropolis Aviation.

It comes as AMAC invests heavily in its facilities at Basel and in Turkey. After opening its fourth completions and maintenance hangar at the EuroAirport site in 2016, it is in negotiations to build its fifth hangar, and is considering following that with a sixth, says Muhiddin.

In Turkey – where it has had an operation in Istanbul since 2012 focusing on Dassault Falcon 2000 and 900 aircraft, and Pilatus PC-12 main-



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nance – it opened a 4,600m² (4,950ft²) hangar in the coastal resort of Bodrum in December last year. The facility will do double duty, as a com-

mercial aircraft heavy checks hangar in the winter, and in summer carrying out line maintenance on corporate aircraft.

"We are the only people who do this," says Muhiddin. "It makes us unique."