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AMAC begins works on ACJ330 overhaul

Swiss completions house AMAC Aerospace has inducted an Airbus ACJ330 into its facility in Basel for major maintenance and refurbishment work.

The widebody's arrival brings the number of VIP airliner refurbishment projects under way at AMAC's EuroAirport site to five: an ACJ319, a second ACJ330, an ACJ340 and a Boeing Business Jets 747-400, AMAC says.

The company is also outfitting an undisclosed green widebody in Basel, and will take delivery of the first ACJ320neo in the fourth quarter for programme launch customer Acropolis Aviation. The UK luxury charter company appointed AMAC in May 2017 to outfit the re-engined narrowbody.

Another green single-aisle airliner is scheduled to arrive in the first quarter of 2019, AMAC says.



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Work on the latest ACJ330 will involve a C-check, and an interior upgrade, including the installation of a new cabin management and inflight entertainment system, along with Honeywell's JetWave Ka-band satcom system. The 14-year-old aircraft is scheduled for redelivery in around five months, says AMAC.

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The JetWave Ka-band system will also be installed on an ACJ319, which arrived in Basel in early March for its six-year C-check.

AMAC says it delivered five refurbished airliners in 2017 and two green aircraft – a privately-owned BBJ 777 and a BBJ 737-700 demonstrator – on behalf of Boeing.

“We hope to deliver six refurbished aircraft in 2018, as several projects are in the pipeline for signature,” says AMAC.

The three green airliners currently under contract are scheduled for completion from 2019 onwards “in view of lead times and down times of these kinds of projects”, the company says.