Sitting in the southwestern Aegean region of Turkey, the port city of Bodrum in Muğla Province, has a long and illustrious past. Once known as the ancient Greek city of Halicarnassus, it was the site of the fabled Tomb of Mausolus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the stones of which were later re-employed by the Knights Hospitaller during the fifteenth century construction of Bodrum Castle.

Where once trod ancient Greeks later to be followed by the Knights of St John and the Ottomans, for the past two years, AMAC Aerospace has been bringing private and commercial aircraft to the area as it seeks to turn Muğla into an aircraft maintenance base.

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As Muhiddin explains, “Using this to pass down to the rugged world of airliners is something we not only take pride in but are trying to master with the turnaround time. It is not always easy to provide top-level quality with low ground times and respectively lower pricing. However, AMAC strongly believes that customers will not only see the high level of work performed but will notice the reliability during their yearly operations. It is for this reason that we follow the open-door philosophy to our customers while performing maintenance on their fleets.”

One of the reasons for such high numbers of VIPs and VVIPs into the region are the three main marinas in the Bodrum peninsula, which cater for super yachts, including the award-winning Yalıkavak Marina with its gourmet restaurants, luxury brands and boutique hotels.

Turkish low-cost carrier Tailwinds, which serves Mils-Bodrum Airport, was the first commercial customer for the MRO facility, where its fleet of Boeing 737-400 aircraft underwent C-checks including a full cabin removal.

Since then, the facility has welcomed other Turkish low-cost airlines, including Freebird, Onadolu Jet, Pegassus, Corredon and SunExpress. “We have constant positive feedback on the services performed,” states a proud Muhiddin.

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