

Exceeding expectations

Inflight speaks with AMAC Aerospace about the company's recent collaborations, completion projects, highlights and trends in the private and business aviation markets.

What were the highlights of 2024 for the company?

One of the most significant achievements this year is our fully booked pipeline, which guarantees a strong outlook beyond 2027. This confidence is further reinforced by the stable production of key OEMs such as Boeing and Airbus.

Despite the high volume of orders, we encourage both existing and new customers to engage with us early. Early consultations enable us to plan effectively and allocate available slots for their aircraft projects.

Amid this high demand, a major milestone has been the successful implementation of the 145 approval for our subsidiary, JCB Aero, in Auch, France. This accomplishment enhances our operational flexibility, allowing us to optimise available slots while maintaining our commitment to unparalleled quality.

Notably, JCB Aero has already delivered its first three aircraft maintenance projects just weeks after launching its MRO operations in mid-October.

Additionally, AMAC Aerospace is proud to announce its collaboration with Airbus ACJ, becoming part of their prestigious Service

Center Network (SCN) at our Basel headquarters in Switzerland.

This partnership underscores our expertise in maintenance and completion services, which continue to be sought after globally. Through the Airbus SCN, we are expanding our capabilities, offering tailored solutions such as maintenance, engineering, VIP cabin refurbishment and upgrade services.

This collaboration ensures that even the most discerning ACJ customers receive exceptional service, with quality and safety remaining our top priorities.

What recent trends have you witnessed in aircraft cabin refurbishments?

Modern cabin designs are evolving rapidly to meet customer expectations. Features like cabin humidification, advanced in-flight entertainment systems (IFE), and satcom connectivity are becoming essential. Interestingly, there is a growing preference for personal electronic devices over traditional onboard entertainment systems. Clients now prioritise individual experiences, leveraging their own devices for entertainment.

Other emerging focus areas include achieving ultra-low noise levels, particularly in sleeping areas, and creating sustainable, lightweight cabin designs. Interior design trends are moving towards increased use of fabrics over leather, with combinations of both materials gaining popularity.

Bright, modern aesthetics are replacing darker tones, leaning towards minimalist European-style designs with friendly and inviting colour palettes.

In terms of cabin equipment, smaller seat bases are being introduced. Larger OLED monitors are increasingly featured, enhancing the in-flight experience. New material innovations, including advanced fabrics and next-generation non-textile flooring (NTF), are replacing traditional materials like stone and wood.

Can you tell me a bit about your most recent completion projects?

Our most recent completion project involved an Airbus A319neo, designed by the AMAC Design Studio. This project was undertaken for a long-term client. The interior reflects exceptional elegance, characterised by meticulously chosen details that combine maximum comfort with refined style. High-quality materials were used to meet the client's precise specifications, underscoring our commitment to fully customised solutions.

What are the average timescales of these projects for different aircraft models?

Every project we undertake is unique, tailored to the individual needs of the client. Factors such as the complexity and scope of the project, as well as the size and type of the aircraft, play crucial roles. ■

