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NOTE FROM THE GLOBAL CHAIRMAN CAPTAIN WISSAM MEHYOU



As we prepare to take flight into a new year, let us carry forward the lessons, resilience, and ambition that define us. Every year is a new flight plan, charted by our goals, powered by our passion, and guided by our values. 2025 isn't just another journey; it's the moment we rewrite our altitude

Captain Wissam Mehyou,
Global Chairman, Intercontinental Aviation Academy

ACADEMY NEWS & MILESTONES

IAA Cadet Program

FlyIAA UAE

FlyIAA UAE and SolitAir announce strategic mentor programme partnership

Intercontinental Aviation Academy (FlyIAA) UAE and SolitAir have announced a strategic partnership to launch the SolitAir Mentor Programme, an industry-aligned initiative designed to develop the next generation of pilots through structured mentorship and airline-focused training. Under this partnership, SolitAir will mentor pilots enrolled in IAA's EASA & GCAA ICAO ATPL integrated programme, offering professional guidance, performance progress reports, specialised workshops, and tailored insights into real airline operations. The programme also includes a joint final assessment, with top cadets potentially selected for advanced training or future employment opportunities.

The partnership extends to current September 2025 and January 2026 cadet batches, with participants proudly wearing a SolitAir badge throughout their training.



ACADEMY NEWS & MILESTONES

FlyIAA UAE

FlyIAA UAE had a strong and energetic presence at the Dubai Airshow 2025,

Participating actively every day of the event. The week began with a distinguished moment as **His Royal Highness Sheikh Salem bin Sultan Al Qasimi** visited the **FlyIAA** stand on the opening day, highlighting the academy's growing influence and recognition within the region's aviation sector.

Throughout the week, the academy showcased its programs, engaged with prospective students, and highlighted its expanding training network, attracting attention from aviation professionals, partners, and aspiring pilots from around the world.



ACADEMY NEWS & MILESTONES

FlyIAA UAE

The Dubai Airshow provided the perfect stage to connect with industry leaders

Reinforce the academy's commitment to excellence, and inspire the next generation of professional pilots, all while celebrating **FlyIAA UAE's** continuous growth and ambition.

Several major announcements were made during the airshow, including new strategic partnerships, program expansions, and initiatives to strengthen **FlyIAA's** global footprint. The event provided an ideal platform to connect with industry leaders, reinforce the academy's commitment to excellence, and inspire the next generation of professional pilots.



ACADEMY NEWS & MILESTONES

FlyIAA UAE

Expansion to Al Ain — Our Second UAE Base

One of the significant milestones announced during the event was **FlyIAA UAE's** expansion to Al Ain, marking the establishment of the academy's second training base within the UAE. Under a strategic MoU signed with Emirates Falcon Aviation Group, **FlyIAA** will launch full operations at the Al Ain Airstrip in Abu Dhabi. Activities are set to begin in February 2026, powered by the academy's brand-new modern Diamond fleet. This expansion will enhance training capacity across multiple bases and elevate operational efficiency, supporting **FlyIAA's** rapidly growing student intake.



ACADEMY NEWS & MILESTONES

FlyIAA Global

FlyIAA Global Introduces ALSIM AL42 Simulator



Intercontinental Aviation Academy (FlyIAA Global) announced the addition of the ALSIM AL42 simulator to its training fleet, a state-of-the-art device replicating the Diamond DA42 twin-engine aircraft with exceptional realism. The FNPT II-certified simulator features genuine aircraft components, a Garmin G1000 glass cockpit, and highly accurate flight dynamics, allowing students to safely practice multi-engine operations, instrument procedures, and emergency scenarios. This advanced training tool enhances operational realism, smooths the transition from simulator to aircraft, and reinforces student competence, confidence, and safety awareness.

Developed by ALSIM, a leading global provider of flight simulation technology, the AL42 positions **FlyIAA** among a select group of academies worldwide offering cutting-edge multi-engine simulation that meets both EASA and FAA standards. Its integration reflects **FlyIAA's** ongoing commitment to innovation and excellence in pilot training, ensuring students are prepared for the demands of modern airline operations.

ACADEMY NEWS & MILESTONES

FlyIAA Global

FlyIAA Global Expands Fleet with 10 New Diamond Training Aircraft



Intercontinental Aviation Enterprise (IAE), the parent company of **FlyIAA Global**, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Diamond Aircraft Industries GmbH** to acquire 10 new training aircraft, further expanding its pilot-training capacity across the UAE, Cyprus, Greece, and Portugal.

The fleet will include eight DA40 NG and two DA42-VI aircraft, configured for both A6 (UAE) and EASA registrations, supporting a standardized, multi-country training program. The first batch—six DA40 NG and one DA42-VI—is expected for delivery starting in Q2 2026.

This strategic acquisition reinforces **FlyIAA's** commitment to a modern, fuel-efficient, and globally standardized fleet, meeting the rising demand from international cadets. The partnership also includes maintenance training, instructor familiarisation, documentation support, and spare parts, ensuring full operational readiness across all training bases.

With these additions, **FlyIAA Global** continues to strengthen its multi-base training ecosystem, providing students with world-class aircraft, consistent operational standards, & a safe, efficient pathway to professional pilot careers.

ACADEMY NEWS & MILESTONES

FlyIAA Global

FlyIAA Global Launches Aviator Fund at Dubai Airshow 2025

At the **Dubai Airshow 2025**, **FlyIAA Global** and **Intercontinental Aviation Enterprise (IAE)** officially launched the **Aviator Fund**, a specialized aviation investment platform offering exposure to the growing global pilot-training market. The fund focuses on Diamond and Elixir training aircraft under long-term lease agreements, providing investors with asset-backed, predictable returns in a resilient sector.

Targeting up to 10% annual yield, the Aviator Fund leverages the USD 25 billion global pilot-training market, which is experiencing strong demand across the GCC, Europe, and Asia. Managed by experienced aviation and finance professionals, the fund is structured with independent tax, audit, and legal governance, ensuring robust investor protections.

The fund's launch aligns with **FlyIAA Global's** ongoing mission to expand and modernize its international training network, offering investors a unique opportunity to participate in the core infrastructure supporting global pilot development. The initial Series A raises USD 10 million and is structured as a 10-year vehicle, emphasizing long-term growth and stability.



ACADEMY NEWS & MILESTONES

FlyIAA Global

FlyIAA x Flyou Collaboration



FlyIAA Global announced a groundbreaking partnership with **Flyou** to implement an advanced student wellness and performance monitoring system, marking a first-in-the-region initiative to enhance pilot well-being, performance, and safety outcomes. This collaboration reflects **FlyIAA's** commitment to leveraging innovation not just in training, but also in supporting the holistic development of its cadets.

The Dubai Airshow also highlighted strong female representation across **FlyIAA's** teams, reaffirming the academy's dedication to empowering women in aviation throughout the Middle East. Through specialized programs, mentorship opportunities, and career pathways, **FlyIAA** continues to open doors for women aspiring to become pilots, engineers, and aviation leaders, ensuring they have every opportunity to excel and shape the future of the industry.

ACADEMY NEWS & MILESTONES

FlyIAA Lebanon

On November 15, **FlyIAA** Lebanon welcomed a remarkable turnout of aspiring pilots, families, and aviation enthusiasts at the Phoenicia Hotel in Beirut for our highly anticipated **Open Day**. The event brought together a vibrant community of future aviators eager to explore their path toward becoming professional pilots.

Guests had the opportunity to meet our training team, learn about our EASA-approved programs, and gain first-hand insights into the journey from zero flight experience to airline readiness. Program presentations provided visitors with a clear understanding of the training roadmap, admissions process, and career prospects within the global aviation industry.

This **Open Day** was also a special moment for students who officially registered during the September intake, as it served as their induction day, marking the beginning of their aviation journey with **FlyIAA**.

The event's energy, enthusiasm, and strong attendance reflect the growing passion for aviation in Lebanon and the trust that future pilots place in **FlyIAA's** training excellence.



ACADEMY NEWS & MILESTONES

FlyIAA Cyprus

Intercontinental Aviation Academy (FlyIAA Global) has joined forces with Cyprus Airways Flying Academy (CAFA) to create a strategic partnership that strengthens FlyIAA's presence in Europe. The collaboration integrates CAFA into the FlyIAA Global network, providing a new operational base and expanding access to EASA-approved pilot training for international students.

The partnership will focus on fleet modernization, new training programs, and the development of additional satellite bases, enhancing the quality and scope of pilot education in Cyprus. This expansion enables FlyIAA to offer students state-of-the-art facilities, expert instruction, and a seamless pathway from initial training to a frozen ATPL, further solidifying the academy's position as a global leader in aviation training.



ACADEMY NEWS & MILESTONES

FlyIAA Greece

Exclusive Pilot Training Seats for GCC Students

FlyIAA announced a major expansion of its Greece Academy, reflecting our ongoing commitment to providing world-class, EASA-approved pilot training across Europe. This growth includes enhanced infrastructure at Heraklion Airport (Nikos Kazantzakis) and upgrades to our training fleet, ensuring students benefit from superior aircraft performance, efficiency, and safety.

In partnership with Cretan Eagle Aviation, **FlyIAA** is opening exclusive pilot training seats for GCC students, beginning January 2026. Students from the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, Kuwait, Iraq, and Qatar will have priority access to train in Greece, one of Europe's most attractive and flight-friendly destinations for aspiring pilots.

The Greece Academy offers one of the fastest ATPL pathways, enabling cadets to complete their license in 16–18 months thanks to year-round favorable flying conditions. Training utilizes a modern fleet including Diamond DA40 aircraft, Piper Seneca PA-34, and the advanced AL250 FNPT II simulator. Students also enjoy premium accommodation close to the training base, providing a comfortable and supportive learning environment.

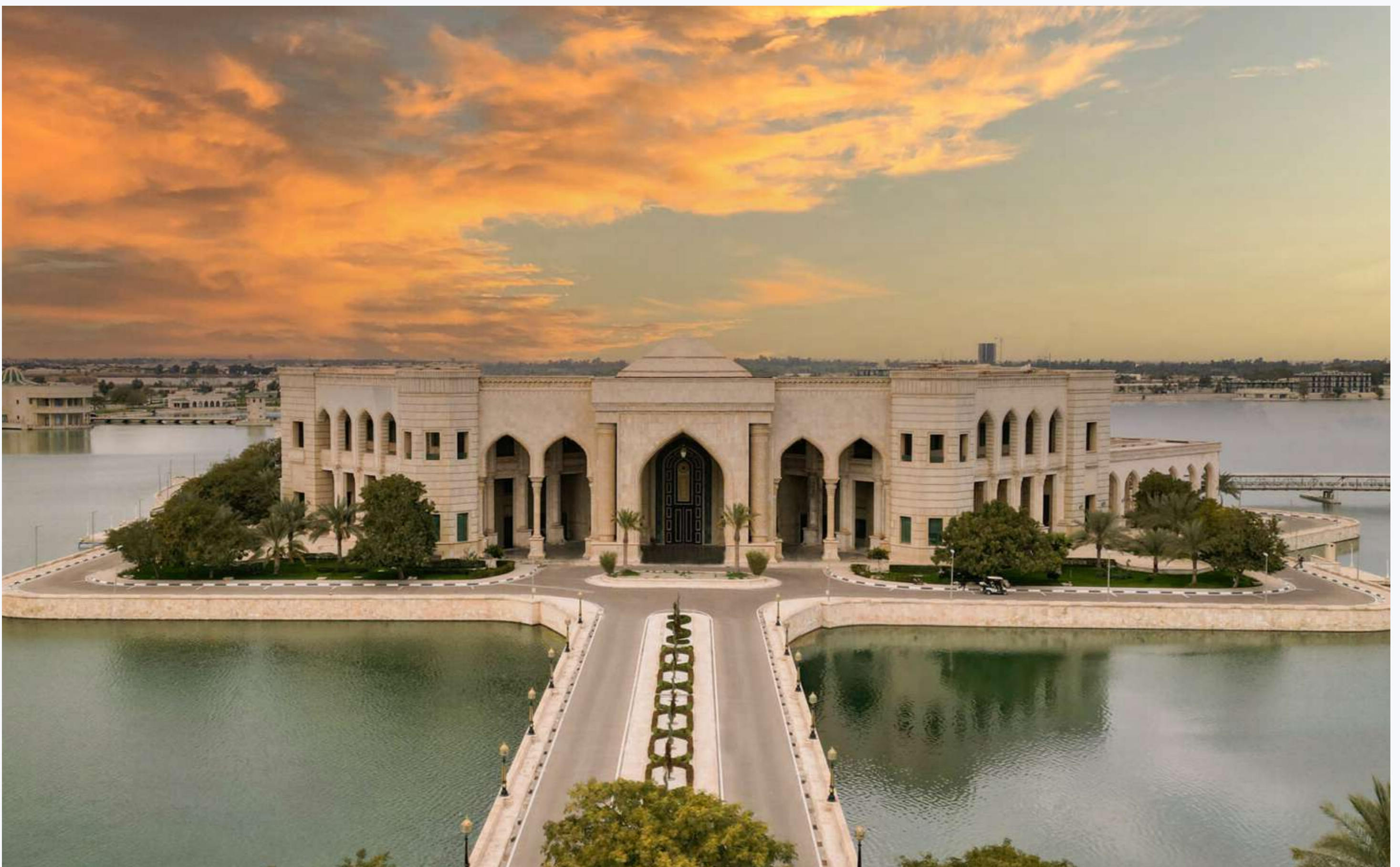
This initiative strengthens **FlyIAA's** multi-base training network and responds to the growing regional demand for high-quality, EASA-compliant pilot education, helping the next generation of pilots achieve their dreams in Europe.

ACADEMY NEWS & MILESTONES

FlyIAA Iraq

AUIB Pilot Training Pathway

At **AUIB**, aspiring pilots can now begin their journey by enrolling in the Fundamentals of Aviation course, the first step in **FlyIAA's** structured pilot training program. Upon completion, students have the opportunity to continue their training at any of **FlyIAA's** international bases, gaining access to world-class facilities, experienced instructors, and a globally recognized pathway toward professional pilot certification.



ACADEMY NEWS & MILESTONES

FlyIAA Portugal

FlyIAA Expands to Portugal with New Academy in Ponte de Sor

FlyIAA announced a major investment in the creation of a new aviation academy in Ponte de Sor, Portugal, with funding of up to €4 million. The facility, located within the Ponte de Sor Municipal Aerodrome and the Aeronautical Cluster, will cover 4,000 square meters and serve as a state-of-the-art center for pilot and aviation professional training.

The academy is set to become one of Europe's most sustainable flight training centers, incorporating eco-friendly practices while maintaining the high standards of excellence for which FlyIAA is known. Students will benefit from advanced technology, modern facilities, and a practical, safety-focused approach to training.

This initiative strengthens Portugal's aviation sector and positions FlyIAA as a leader in innovative, sustainable pilot education, preparing the next generation of aviation professionals for a global career in the industry.





STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Khaled Harmouch Takes His First Solo Flight

A major milestone has been achieved by Khaled Harmouch, who successfully completed his first solo flight at our training base in Cyprus. This defining moment marks an important step in every pilot's journey, when skill, confidence, and dedication come together in the cockpit.

Khaled's accomplishment reflects the hard work and commitment he has shown throughout his training. Taking to the skies alone for the first time is not only a test of ability but also a symbol of trust between student and instructor, a moment every aviator remembers for a lifetime.



The FlyIAA team congratulates Khaled on reaching this exciting chapter in his aviation journey and looks forward to seeing him soar even higher in the skies ahead.

INSTRUCTOR INSIGHTS



Kamal Kassamni
Instructor & Head of Students Experience

Flight Instructor Advice: Build Strong Aviation Theory Early

For aspiring pilots, solid theoretical knowledge is what makes every hour in the cockpit safer and more meaningful. Don't just study to pass exams, but study to understand how the entire aviation world works.

Keep your learning consistent. A little review each day goes a long way. Use multiple tools to strengthen your foundation:

- ***At-home flight simulators to visualize procedures and practice decision-making.***
- ***Air Crash Investigation episodes to learn from real-world scenarios and understand how small mistakes can compound.***
- ***Aviation industry news to stay aware of technology, regulations, and trends shaping modern flying.***

Focus on the "why" behind aerodynamics, weather, systems, and navigation. When you connect theory to real operations, everything in training clicks faster.

Master the knowledge on the ground, and you'll fly with confidence in the air.

FLIGHT SCIENCE & INNOVATION

The European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) has launched its first regulatory proposal on Artificial Intelligence (AI) in aviation, inviting public consultation for three months. This Notice of Proposed Amendment (NPA 2025-07) provides technical guidance on establishing AI trustworthiness for high-risk systems, in line with the EU AI Act (Regulation 2024/1689).

This marks the initial step in Rulemaking Task (RMT) 0742, with a second NPA expected in 2026 to expand the framework across aviation sectors. The proposal addresses AI assurance, human factors, ethics, and data-driven AI systems—including supervised and unsupervised learning—while laying the groundwork for future adaptation to reinforcement learning, hybrid, and generative AI technologies.

EASA's initiative aims to help the aviation industry prepare for AI-based assistance (Level 1 AI) and Human-AI teaming (Level 2 AI), ensuring safety, reliability, and ethical integration as AI becomes increasingly central to flight operations.

Source:

easa.europa.eu/en/newsroom-and-events/news/easas-first-regulatory-proposal-artificial-intelligence-aviation-now-open

INDUSTRY TRENDS & GLOBAL AVIATION OUTLOOK

IATA 2025 Global Passenger Survey Highlights Mobile and Digital ID as the Future of Travel

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has released its 2025 Global Passenger Survey, revealing that mobile technology and digital identity are rapidly reshaping the air travel experience.

Passengers are increasingly using smartphones to manage bookings, payments, check-in, and even baggage, with over half preferring direct interactions with airlines via mobile apps. Digital wallets and instant payment solutions are also growing in popularity, while electronic bag tags are on the rise, allowing travelers to complete more processes independently.

Biometric adoption is accelerating, with 50% of passengers now using biometrics at airports, most commonly at security and immigration. Satisfaction with these systems is high, and a majority are willing to share biometric data if it streamlines travel—though privacy remains a key consideration.

Regional trends show varying preferences: Asia-Pacific travelers lead in digital adoption, Middle East passengers value loyalty and service alongside digital convenience, while Europe and North America show more cautious adoption. Younger travelers are the most tech-savvy, favoring app-based booking, digital wallets, and biometrics, but they also demand stronger privacy assurances.

Source : [iata.org/en/pressroom/2025-releases/2025-11-05-02/](https://www.iata.org/en/pressroom/2025-releases/2025-11-05-02/)

FEATURED ARTICLE

Etihad Airways Welcomes First Airbus A321LR in Abu Dhabi

Etihad Airways celebrated the arrival of its first Airbus A321LR at Abu Dhabi International Airport on Friday, marking a significant milestone for the airline's fleet expansion. Flight EY3210 was greeted by employees and stakeholders eager to see the aircraft that brings widebody-inspired luxury to single-aisle travel.

The aircraft features industry-first narrowbody First Suites with sliding doors and lie-flat beds, as well as a premium Business cabin in a 1-1 herringbone layout. Employees from ground operations, cabin crew, and maintenance teams were among the first to explore the spacious cabins, high-speed Wi-Fi, and premium amenities designed to enhance passenger comfort.

The A321LR is scheduled to enter commercial service on 1 August 2025, beginning with flights between Abu Dhabi and Phuket, before expanding to destinations such as Bangkok, Milan, Paris, and Zurich. This delivery supports Etihad's Journey 2030 vision, strengthening Abu Dhabi's role as a global aviation hub while adding nine more A321LR aircraft to the fleet throughout the year.



Visit the following link to read the full article.

WORLD AVIATION NEWS

Boeing Showcases Innovation and Regional Partnerships at Dubai Airshow 2025

Boeing made a strong impression at the Dubai Airshow 2025, highlighting its expanding partnerships and growing presence across the Middle East.

Dr. Brendan Nelson, President of **Boeing Global**, emphasized that the company's collaboration with regional airlines and governments reflects the shared ambition driving one of the world's fastest-growing aviation markets. "The Dubai Airshow gives us the platform to celebrate achievements, reaffirm commitments, and look toward the future of aerospace innovation," he noted.

Boeing's participation spanned both commercial and defense sectors, featuring the 777-9 in flight demonstrations and a static display including the 737 MAX, 777-300ER, **Boeing** Business Jet, and Converted Freighter. On the defense side, aircraft such as the F-15 Eagle, CH-47 Chinook, KC-46 Pegasus, AH-64 Apache, and C-17 Globemaster III were showcased.

Inside the exhibition, visitors experienced interactive displays like a full-size 777X cabin section and F-15EX cockpit simulator, along with Boeing's Cascade Climate Impact Model, a data tool supporting sustainable aviation strategies.

The company also played a key role in the show's conference sessions on maintenance, sustainability, and aviation financing, featuring insights from senior **Boeing** executives.

Source: aviationbusinessme.com/news/boeingdubai-airshow-2025

FLYIAA COURSE

Launch Your Airline Career with FlyIAA's AB Initio EASA ATPL Integrated Program

For aspiring pilots with big dreams and zero flight experience, the AB Initio EASA ATPL Integrated Program offers a complete pathway from the classroom to the cockpit. This all-inclusive course is designed to take students from the very first lesson to a frozen Airline Transport Pilot Licence (ATPL), equipping them with the skills, knowledge, and certifications needed to start a professional aviation career.

Spanning 78 weeks and offered across multiple training locations—including the UAE, Lebanon, Cyprus, Greece, Iraq, and KSA—the program combines both theoretical and practical training. Students gain in-depth exposure to Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL), Instrument Rating (IR), Multi-Engine Piston (MEP), Performance-Based Navigation (PBN), APS-MCC, Advanced UPRT, and ATPL theoretical knowledge, totaling 750 hours of theory and 220 hours of flight training.

The program is structured to ensure students graduate with airline-ready competencies, developing not only technical flight skills but also the non-technical abilities critical for professional operations, such as decision-making, communication, and crew resource management. Additional preparation is provided for airline selection assessments and entry evaluations, giving graduates a competitive edge when applying for commercial pilot roles.

FLYIAA COURSE

Entry requirements are designed to ensure students are ready for the rigors of professional training: candidates must be at least 17 years old, high school graduates or equivalent, fluent in English (ICAO Level 4 for non-native speakers), able to obtain an EASA Class 1 medical certificate, and pass a Clean Criminal Record Check. Admission also requires successful completion of the CAFA Aviation Selection Process, including aptitude testing and a personality questionnaire.

The next intake begins in January 2026, offering a unique opportunity for motivated individuals to take their first step toward a successful airline career. With **FlyIAA's** expert instructors, modern fleet, and global training locations, the AB Initio EASA ATPL Integrated Program sets the standard for aspiring commercial pilots.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

What is EASA Approval, and Why Is It Important for Intercontinental Aviation Academy?

In the world of aviation, few credentials carry as much weight as EASA approval. But what exactly does it mean, and why is it such a defining achievement for **Intercontinental Aviation Academy (FlyIAA)**?

The European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) is responsible for setting and maintaining the highest standards of aviation safety, training, and operations across Europe and beyond. When an academy earns EASA approval, it signifies that every aspect of its training, curriculum design, instructor qualifications, aircraft maintenance, simulators, and operational procedures, meets these rigorous European benchmarks.

For **Intercontinental Aviation Academy**, this approval is far more than a certification; it's a mark of excellence and global credibility. As the only EASA-approved aviation academy in the Middle East, **FlyIAA** stands at the forefront of professional pilot training in the region. This recognition assures our students and industry partners that every graduate has been trained under internationally recognized standards that align with those of leading airlines and regulators worldwide.

EASA approval also opens global doors. It allows **FlyIAA** graduates to pursue career opportunities not only in the Middle East but across Europe, Asia, and other international aviation markets, a significant advantage in an increasingly competitive industry.

At its core, EASA approval reflects **FlyIAA's** unwavering commitment to safety, precision, and professional excellence. It's a promise to our students that their training is held to the same standards that guide the world's best pilots, and that their future in aviation begins on solid ground, ready for takeoff.

**VIDEO
FEATURE**





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UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS



FlyIAA UAE Course Intake
January 19, 2026



FlyIAA Lebanon Course Intake
January 26, 2026



RESOURCES & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES



Theoretical Knowledge
Instructor
Various Aircraft
(Qatar | Doha)



Flight Instructor
Various Aircraft
(Qatar | Doha)



First Officer
Various Airbus Aircraft
(Qatar | Doha)



Theoretical Knowledge
Instructor
Various Jet Aircraft
(Sharjah | UAE)



Line Pilot
Dash 6 Twin Otter
(Dubai | UAE)



First Officer
Legacy 600
(Dubai | UAE)



Pilot Cadet
B737 MAX
(Dubai | UAE)



Ground Instructor
A320 family
(Jeddah | Saudi Arabia)

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH



Aviation is proof that given the will, we have the capacity to achieve the impossible.

Eddie Rickenbacker



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