

ESMA Aviation Academy welcomes VISTAJET, world's fastest growing private aviation company

The world best known business jet company has visited ESMA at its training centre of Montpellier in the South of France this Thursday 27th of October 2011.

VISTAJET delegation was led by Mr Thomas Flohr Founder and Chairman of VISTAJET, and backed by Nick Van Der Meer (Flight Operations Manager) and Nina Yates (Cabin Crew Manager) under the high patronage of Mr Frederick Kwok, Chairman of the Board of ESMA Aviation Academy.

For Frederick Kwok, *“this visit is a quite exceptional event which highlights the attractivity of our quality training programs and the unique position of ESMA Aviation Academy on the European aviation training market. I do not know a better business jet company than VISTAJET and I am proud to welcome Thomas and his team here at Montpellier and show him our state of the art training facilities in our wonderful flying and living environment.”*

Key topic discussed during this meeting was the implementation of an in-house VISTAJET Flight Training Academy focusing on pilot and cabin crew training, in view of supporting VISTAJET's high growth with ESMA's students, selected and trained according to VISTAJET's standards and its high level of expectations. Facilitating the access to VISTAJET cockpits and cabins to ESMA students is now the shortest joint target.

Thomas Flohr commented: *“Since VISTAJET's first flight in 2004, we continuously increased our fleet with brand new aircraft and our recent order of 10 new Bombardier Jets at the last Paris Air show will bring our fleet up to 60 aircraft within 5 years. This growth will take place in a time of increasing scarcity of qualified personnel and we are now in the right timing to team up with such well-known Flying school like ESMA Aviation Academy in order to identify and select the best candidates among ESMA students able to fit with VISTAJET's unique working culture”.*

The visit of VISTAJET Top Management was a superb opportunity for more than 200 ESMA students to attend a conference and share the strategy of the leading business aviation company in Europe. *“Believe in your instinct and keep on thinking out of the box”* were the closing words of Thomas Flohr.

VistaJet is a privately-owned company headquartered in Switzerland. It is Europe's fastest growing business jet company, offering revolutionary business aviation solutions through its Flight Solutions Program. VistaJet operates a diversified fleet that meets the full range of customer needs, and will soon be comprised of more than thirty medium to ultra-long range, state of the art jets with an average age of less than two years. The current fleet includes Bombardier Learjet 40XR and 60XR, Challenger 300, 604/605 and 850 and Global Express XRS aircraft. www.vistajet.com

The ESMA Aviation Academy has a unique business model in aviation training on four major areas: aircraft and helicopter Pilot, Air Hostess/Steward, Maintenance Technician and Airport Ground Staff. As strategic partner of Airbus, ATR and EADS, the ESMA is broadening its expertise through carrying out international consultation projects which enabled to create two subsidiaries in Vietnam and China, in line with state of the art European standards. ESMA is recognised by major international Aviation Authorities.

The Aviation Academy employs 140 employees and has its headquarters in Montpellier, south of France. About 2,500 training courses are delivered annually by more than 100 highly qualified instructors. Its website www.esma-aviation-academy.com should register more than 350,000 visits in 2011.

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