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UK FORWARDERS WELCOME EXPANDED APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME

Forwarder association BIFA has welcomed news that the UK government is expanding access to an apprenticeship service to small- and medium-sized companies.

Robert Keen, director general of the trade association, explained that 90 per cent of BIFA corporate members are SMEs that do not qualify as levy-payers and have had restricted access to the apprenticeship service to date: "The news that the Education and Skills Funding Agency (EFSA) is now expanding access to the apprenticeship service will be welcomed by companies within our membership who are non-levy payers, as they will now have greater ownership, visibility and involvement with apprenticeships, funding and access to a wider range of high-quality training providers." [\(Link: Air Cargo News\)](#)

CREDIT SUISSE SETS UP AIRCRAFT TRANSACTION SUBSIDIARY

Credit Suisse has launched an aviation liquidity subsidiary to help the aviation and air transport industry manage short-term transactions involving leased aircraft. The company, to be called SCALE Aviation, will be headquartered in Dublin.

"SCALE will be an aviation conduit and liquidity provider for investors, aircraft lessors, airlines, and aviation manufacturers, facilitating aviation asset acquisitions, dispositions, capital markets financings, and investments," Credit Suisse says. "Targeting short-term warehousing of aviation assets, SCALE will assist aviation industry clients



with fleet transitions, financing, and ease of execution to provide greater execution certainty around portfolio trading activities." [\(Link: FlightGlobal\)](#)

JET EDGE EXPANDS WITH JETSELECT ACQUISITION



California-based Jet Edge International has acquired JetSelect Aviation to become one of the largest business aircraft charter and management companies in the USA, with a fleet of 85 aircraft.

Jet Edge says the acquisition adds 18 business jets to its line-up of VIP airliners, large-cabin, long-range and super-midsize aircraft from Boeing, Bombardier, Dassault, Embraer and Gulfstream. This includes the introduction of Challenger 650, 300, 350s and Learjet 60s into its fleet for the first time. Jet Edge and JetSelect will eventually operate as one company under the Jet Edge brand.

[\(Link: FlightGlobal\)](#)

CAA PUBLISHES DRONE GUIDE



The UK Civil Aviation Authority has published its first guide concerning drone flights which extend beyond the visual line of sight of the operator (BVLOS). Currently BVLOS flights require permission from the Civil Aviation Authority and can only occur in specific, restricted cases. Normalising BVLOS will continue to push the UK forward as a world leader in aviation innovation and technology.

[\(Link: Civil Aviation Authority\)](#)



BOMBARDIER DELIVERS FIRST SUSTAINABLY FUELLED CUSTOMER JET

The first Bombardier customer aircraft to use sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) has been delivered to a Californian private jet charter company.

Latitude 33 Aviation will manage and charter the Challenger 350 business jet on behalf of the aircraft owner. “We are very pleased that the customer and Latitude 33 Aviation joined us in demonstrating that SAF can become a mainstream, drop-in alternative to traditional jet fuel for general aviation aircraft,” said Peter Likoray, senior vice president, worldwide sales and marketing at Bombardier Business Aircraft.

“We are actively promoting the use of SAF as a regular part of flying business aircraft and Latitude 33 Aviation’s trust as the first customer to fly away from our delivery centre on these fuels represents a turning point in the longstanding and industry-wide pledge to reduce CO₂ emissions.” ([Link: Business Airport International](#))

NEW CARGO CHIEF FOR EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT

RVL’s home base East Midlands Airport has appointed Steven Harvey vice-president of cargo. Previously director of business partnerships & new market development at CargoLogic Management, Harvey has 30 years’ experience in air cargo, including stints with Atlas Air, Volga Dnepr UK and Ruslan International.

In October, EMA recorded its highest ever monthly cargo volume of 34,877 tonnes, and it has ambitious plans for future growth, with a new commercial strategy soon to be announced.

Harvey said: “I’m very excited to be joining the team at EMA. The opportunities for the airport are significant, particularly as the UK considers new trading relationships with countries all over the world. In future years, EMA will play an even more critical role in facilitating UK trade, supporting businesses and creating jobs for people in this region. I look forward to helping the airport achieve this.”

([Link: Air Cargo News](#))

CARBON NEUTRAL STATUS FOR LONDON CITY



London City Airport has earned ‘carbon neutral’ status from the Airport Carbon Accreditation programme thanks to its work in managing, reducing and offsetting all the CO₂ emissions under its control.

The airport’s chief operating officer, Alison FitzGerald, said: “Achieving neutral accreditation is a significant achievement that everyone at London City can be proud of. It recognises our efforts to cut carbon emissions in every part of our business, from runway lighting to energy systems, and underlines our commitment to building a more sustainable future for the airport and aviation industry. Our efforts won’t stop here. We are committed to becoming the UK’s most sustainable airport.”

The airport’s biggest customer airline, British Airways, will offset carbon emissions on all domestic flights from this month.

([Link: Business Air News](#))





AIRPORTS CALL FOR AMBITIOUS REFORM OF 'OUTDATED' EU SLOT ALLOCATION REGIME

ACI Europe has set out its recommendations for a comprehensive overhaul of the EU Airport Slot Regulation – calling for change in the way airport slot allocation is governed. The trade body's Position Paper on Airport Slot Allocation says that the core principles of existing legislation date back 27 years and are no longer fit for purpose to promote more efficient operations and more effective competition within the aviation industry for the benefit of consumers.

Olivier Jankovec, director general of ACI Europe, said: "A regulatory regime based upon what the air transport market looked like 27 years ago is not only anachronistic – it is limiting the ability of airports to pursue more sustainable operations, to develop air connectivity for their communities and to promote airline competition for the benefit of consumers."

(Link: Air Cargo Week)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Botswana pilot Kgomotso

Phatsima has founded an organisation aimed at combating sexism in the aviation industry, a business that she describes as 'white and male'. Dare To Dream's aim is to encourage more women into all aspects of the industry.

(Link: BBC News)

Leading aviation industry

seminar organiser SpeedNews Conferences has issued its 2020 calendar, with events planned for California, South Carolina and Toulouse, France.

(Link: SpeedNews)

AIR OPS Europe 2020, the continent's premier event for business aviation flight operations professionals takes place in Brussels from 4 February. Some 400 business aviation professionals are expected to attend the two-day event, which features an exhibition as well as practical training opportunities and education sessions.

(Link: European Business Aviation Association)