

Horizon International Flight Academy signs agreement with Falcon Aviation Services

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Horizon International Flight Academy, the UAE's leading Flight Training Organization and Falcon Aviation Services (FAS) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a broad range of collaborative ventures in aviation services.

Under the terms of the MoU the two companies will pursue mutually beneficial projects in training, leasing of aircraft, consulting and brokerage services. The partnership will explore initiatives that effectively leverage both companies' expertise.

"Horizon's objective is to provide training solutions not only for the UAE military and civil operators but also regional military and commercial organizations. Collaborating with locally based companies to support the rapidly expanding aviation sector will help us meet this goal," Mansour Al Faheem the Academy's General Manager stated during the signing ceremony. He went on to add;

"On 15 February the International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced that the UAE is going to be the world's second fastest growing aviation market with 10.2 per cent growth by 2013, we want to support this growth as well as embrace the opportunities presented by it. We plan to expand our market share and capitalize on the demand for pilots required to meet this growth."

Khalid Al Mansour, Vice Chairman, FAS, commented that; [DRAFT] "We are pleased to enter into this agreement which marks our commitment to offering world class services to our growing customer base. As the aviation market in Abu Dhabi and the wider Middle East continues to expand partnerships like this will help meet demand for our services and support the ambitious growth plans of the UAE's wider aviation industry."

Horizon, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Mubadala Development Company, was established in Al Ain in 2002 as a rotary wing flight training organization. Training commenced in 2003 following formal approval from the UAE General Civil Aviation Authority. Fixed wing flight training was added in 2007 and Horizon has graduated over 400 pilots and instructors to date. The academy is planning to increase capacity to meet the growing demand for pilots.