Global Jet sees development in all of its territories and awaits a plethora of heavy jets

Swiss-headquartered Global Jet expects to add at least 10 further aircraft to its fleet before the year is out, having induced a Moscow-based Global XRS and four other jets since the beginning of 2018. Its total fleet now numbers more than 75, comprising 28 different types. “With all the current and new jets available, this is already promising to be an amazing year in terms of charter hours and revenue,” comments president and CEO Ernst Kohler.

In response to this growth, Global Jet has opened a charter sales office in Monaco, which will be headed up by recently appointed charter sales executive Nils Lovag. A large number of Global Jet aircraft pass through the Riviera during the high season, so his presence will add to the operator’s service offering.

Madrid airport is now also home to a Global Jet office and three aircraft, and the company has appointed Alan Sanz Aubert to bolster the team. Global Jet Moscow, which is one of the operator’s busiest offices, has seen three further charter sales reps join the fold.

“We have moved to modernised offices in the centre of Moscow,” states business development director Evgeny Khochkov. “We have enormous market experience and a solid charter fleet, our attention to detail goes far beyond expectations and it’s much appreciated by our local clientele.”

Finally, the Global Jet office in Paris is increasing its fleet with a C14, a Falcon 2000, a Legacy 600, a Falcon 7X, an Airbus A318 and a Boeing BBJ.

Aircraft sales director Hardy Sobhanpal adds: “Our aircraft sales and acquisitions department in Monaco has been extremely successful. In terms of fresh sales, a Gulfstream 650, a Global 5500, a Global XRS and a Falcon 7X have been recently sold thanks to our expertise. Our primary advantage lies in our in-depth knowledge of this business. With our experience, long standing relationships with the main manufacturers, efficient networks, administrative and technical expertise, we assist our customers every step of the way by optimising their resources.”

With EBACE in Geneva fast approaching, marketing coordinator Margo De Kalmberrmann describes what booth visitors can expect: “We have increased our presence and created a unique concept for visitors. Geneva being our home base, and in light of the fact that we have stunning offices, we couldn’t miss the opportunity to bring our guests to our facilities via direct shuttle transfers from the show. Our Michelin starred chef and inflight cabin service will offer a taste of the service we provide above the clouds.”

First of three Challenger 650s set to boost Rega’s lifesaving capabilities

Swiss Air-Rescue Rega has taken delivery of the first of three factory-new Challenger 650s. Delivery took place in Peterborough, Canada, and the aircraft was then greeted with a water cannon salute on its arrival into Zurich. The other two aircraft will be delivered by the end of the year, replacing Rega’s current fleet of Challenger 604s, which have been in service for 16 years.

CEO Ernst Kohler states: “Rega’s new jet is one of the most modern civil ambulance aircraft in the world. We are ensuring that in the coming years, we can continue to come to the aid of our patients all over the globe in a reliable and professional manner.”

Rega’s CLE650 is the first of the type to be configured for air ambulance operations. The aircraft’s bespoke interior and medical equipment is the result of several years’ collaboration between the operator’s crew and external specialists, and draws on the experience Rega has gained when flying missions in the CL604. By using the Challenger 650, patients will benefit from wider multifunctional stretchers and reduced cabin noise, while crew will appreciate the latest technology in the cockpit, which will enable it to use higher altitude routes across the Atlantic. Due to the lower air resistance at higher altitudes, the new jet uses less fuel on these routes, which in turn means fewer refuelling stops on long distance flights. Chief pilot Urs Nagel explains: “As a result, particularly with long-haul operations, we will be able to fly our patients home faster and in a more cost-effective manner than before.” In addition, a new weather radar increases safety during missions, and an infrared camera makes it possible to fly to airports in poor weather conditions.

Rega is currently also modernising part of its helicopter fleet: six new Airbus Helicopters H145s are to replace its EC145 lowland fleet by mid 2019. They will be joined in 2021 by three AW169 FIPS all-weather rescue helicopters. The company’s logo, which is 20 years old, is also being updated. The CL650 will be the first aircraft to receive the refreshed livery. Rega organises the repatriation of more than 1,200 patients every year, to more than 400 airports.

Multiflight expands eight-seat fleet with H155

Yorkshire, UK-based Multiflight has expanded its rotorcraft charter fleet with a VIP Airbus H155 in order to meet increasing ad hoc demand. The latest rotorcraft joins an existing fleet that includes two eight-seat AS350 Dauphins.

“The VIP Airbus H155 is a fabulous new addition to the Multiflight charter fleet, offering increased performance, comfort, space, range, exceptional ride quality and speed,” says MD Steve Borrowdale.

“We have seen a significant increase in demand for our charter services and this helicopter with its impressive performance will provide extra capacity for our current and new clients. It’s a natural progression for our Airbus fleet.”

The H155 can seat up to eight passengers and has satellite telephone and sizeable baggage capacity. It can reach speeds of at least 165mph and has a range of more than 400 miles.

Borrowdale continues: “The ease and flexibility of helicopter travel is appealing to more and more people. For anyone wanting to make the most of their time, avoiding the stress of airport queues and the ever-increasing delays on the road and rail system, private aircraft charter is becoming the way to travel.”

Steve Borrowdale says private helicopter charter is a great way to travel.