Charter operator Global Jet probably had the least distance to travel to get to the show – its head office is virtually walking distance away from Palma. But when it comes to its fleet and operations the company is stretching its legs all over the world.

“We have added three aircraft to the fleet this year already,” says marketing manager Margo de Kalbermatten. “This includes a 13-passenger Embraer Legacy 650 based at Nice Côte d’Azur airport, a Cessna Citation CJ2, and a Dassault Falcon 2000EX, which is in the process of being fitted.”

Since opening an office at Madrid Barajas airport in 2017, Kalbermatten says Global Jet has sold three Spanish-registered aircraft – a Gulfstream G150, a G200 and a G500.

In Paris, Global Jet is moving its office to Le Bourget’s Signature Terminal 3, which the company says will provide it with “greater flexibility and responsiveness to meet all the wishes of a demanding clientele”.

The company also has offices in China and Russia and has a managed fleet of more than 70 aircraft for private and commercial operations.

Global Jet describes its aircraft management activities as “prospering”. Its aircraft under management fleet includes the Dassault Falcon 8X, the Embraer Legacy 650 and the Boeing 787. The company says it has also been chosen to oversee the outfitting of two VIP 787s.

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Gogo makes ForeFlight appy

In-flight connectivity provider Gogo Business Aviation has teamed up with ForeFlight to deliver GPS aircraft location information throughout the cockpit and cabin, without the need to install additional onboard hardware.

ForeFlight specialises in producing integrated flight apps containing up-to-the-minute weather data, flight planning information and in-flight tools in one place.

The new partnership builds GPS location information into the ForeFlight Mobile iOS-based app and enables it to be distributed via the onboard Wi-Fi system to both the cockpit and the cabin. This negates the need to invest in a separate GPS system and related antennas and hardware.

As well as providing this vital information to pilots, the service enables passengers to keep track of the positioning of the aircraft on their mobile devices.

“Our goal with this initiative was to simplify the overall on-aircraft systems configuration, and reduce the number of onboard systems that passengers and crew are required to interact with and use on a regular basis,” says Lisa Peterson, senior vice-president of marketing and digital at Gogo Business Aviation.

“It not only makes operating the aircraft more efficient, it saves a significant amount of time and money for the owner or operator because the aircraft doesn’t have to be taken out of service for installation of new antennas or equipment which GPS systems require.”