

## **Under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Hazza bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice Chairman of Abu Dhabi Executive Council**

### **Abu Dhabi Air Expo 2018 to Open Tomorrow at Al Bateen Executive Airport**

**25 March 2018 – Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates:** The fifth edition of Abu Dhabi Air Expo 2018, held under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Hazza bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice Chairman of Abu Dhabi Executive Council, is all set to take flight tomorrow at Al Bateen Executive Airport, the first dedicated business aviation airport in the region.

Abdul Majeed Al Khoori, Acting CEO of Abu Dhabi Airports, commented: "Abu Dhabi Air Expo 2018 will be the platform for new launches and exclusives for the region including the long anticipated Gulfstream G500. In addition, the show will attract a constellation of decision makers and international experts from the aviation and aerospace industry, along with a significant number of trade visitors and the general public. This presents an ideal opportunity for participants to explore the emirate's various aviation related entities, initiatives and events, and gain insight into its vision for this dynamic sector and the business opportunities on offer."

The three-day event focuses on the advancements and innovations made in the field of aerospace technology, and brings together the leading persons from the business aviation community.

This year, the expo will also play host to the Abu Dhabi Heli Expo, which will display the latest generation of developments in the global helicopter industry.

Attendees will be able to meet representatives from leading manufacturers, distributors and support companies, and get up close to a range of helicopters.

Now in its fifth cycle, the Abu Dhabi Air Expo 2018 will be outfitted with a new layout comprising of three distinctive areas; an indoor exhibition hall, chalets, and an outdoor static display. Occupying nearly 60,000 square meters of space at Al Bateen Executive Airport, the show is set to welcome over 18,000 visitors from the aviation and aerospace industries, and will see the participation of more than 300 manufacturers and suppliers which includes Dassault Aviation, Gulfstream, Embraer, Bombardier, Cessna and Boeing Business Jets, alongside key local and regional industry partners and stakeholders such as Abu Dhabi Aviation, Falcon Aviation Services and Royal Jet, who will exhibit the latest private aircraft, helicopters, airport equipment and services, avionics, and will provide information on insurance and financing.

Al Khoori added: "Abu Dhabi Airports is pleased to host Abu Dhabi Air Expo in its 5th cycle as organizer, to bring together like-minded industry experts to share the latest trends and technologies, and find solutions to enhance the fields of aviation and aerospace in the region. Additionally, this event is poised to elevate Abu Dhabi's status as a leading hub of aviation and aerospace business tourism and specialized fairs and events in the field of aerospace and aviation. It also reiterates our commitment to contribute towards Abu Dhabi Economic Vision 2030 through the development of one of its key pillars; the aviation and aerospace industry."

Abu Dhabi Aviation will also return as Diamond sponsor for the Air Expo, alongside Al Futtaim Automotive who has also chosen the Diamond ranking. Etihad Airways is the official Carrier for Abu Dhabi Air Expo 2018, and the Department of Department of Transport (DOT) is the Official Sponsor for the event this year. Etisalat will be the expo's official Telecom Service Provider, whilst ADCB will be the

Official Bank. Atlas Security and TAV-CCC-Arabtec joint Venture will be joining the show as Pearl Sponsors, and Profire Security Consultants as the Support Sponsor.

Abu Dhabi Air Expo 2018 will host the UAE "Fursan Al Emarat" to dazzle audiences and visitors with their airshow, alongside the UAE Parachute Jumpers from the UAE Armed Forces.

The show will operate on 26, 27 and 28 February from 10 am – 5 pm. For more information, visit [www.abudhabiairexpo.ae](http://www.abudhabiairexpo.ae)

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#### **About Abu Dhabi Airports**

Abu Dhabi Airports is a public joint-stock company wholly owned by the Abu Dhabi Government. It was incorporated by Amiri Decree number 5, issued on 4 March 2006, to spearhead the development of the Emirate's aviation infrastructure. In September 2006, Abu Dhabi Airports assumed responsibility for the operation and management of Abu Dhabi and Al Ain International Airports. In 2008, Abu Dhabi Airports added Al Bateen Executive Airport (an exclusive business aviation airport), as well as Sir Bani Yas and Delma Island Airports to its portfolio. These airports are geared to serve the various segments of air travelers, the aviation marketplace, and will help contribute to Abu Dhabi's development as a destination for both business and leisure tourism.

Currently under way is the multi-billion dollar re-development and expansion of Abu Dhabi International Airport designed to increase the overall capacity of the airport.

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