



## Trade Press Release

### **The world's first CAE 7000XR Series full-flight simulator inaugurated at Middle East Aviation Academy in Beirut, Lebanon**

**Beirut, Lebanon, March 19, 2015** – CAE and Middle East Airlines - Air Liban inaugurated the world's first CAE 7000XR Series full-flight simulator (FFS) this week at Middle East Aviation Academy in Beirut, Lebanon. The CAE 7000XR is the next generation of CAE's industry leading simulators, which offer unprecedented realism and are used to train pilots in a full array of situations and environmental conditions. The Airbus A320 FFS passed the Lebanese Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) acceptance and is now ready for training. It will be qualified in early April to the highest-fidelity certification (Level D), by the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA). CAE also delivered to the airline a suite of CAE Simfinity training devices including one A320 Airbus Pilot Transition trainer (APT), one A330 APT and a A330/A320 CAE Simfinity Virtual Simulator (VSIM).

"We chose CAE because we want to provide our pilots and customers with the most advanced simulator and training solution on the market today," said Mohamad El-Hout, Chairman - Director General of MEA. "Safety is our number one priority and world-class training is the main objective of our new Middle East Aviation Academy".

The inauguration took place on St Patrick's Day and on the anniversary of the day that CAE was founded, marking the first milestone in the MEA CAE partnership.

"It is a real pleasure to be with you here today to celebrate the inauguration of the first new simulator at MEA's fantastic and one-of-a-kind, state-of-the-art, training centre," said Marc Parent, President and CEO of CAE. "Today is a special day for CAE, as March 17, 2015 marks our 68<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I can't think of a better place and better day to share it with our friends here at MEA. I believe our partnership for the future has just begun. The simulator we launch today is the highest generation simulator in the world, installed by CAE for the first time. We invented the standards that are out there today and I can say without any exaggeration that MEA Academy is now equipped with the leading standard."

Photos of the event and of the CAE 7000XR Series full-flight simulator are available at: [www.cae.com/photos](http://www.cae.com/photos)

Leveraging the latest advancements in technology and training capabilities, the CAE 7000XR Series is designed to optimize life-cycle costs for our customers and to address new and future training requirements. Enhanced features include a re-designed instructor office with support for mobile devices and real-time data analysis and feedback, and a CAE Flightscape Insight™ debriefing station equipped with a Simulator Operational Quality Assurance (SOQA) system to assess training effectiveness. The CAE 7000XR Series will also soon be equipped with embedded training capabilities to address the new FAA regulation related to Upset Prevention and Recovery Training, as well as a new CAE Sentinel diagnostic application, designed to optimize life-cycle operation by real-time monitoring, preventive and predictive maintenance, and advanced capabilities for support and troubleshooting. More information on the CAE 7000XR Series full-flight simulator is available at: <http://www.cae.com/civil-aviation/simulation-products/cae-7000XR-series-full-flight-simulator/>

#### **About Middle East Airlines**

Middle East Airlines, the national airline of Lebanon, is one of the leading Middle Eastern carriers. From its home base in Rafik Hariri International Airport in Beirut, Middle East Airlines flies to 30 international destinations in Europe, Middle East and West Africa. Since 2003 the airline has carried out an ambitious fleet renewal program, and is currently operating 4 Airbus A330-200s and 2 Airbus A321s and 11 A320s.

As a full member of SkyTeam Alliance, MEA offers its customers access to an extensive global network with more destinations, more frequencies and more connectivity. MEA offers its passengers very luxurious services both on ground and on board, reflecting Lebanese culture and hospitality. [www.mea.com.lb](http://www.mea.com.lb)

#### **About CAE**

CAE is a global leader in providing comprehensive training solutions based on world-leading simulation technology and integrated training services. The company employs 8,000 people at more than 160 sites and training locations in 35 countries. Our vision is to be our customers' Partner of Choice and we take a long-term approach to customer relationships. We offer our civil aviation and defence and security customers a complete range of highly innovative product, service and training centre solutions designed to help them meet their mission critical needs for safety, efficiency and readiness. We provide similar solutions to customers in healthcare and mining. CAE has the largest installed base of civil and military flight simulators, supported by a range of after-sales services, and has been serving the needs of its customers for nearly 70 years. We have the broadest training services network in the world and offer civil aviation, military and helicopter training services in 67 locations worldwide and train more than 120,000 civil and military crewmembers annually. [www.cae.com](http://www.cae.com)

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