CAE and easyJet inaugurate a new training centre in Milan

This facility will be used for training more than 2,000 easyJet pilots from all over Europe

Milan, Italy, October 10, 2019 (NYSE: CAE; TSX: CAE) – CAE and easyJet announced today the official opening and inauguration of the CAE Milan training centre, located near the Milan Malpensa airport in Lombardy, Italy. CAE and easyJet inaugurated the new centre alongside local Italian and Canadian government officials. After London Gatwick and Manchester, this is the third training centre that CAE has inaugurated in the last month to support the pilot training needs of easyJet across Europe and its exclusive long-term pilot training agreement with the airline, announced in November 2018.

“With this enhanced training network, CAE will now have the capacity to train over 35,000 commercial pilots in Europe, including more than 2,000 pilots per year at the new CAE Milan training center”, said Nick Leontidis, CAE’s Group President, Civil Aviation Training Solutions. “The CAE Milan training center is a state-of-the-art facility which features modern debriefing rooms and classrooms, and the latest technology. We are happy to welcome easyJet pilots to CAE Milan as they start training on CAE’s latest-generation of full-flight simulators, and we thank easyJet for their partnership and continued trust”.

“Today we are marking a milestone by opening one of the most modern pilot training centres in Europe and the first one dedicated to easyJet pilots outside of the UK, thanks to our partner CAE, a global leader in providing high standard training solutions”, said Johan Lundgren, easyJet CEO. “This represents one of the biggest investments in pilot training in Europe in the last five years. We decided to have a dedicated training centre here in Italy as a demonstration of our commitment to the country, where we are the third largest airline and we employ 1,400 pilots and cabin crew on local contracts. In the last 10 years, we have constantly invested in Italy, always with a long-term and sustainable approach to create value for all of our local stakeholders”.

The safety and welfare of customers and crew is easyJet’s number one priority and, through its long-term contract with CAE, the airline aims at enhancing the quality of pilot training and its commitment to safety. This investment confirms the intention of easyJet to continue to invest in Italy where it has three bases in Milan Malpensa, Naples and Venice. With 34 aircraft based in Italy, a maximum of 500 daily operations, and almost 19 million passengers carried in the last financial year, easyJet is the third-largest airline in the country. The airline started its operations in Italy in 1998 and opened its first Italian base in Malpensa in 2006 which became its second largest base in continental Europe with more than 70 million passengers carried and 21 based aircrafts.

The brand new CAE Milan training centre currently operates three new CAE 7000XR Series Airbus A320 FFSs equipped with the CAE Tropos™ 6000XR visual system. These FFSs will be joined by CAE’s latest 600XR Airbus A320 flight training device (FTD) equipped with CAE Tropos™ 6000XR collimated visual system and a fully enclosed instructor area in December 2019. easyJet will be the first airline company to train its pilots on the CAE’s 600XR FTD, adding flexibility to the airline’s training curriculum with the highest training device fidelity available in the fixed-base training market.

In addition to training all easyJet’s pilots, CAE also provides cadet training for easyJet in its European aviation academy network in Brussels, Madrid, Oslo and Oxford.
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easyJet is Europe’s leading airline offering a unique and winning combination of the best route network connecting Europe’s primary airports, with great value fares and friendly service. easyJet flies on more of Europe’s most popular routes than any other airline and carries more than 90 million passengers annually - around 15 million of which are travelling on business. easyJet flies over 329 aircraft on 1036 routes to 161 airports across 35 countries. Over 300 million Europeans live within one hour's drive of an easyJet airport. easyJet aims to be a good corporate citizen, employing people on local contracts in eight countries across Europe in full compliance with national laws and recognising their trade unions. The airline supports a number of local charities and also has a corporate partnership with UNICEF which has raised over £13m for the most vulnerable children since it was established in 2012. The airline takes sustainability seriously and invests in the latest technology, operates efficiently and fills most of its seats. This means since 2000 easyJet has reduced the carbon emissions for each kilometre flown by a passenger by over 32% and is on track to meet its target of a 38% reduction by 2022. Innovation is in easyJet’s DNA – from our launch over 20 years ago when we changed the way people fly to the present day where we lead the industry in digital, web, engineering and operational innovations to make travel easier and more affordable for our passengers.

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Note to editors: Photos of the event will be available on October 10 end of day ET at https://www.cae.com/multimedia-centre/ and on CAE’s social media channels mentioned above.

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