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## Flexjet refresh

WITH ITS EYES ON THE VERY TOP OF THE FRACTIONAL MARKET, FLEXJET IS MAKING BIG INVESTMENTS IN NEW AND IMPROVED INTERIORS THAT DARE TO BE DIFFERENT

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A Challenger 300 designed and refurbished by Constant Aviation



A 2014 Falcon 7X that recently joined Global Jet's fleet

### LAUNCHES



In conjunction with Kevin Glancy and Jonathan Fawcett, On Air Dining is now offering amenities including dinnerware and linen

### LUXURY LIVING



Bespoke Beverages KL Diamond coffee; £8,500 (US\$13,112) per 250g



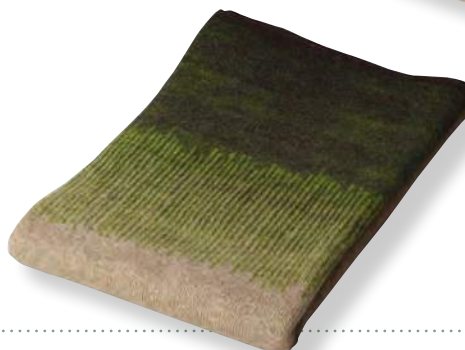
James Virgo Artwork Bronze Bow Tie, available from Debut Contemporary; £200 (US\$309)



Recchiuti Platinum Collection box of chocolates; US\$168



Oyuna Etra cashmere bedspread in taupe with beige; £1,599 (US\$2,599)



Oyuna Borda cashmere throw in taupe and green; £579 (US\$899)

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## GLOBAL EXPRESS REFURBISHED BY CONSTANT AVIATION

Constant Aviation finished the refurbishment of this Global Express in March 2015. The project was completed in six months.

The interior layout was completely redesigned to offer three main zones – for business, dining and entertaining. There are 12 traditional passenger seats, plus two additional seats integrated in the dining area's credenza, and a new crew rest area.

In addition new IFEC, CMS and avionics equipment was installed.

All soft goods were replaced with high-end materials, in line with the New York loft theme.



The cabin's 12 seats were redesigned to be more comfortable. Constant Aviation replaced the foam and reupholstered the seats in nubuck.



The IFEC upgrades include a Honeywell AIS 2000 satellite TV system and Honeywell Ovation Select CMS. With the aim of providing a seamless internet solution covering both domestic and international travel, Constant Aviation installed the Gogo and SwiftBroadband systems, gaining certification for dual routers.



Constant Aviation modified the window surrounds to make the openings larger, the aim being to make the actual window seem larger and to funnel in more sunlight.

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**Q&A: LAUREN BROCKLEHURST,**  
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**WHAT WAS THE BRIEF FOR THE AIRCRAFT?**

The new owner wanted to refresh the look of the interior, and decided on a New York loft look. The Global Express typically flies on missions more than four hours long, and also makes a lot of international trips. The cabin interior design was rooted in the fact that the customer wanted to offer similar comforts as passengers have at home.

**WHAT MODIFICATIONS WERE MADE?**

The customer requested that a section of the cabin was dedicated to entertainment, providing a theater feel. We installed a three-place divan along with a VIP seat arranged around a 42in screen that offers DirectTV and Blu-ray connectivity. We also incorporated a newly designed ottoman underneath the TV.

The customer also wanted a family atmosphere where passengers could sit and dine together. To accomplish this, we designed and created two additional seats in the dining area. These are the kibitzers, which are stored within the newly designed credenza. This means the dining area can seat six.

Other changes included modifying the lav vanity and the galley, and redesigning the cabin seats.

**WHAT WAS THE MOST CHALLENGING PART?**

All projects of this magnitude have challenges. For us, the challenge is not in the execution but in the design and planning. It is extremely important that we design an interior that the customer will be ecstatic about. To accomplish that, we need to learn a lot about the customer, their expectations and vision. We spend a lot of time going over what is important to them in terms of interior equipment, and making sure we understand their vision. We provide numerous renderings to help hone the design and layout. This is one of the most important steps in redesigning an interior and turning the customer's dreams into reality.

**ARE NEW-TO-MARKET MATERIALS INCORPORATED?**

The window panels are a new-to-market material. They are made from an Ultrasuede material from Tapis that is then sent to Kalogridis Deconel. Kalogridis applies the foam backing and adds the motion pattern to the Ultrasuede. It is a highly detailed piece. The plating was another interesting design. Signature Plating can create a satin appearance that gives a very rich look.

**WHAT OTHER PROJECTS DO YOU HAVE LINED UP?**

We are working on the complete interior redesign of a Global, our third such project, and are also in the final stages of redesigning a Gulfstream V interior.



Garrett Leather supplied the nubuck used on the majority of the seats, while Townsend Leather supplied leather for inserts on the club-four seats in the dining area. Custom Plywood supplied bird's eye maple veneer, which Constant Aviation stained. Scott Group Custom Carpets supplied a handmade carpet incorporating silk. The custom dyed zebra material used on the kibitzer was supplied by Edleman Leather.

# COMPLETIONS ROUNDUP

THIS QUARTER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMPLETION CENTERS AROUND THE WORLD

## MOSES LAKE, WASHINGTON, USA:

Greenpoint Technologies inducted its second BBJ 787 for interior completion. The company was also contracted to complete a BBJ 777-200LR and installed Ku-band antenna provisions on a BBJ 787-8.

## WATERFORD, MICHIGAN, USA:

Pentastar Aviation received FAA STCs for the installation of the Satcom Direct Router on Gulfstream G350, G450, G500 and G550 aircraft.

## JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA:

ExecuJet refurbished the interior and exterior of a Beechcraft King Air B200 for the South African Air Force.

## HAMBURG, GERMANY:

The Lufthansa Technik Group accepted 157 young people onto traditional or dual-study training programs. The company also installed split scimitar winglets on a BBJ.

## CAHOKIA, ILLINOIS, USA:

Jet Aviation St. Louis signed an agreement to certify and install the SmartSky 4G LTE-based internet system on the Global Express platform. It also received parts manufacturer approval from the FAA and is performing maintenance on three Embraer Lineage jets.

## INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, USA:

Comlux America completed an ACJ320 designed by Comlux Creatives in partnership with InFlight Cabin Solutions, the customer's design representative. The company also appointed Philippe Karam as chief procurement officer and Johannes Seeger as head of MRO programs.

## BASEL, SWITZERLAND:

AMAC Aerospace completed its first BBJ 747-8i, following a two-year downtime. AMAC Aerospace also refurbished an ACJ319, adding new IFE, satcom systems and storage, and performing heavy base maintenance; completed a C check, cabin rectifications and avionics and satcom upgrades on another ACJ319; performed a C check and cabin modifications on an ACJ330-200; and reconfigured the cabin of a BBJ 3. It also signed for a BBJ 737-700 refurbishment and heavy base maintenance and cabin modifications on a BBJ 777-200.

## BERLIN, GERMANY:

LBAS and OHS expanded their cooperation to offer a comprehensive maintenance and refurbishment program, including engineering.

## GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, USA:

West Star Aviation welcomed a new paint and interior designer, Veta Traxler, and a new manager, Chad Adams, for its Bombardier Global program.

## DALLAS, TEXAS, USA:

Associated Air Center (AAC) signed a green ACJ320 completion contract with a Middle East customer. The aircraft will be outfitted with CMS and the JetWave Ka-band satcom system. AAC also obtained 145 repair station certification from ANAC, and FAA STCs for controller-pilot datalink communication (CPDLC) systems on a BBJ 757-200 and a BBJ 737-300.

## CLEVELAND, OHIO, USA:

Constant Aviation completed its 30<sup>th</sup> 96-month inspection of an Embraer Legacy 600. The company also opened a Center of Excellence for Beechjets.

## WICHITA, KANSAS, USA:

Air Capital Interiors received an FAA repair station certificate.

## BASEL, SWITZERLAND:

Jet Aviation Basel signed contracts to install Rockwell Collins' Pro Line 21 upgrade on a Dassault Falcon 2000 and a Falcon 2000EX. The company also received maintenance approvals for Dassault Falcon aircraft from authorities in Gabon and Namibia and received EASA Part 145 approval for the BBJ 787.

## AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS:

JetSupport added Dassault Falcon 900EX type approval to its maintenance capabilities.

## TULSA, OKLAHOMA, USA:

Thomas Kuhn has become president and CEO of Lufthansa BizJet International.

## DUBAI, UAE:

ExecuJet's Dubai repair station was awarded FAA certification, having demonstrated compliance under FAR 145.

## ZURICH, SWITZERLAND:

Jeremy Remacha was appointed as SR Technics' interim CEO.

## COLUMBUS, OHIO, USA:

Spirit Aeronautics expanded its FAA-approved capabilities list with additional airframe ratings.

## SINGAPORE:

Jet Aviation Singapore began its first Bombardier Global Express 8C inspection, in conjunction with an interior refurbishment.

## ERFURT, GERMANY:

HAITEC Aircraft Maintenance was granted approval to perform Part 145 base and line maintenance on G650 aircraft.

## BORDEAUX, FRANCE:

Pascal Jallier became vice president of Sabena technics' VIP completion programs.

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