

**MEBAA<sup>TM</sup>**

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**2018**  
**IN REVIEW**



Dear friends and partners,

Behind us is a year, full of landmarks that we can be proud of. MEBAA family is constantly growing, which means the MENA business aviation is growing as well. Together, we can encounter new resolutions that will develop this industry profoundly even more in 2019.

The 2018 achievements leave us not only in a state of fulfillment but also give us the wings to fly even further beyond the horizons. I invite you to review the MEBAA highlights for the year 2018, and together take the next step.

**Ali Ahmed Alnaqbi**

*Founding & Executive Chairman*







## MEBAA BOARD MEMBERS UPDATE

The Association welcomed two new members to its Board and took the opportunity presented by the largest gathering of the business aviation sector in the region to announce changes to its Board of Directors.

Joining the Board Members will be **Mohammed Husary**, Co-Owner/Founder and Executive President UAS International Trip Support and **Joshua Stewart**, Founder and CEO of XJet.

**Robert Smith**, President of Jet Aviation has been appointed to the board, while **Ruedi Kraft**, Managing Director, Kraft Aviation Solutions GmbH has been appointed Board Advisor and **Nicolas Robinson**, Regional SVP Middle East and Africa joins the board representing Gulfstream.



## MEBAA MEMBERSHIP

As part of its current growth strategy, MEBAA seeks to implement operational safety and efficiency by providing best in-practice training, lectures and conferences, establishing codes of conduct, and providing industry data. We are thrilled to announce more member benefits in 2019.

**TODAY MEBAA  
REPRESENTS OVER**

**270  
MEMBERS**





# MEBAA CONFERENCES

MEBAA Conferences in 2018 gathered experts from across the Middle East and North Africa to address issues related to specific areas of business aviation and communicate the effect they impose on the industry. We look back at 3 conferences that gave us extremely valuable material we can utilize in order to develop the industry.

- ◆ **MEBAA Conference in Jeddah**, KSA held on 4th of September with over 300 attendees and 10 speakers, including the likes of GACA, Saudi Aramco, Clifford Chance, Saudi Arabian Investigation Bureau, and many more. The event was sponsored by our valued members ExecuJet Middle East, Gama Aviation Middle East, and UAS International Trip Support.
- ◆ As MEBAA continues to focus on investing in North Africa, we were honored to launch an important networking event and conference for the business aviation sector in Tunisia. The **MEBAA Conference Tunisia** and **Networking Reception** held on 24th of September at the Four Seasons Hotel Tunis. The half-day conference provided valuable networking opportunities for industry professionals working in Tunisia and across North Africa to connect.
- ◆ The much anticipated **MEBAA Conference Dubai** was held on the 11th and 12th of December 2018. Following the MEBAA Show, the conference was sponsored by Online Global Trip Support OGTS. Key industry leaders spoke at MEBAA Conference 2018, covering a wide range of topics analyzing the latest trends and regulations in the market and the future of private aircraft design. We referred to innovation and how new technologies affect the industry, with blockchain and cybersecurity assessed in detail. The agenda includes specific UAE focused sessions in addition to in-depth analysis of the global market. The two-day lineup features keynote presentations from H.E. Jamal Al-Hai, Deputy CEO of Dubai Airports and Badr Al-Olama, Head of Aerospace at Mubadala Investment Company. Other expert speakers include Steve Cass, Vice President, Sales Development and Support, Gulfstream, Engin Basyurt, Director, Satcom Direct and Tobias Laps, Senior Vice President, Comlux.





# MEETING REGULATOR

During the MEBA Show 2018, the Chairman facilitated a productive meeting with the UAE General Civil Aviation Authority -GCAA, along with the Director General of IBAC and both IS-BAO and IS-BAH Standard Directors. It was an extremely valuable meeting addressing the industry issues of paramount importance.

Early 2018 MEBAA collaborated with UAE General Civil Aviation Authority -GCAA, in organizing the workshop for Awareness Session for Grey Market/Basing of Foreign Aircraft Operations in the UAE.

# IBAC WORKSHOPS

On behalf of The International Business Aviation Council (IBAC), MEBAA hosted two workshops in December spread over 4 days, just before the MEBAA Show. The International Standard for Business Aircraft Operations IS-BAO and the International Standard for Business Aircraft Handling IS-BAH workshops were held at the Address Dubai Marina, attended strongly by representatives from many companies.

# MEBAA SHOW 2018

Each edition of MEBAA Show displays new accomplishments in business aviation, pushing boundaries and enlarging the significance of this industry in the MENA region. It was another successful edition of this major event of the industry, with over 452 exhibitors from 50 countries and numerous attendees from all over the world. It was a great honor for us to have H.H. Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, the President of the Dubai Civil Aviation Authority, Chairman, Dubai Airports, Chairman and Chief Executive, Emirates Airline and Group, to open the 8th MEBAA Show this year. MEBAA Show 2018 was another exuberant parade of the finest business aircrafts in the world and unmatched networking event in the region.

# MEBAA RECEPTION

The exclusive VIP evening event was held on 10th of December 2018 at The Palace Downtown. The sponsors included Emirates – CAE Flight Training, Jet Aviation Management AG, Wamar International LLC, and UAS International Trip Support. It was a great opportunity to gathered and network with the world-class business aviation key people.

