

MEBAA™

**2019
IN REVIEW**

Dear Friends and Partners,

As we stand at the threshold of welcoming another year, we look back to the past 12 months of 2019; MEBAA can proudly state that this has been a year of success and growth-oriented one. We have been relentlessly working to realize our mission of serving the needs of our members in ways that enhance safety, security, efficiency and acceptance of business aviation throughout the region. Working hand in hand with the Governments and Regulators, MEBAA influenced the aviation sector which has seen impressive business operations and encouraging growth over the period. Air traffic movement registered a growth rate of approximately 9% in the region, with UAE leading all the way.

Year 2020 is slated to be the year of business aviation. With EXPO 2020 Dubai starting in October, air traffic is expected to increase three-fold than the normal. With much anticipation, while we welcome 2020, let us take a glimpse of the past year 2019. I invite you to review the MEBAA highlights for 2019, below:

Best Wishes!

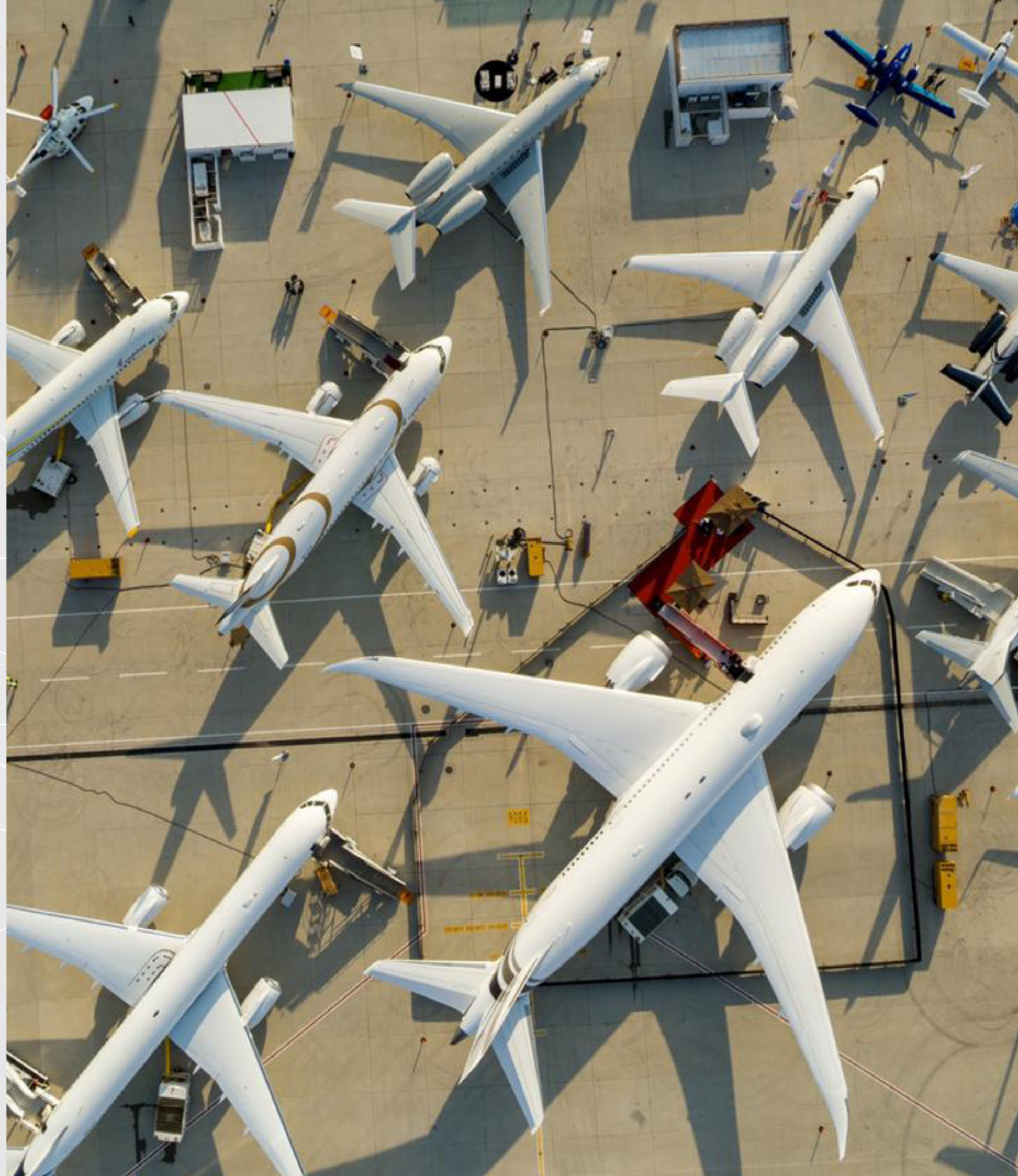
Ali Ahmed Alnaqbi
Founding & Executive Chairman



MEBAA MEMBERSHIP

MEBAA membership family is marching on the growth trajectory, as ever. 2019 saw an upward movement of 15% of membership growth, proving yet again that the role of the association is increasingly getting recognized in the business aviation sector of the region. On its part, MEBAA continues supporting its elite members by adding many new features and benefits during the year.

15%
**MEMBERSHIP
GROWTH**



MEBAA IN MOROCCO

IBAC Workshops

MEBAA extended to raise the safety standards for aircraft handlers and operators in the North Africa region by hosting workshops on IS-BAO (International Standard for Business Aviation Operations) and IS-BAH (International Standard for Business Aviation Handling). For the first time, these workshops were organized in Morocco on the 23rd of September 2019 at the Mandarin Oriental Marrakech. It marked the attendance of representatives from the civil aviation authorities of Morocco, handlers and operators from ONDA (Office of National Des Aéroports) as well as business aviation companies from North Africa, Europe and Middle East. Saudi Private Aviation (SPA) received the IS-BAH accreditation for Stage 2 by the IBAC during the MEBAA week in Morocco.

CONFERENCE

MEBAA Conference in Morocco was held on the 24th September 2019, at the Mandarin Oriental in Marrakech. The conference was attended to its full capacity by professionals, industry leaders and those in the regulatory authority. The ONDA CEO, Mr. Zouhair Mohammed El Aoufir gave the keynote address highlighting the major milestones and future projects of the Moroccan Government and ONDA on business aviation. The main topics discussed in the conference were innovation of the business aviation industry, (Big data, blockchain application and R&D in business aviation), challenges of business aviation industry and raising the new generations of the business aviation professionals.

MEBAA SHOW MOROCCO

The 3rd edition of MEBAA Show Morocco concluded on the 26th September 2019 at the Marrakech Menara Airport, Morocco. It was inaugurated by HE Mr. Mohammed Sajid, the Minister of Tourism, Air Transport, Crafts and Social Economy, Morocco. Top officials from the Moroccan Government were part of the official delegates. There was strong presence of local and international media during the whole event. Spread across 2 days, the show provided an ideal platform for the business aviation companies to network, do business and establish new relationships across North Africa. Due to its strategic location between Europe, the Middle East and the rest of Africa, Morocco is seeing an increasing amount of business jet movements. The biennial MEBAA show play a crucial role along with the local Government support in the overall growth of the business aviation industry in the region.



IBAC RECOGNITION FOR THE CHAIRMAN

MEBAA founding and executive Chairman, Ali Ahmed Alnaqbi has been promoted as the Chairman of International Business Aviation Council (IBAC). At one of its Board meetings in October 2019, Mr. Ali Alnaqbi was elected for the top post with effect from January 1st, 2020 for a period of 3 years. He has been the Vice Chairman of IBAC since 2017. It is to be noted that Mr. Ali Alnaqbi is the first ever Arab to hold this coveted post of the International Council.

MEBAA CHAIRMAN IN MENASASI BOARD

Mr. Ali Ahmed Alnaqbi, Founding & Executive Chairman-MEBAA has been selected to join the Board of Directors of MENASASI during November 2019. MENASASI is the Middle East and North Africa Society of Air Safety Investigators. It is a chapter of the International Society of Air Safety Investigators (ISASI). The aim of the society is to promote air safety by the exchange of ideas, experiences and information about aircraft accident investigations, aid in the advancement of flight safety; to promote technical advancement by providing professional education through lectures, displays and presentations and by the exchange of information for mutual development of improved investigations; broaden professional relationships among members; maintain and increase the prestige, standing and influence of the Air Safety Investigator in matters of air safety.



MEBAA IN DUBAI

MEBAA confirmed its leadership position in the business aviation sector of the region during the biennial Dubai Airshow that was held between 17th to 21st November 2019. During this period, MEBAA show-cased its customary stand at the DWC show site, attracting more than 500 visitors including our members and prospective members from US, Europe and from Middle East. MEBAA extended facilities exclusively to members for holding important meetings on the site. Many dignitaries congratulated the Chairman and presented awards on his nomination to the IBAC Chairmanship. Some of them being World Food Programme, Online Global Trip Support (OGTS), MixJET Flight Support, Saudi Private Aviation (SPA) and Aviation Achievement Awards (AAA).

During the show, MEBAA hosted IS-BAH workshop at the site (first time) from 18th to 21st November; this was very well received by more than 18 participants from countries like India, Singapore, Philippines, Beijing, Germany, Switzerland and Angola. The IS-BAO workshop was, however, organized at the Address Marina Hotel, Dubai on 20th and 21st November.

EMBER 2020
RSHOW SITE



MEBAA 2020

MEBAA RECEPTION

The exclusive VIP event MEBAA Reception was held on the first day of the Dubai Airshow, 17th November 2019, at the Palace Downtown Hotel, Dubai. Two leading aviation companies namely, Citadel Completion, and CAE, were given the privilege to sponsor the event. This private event provided a great opportunity for the invitees to gather and network with the key global business aviation individuals. During this function, MEBAA recognized and awarded 3 of its most loyal members, who have been supporting the association for more than 10 years continuously, namely FAI-Rent-A-Jet AG, Honeywell Aerospace and Zenon Recruitment Ltd. The Chairman declared that MEBAA would be recognizing and rewarding member companies for their achievements in the business aviation industry.



MEBAA WEBSITE

MEBAA launched its new MEBAA Website www.mebaa.com recently which has been developed with many new features notable among them being mNet login, newsroom and updated industry news. It has made possible for the members to login and change/add/edit new users by themselves. Additionally, we also launched separate Website for MEBAA Conference (www.mebaaconference.com).



MEBAA MEDICAL INSURANCE

2019 witnessed the launch of MEBAA Medical Insurance under the MEBAA Insurance scheme. Partnering with reputed insurer, National General Insurance (NGI), NEXtCARE and Surety Global Alliance Partners, MEBAA Insurance is specially catered to meet the medical insurance cover for the members in United Arab Emirates. The main aim is to provide excellent health services at very affordable pricing, covering all the top-quality health service providers' worldwide. MEBAA announced to extend the medical insurance programme to the neighboring countries over the next stages.

