



# Under the Patronage of H.H. Sheikh Hazza bin Zayed

### H.H. Sheikh Hamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan Opens Abu Dhabi Air Expo 2018

**26 February 2018 – Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates:** Under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Hazza bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice Chairman of Abu Dhabi Executive Council, H.H. Sheikh Hamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Chairman of Abu Dhabi Crown Prince's Court and a member of the Executive Council of Abu Dhabi inaugurated today the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Abu Dhabi Air Expo 2018 at Al Bateen Executive Airport.

H.H., alongside his delegation of senior dignitaries, toured the exhibition and met several officials from the participating parties, and was briefed about the latest innovations and developments in private jet aircraft, helicopters, executive charter services, airport equipment and services, avionics systems, insurance and financing as showcased by more than 300 local and international manufacturers and suppliers.

H.H. also witnessed the spectacular display of more than 100 state-of-the-art aircrafts, ranging from ultra-light to heavy business jets, and other aerial delights that defy the boundaries of modern technology.

Following the official opening of the exhibition, H.H. commended Abu Dhabi Airports' efforts and contributions to establishing the capital as an industry frontrunner across the region and beyond. He also praised Abu Dhabi Aviation, Al

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Futtaim Motors and all organizing committees for their support, which brought in both exhibitors and visitors in huge numbers.

The Abu Dhabi Air Expo 2018 attracted the participation and attendance of various governmental and private entities, representing the full spectrum of the business and general aviation sectors.

The exhibition which is organized by Abu Dhabi Airports, is the ideal platform for aircraft enthusiasts and businesses searching for the best airplanes and aviation-related services.

The biggest aviation event in the capital is being held in partnership with Abu Dhabi Aviation and Al Futtaim Motors, the chosen diamond sponsors, Etihad Airways, the official Carrier for Abu Dhabi Air Expo 2018, and the official sponsor of the expo the Department of Transport (DOT). Atlas Security and TAV-CCC-Arabtec joint Venture will be joining the show as Pearl Sponsors, and Profire Security Consultants as the Support Sponsor. With such strong support from key entities, the show is poised to be a major coup for Abu Dhabi as the emirate continues to transition into a diversified aviation hub in line with the Abu Dhabi economic vision 2030.

The Abu Dhabi Air Expo also raised the curtains on the second edition of the Abu Dhabi Heli Expo, showcasing all that the helicopter industry has to offer. Attendees met with representatives from leading manufacturers, distributors and support companies, and utilized the opportunity to get up close to a range of helicopters.

Abdul Majeed Al Khoori, Acting CEO at Abu Dhabi Airports, said: "The buzz generated from the fifth cycle of the Abu Dhabi Air Expo nationwide, has been phenomenal. It reflects the growth and development in performance within the

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aviation industry across all its sectors, and in-line with the increased demand in its dynamic market. To accommodate such popularity, the show has adopted a new layout, wherein the 60,000 square meters of space has been allocated to an

aircraft hangar, chalets, and an outdoor static display".

He added: "We're expecting an excess of 18,000 attendees over the three-day period. I believe this show is growing exponentially from each edition because we offer an unparalleled opportunity for aviation leaders to engage in dialogue with potential partners, which enables growth of businesses and an exchange of experience and knowledge".

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#### **About Abu Dhabi Airports**

Abu Dhabi Airports is a public joint-stock company wholly owned by the Abu Dhabi Government. It was incorporated by Amiri Decree number 5, issued on 4 March 2006, to spearhead the development of the Emirate's aviation infrastructure. In September 2006, Abu Dhabi Airports assumed responsibility for the operation and management of Abu Dhabi and Al Ain International Airports. In 2008, Abu Dhabi Airports added Al Bateen Executive Airport (an exclusive business aviation airport), as well as Sir Bani Yas and Delma Island Airports to its portfolio. These airports are geared to serve the various segments of air travelers, the aviation marketplace, and will help contribute to Abu Dhabi's development as a destination for both business and leisure tourism.

Currently under way is the multi-billion dollar re-development and expansion of Abu Dhabi International Airport designed to increase the overall capacity of the airport.

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