

Press Release

The French aerospace industry will be present in force at the 2021 Dubai Airshow

GIFAS (the French Aerospace Industries Association) is leading a 55-strong delegation of French companies to the Dubai Airshow from 14 to 18 November 2021. They will be showcasing their knowhow at the French pavilion or with their own stands. The firms include prime contractors, equipment manufacturers, SMEs and maintenance specialists.

With this Dubai Airshow, the third international Airshow on which GIFAS leads a French Pavilion since the start of the Covid crisis, GIFAS is resuming its activity of representing and defending the interests of the French aerospace industry abroad.

By making this impressive showing, French industry sets a new record of companies exhibiting in the Dubai Airshow. It goes to underscore the mutual commitment between the United Arab Emirates and the aerospace industry, which is a strategic development priority of the Emirates.

The French aerospace industry is eager to continue its cooperation with the United Arab Emirates that has made aeronautics the cornerstone of the latter's economic and scientific development efforts. Their scope has now been extended to the space sector, which for the first time is a key aspect of this air show.

The companies federated by GIFAS in the French Pavilion France for this 2021 Airshow are: AAA, ABC, Aerocampus Aquitaine, Air France Industrie - KLM E&M, Alkan, Apsys, ASB group, Astech, Avnir Engineering, Bolloré Logistics, Bronzavia Industrie, Cimulec Groupe, Corso Magenta, Coupery and Masson, CS Group, Dedienne Aerospace, Domusa Group, Faure Herman, Figeac Aero, Fingermind, Fleury, Guillet Technologies, Lacroix, Latécoère, LDM, Lubodry, Nicomatic, Novae, NSE, Nyco, Nyfi-Voliris, Pinette Pei, Rafaut, Resa, Revima, Rochette Industrie, Safety Line, Safran, Satinox Assemblage, Satys, SBG Systems, Sherpa Engineering, Socomore, Systronic, Techway, Thales, Tortoise, Turgis and Gaillard, Univeira, UUDS, WiN MS.

Moreover, Airbus, ATR, CFMI, Dassault Aviation, Eurosam and MBDA are exhibiting on their own stands.

"The French aerospace industry is proud to work alongside with its reliable, long-term partner, the United Arab Emirates and to contribute to its development. GIFAS is also delighted that so many small and medium French firms have seized the opportunity offered by the Airshow and joined the adventure in search of success and setting up local partnerships" declared Guillaume Faury, GIFAS Chairman, on the eve of the Airshow opening.

<u>About GIFAS</u>: The French Aerospace Industries Association (GIFAS) was created in 1908. It is an industry body that brings together more than 400 companies ranging from the main prime contractors and system suppliers to SMEs. They form a cohesive, hard-driving high-technology sector specializing in the design, development and construction, marketing and maintenance of all aeronautical and space programmes and equipment, both civilian and military planes and defence and security systems.

GIFAS represents an industry whose 2020 sales turnover was \in 52,9 bn, and that exports 81% of its output and, directly employs 194 000 individuals.

GIFAS organizes the International Paris Airshow every two years, which is the world's premier aerospace event. The 54th Paris-Le Bourget Airshow will run from 19 to 25 June 2023.