

PRESS RELEASE

DC Aviation Al-Futtaim FBO receives IS-BAH Stage 3 accreditation

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Dubai, UAE, May 03, 2023: As part of its ongoing commitment to provide customers with unparalleled levels of safety standards, [DC Aviation Al-Futtaim](#), a leading business aviation services provider, has announced that it has received the International Standard for Business Aircraft Handling (IS-BAH) Stage 3 certification for its Fixed Base Operations (FBO) located at Dubai South.

DCAF received its Stage 1 certification in May 2019 and Stage 2 in January 2021.

With the Stage 3 certification, DCAF is one of only two FBOs in the Middle East and among 27 organisations globally to attain this highest level of safety standard established by IS-BAH which verifies that safety management activities are fully integrated into the business and that a positive safety culture is being sustained.

The accreditation process involved a complete audit of DCAF's FBO safety management systems, emergency and security procedures, organisational structure, training protocols and operating procedures and was conducted by an independent auditor from the International Business Aviation Council (IBAC).

“At DCAF, we are fully committed to providing the highest levels of safety standards and industry best practices. It is front and centre for everything we do,” said **Christopher Eden, Director of Ground Operations at DCAF**.

“Our commitment to continued improvement of safety management activities and positive safety culture was demonstrated and verified during this audit resulting in accomplishing IS-BAH stage 3 accreditation. The successful completion of the Stage 3 audit was a result of around-the-clock hard work from all the teams involved and the continuous support of the management,” he added.

Stewart Macpherson, who conducted the IS-BAH inspection audit, said: “We can now add DC Aviation Al-Futtaim as part of this elite group of FBOs to attain Stage 3 (the highest level)

registration of the IS-BAH. They should be very proud, as this is an incredible achievement that is no easy feat to achieve.

“The dedication and devotion of their team to fully integrate their Safety Management System (SMS) into all areas of their organisation reflects the high value the company places on safety as the top priority in their business model. I appreciated the opportunity to audit this impressive group and wish them well in their continued IS-BAH journey to lead the way in safety,” he added.

DCAF is a joint venture between Dubai-based Al-Futtaim Group and Stuttgart-based DC Aviation Group. For more information on DCAF’s hangar and services, please visit www.dc-aviation.ae/ or call +971 4 870 1800.

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About DC Aviation Al-Futtaim

DC Aviation Al-Futtaim (DCAF) is a joint venture between Stuttgart-based DC Aviation GmbH, the largest operator of business jets in Germany and one of the leading operators in Europe and Dubai-based Al-Futtaim, a privately owned UAE business conglomerate. The JV capitalizes on Al-Futtaim's strong fundamentals and presence in the Middle East, and DC Aviation’s global reputation as a premium provider of aircraft management, executive charter operations, business jet maintenance and consultation services.

DCAF is the first and only fully integrated business aviation facility based out of Al Maktoum International Airport located at Dubai South (formerly Dubai World Central) with two dedicated hangars measuring 5,700sqm and 7,500sqm bringing its total land-side plot area to 24,000sqm and apron area to 13,000sqm. VVIP customers can also enjoy the 1,300sqm exclusive VVIP lounge area designed to international standards offering customers the highest levels of comfort and privacy, shower areas and a conference room.

DCAF’s core areas of business include Aircraft Management, Maintenance, FBO and Ground handling services as well as Business jet charter.

Through their line maintenance capabilities catering to various business jets; owners and operators receive a diverse range of maintenance services, from spare parts supply, procurement and storage, to maintenance and airworthiness certification.

The Aircraft Management division is helping business jet owners to optimize their aircraft assets, by operating aircraft in an environment in line with the highest industry standards with regards to flight safety and airworthiness. Clients also benefit from significant cost-saving potential on insurance, fuel purchasing and other relevant flight support services.

Located in a prime position just off the airport’s runway, the DCAF hangars and 7,700sqm dedicated ramp parking enables us to support, maintain and operate private and business jets of all sizes. Along with the VVIP lounge, 24-hour on-site security, screening facilities, customs and immigration services, customers are assured of a speedy and enjoyable travel experience.

DCAF’s business jet charter clients will benefit from the operator’s fleet size and variety and a 24/7 operation designed to provide immediate response to requests.

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