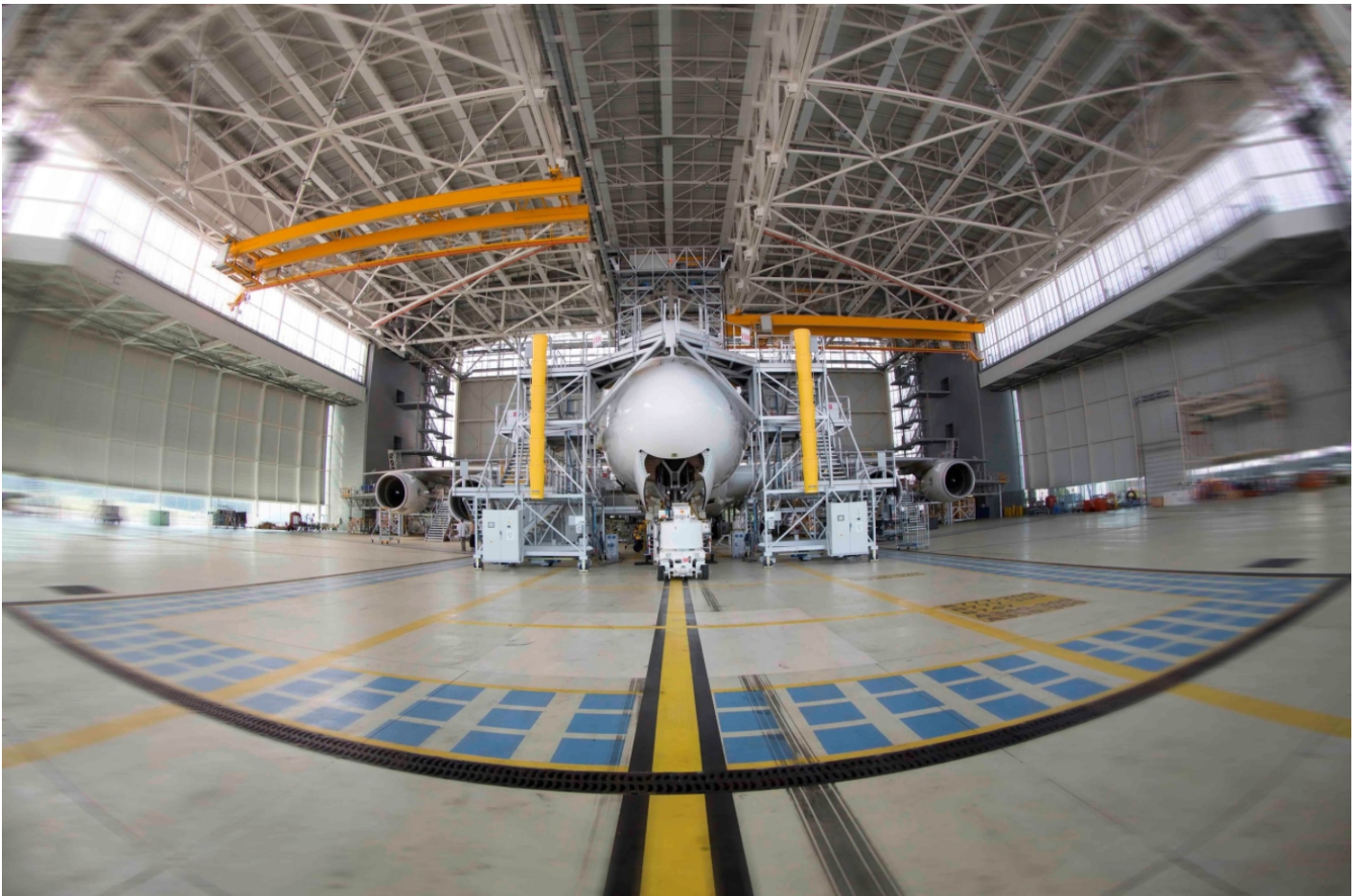




AIR FRANCE INDUSTRIES KLM ENGINEERING & MAINTENANCE AND RAMCO SYSTEMS CREATE THE MRO LAB IN SINGAPORE

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Air France Industries KLM Engineering & Maintenance (AFI KLM E&M) has signed a partnership with Ramco Systems, which specializes in business software systems, especially in the **MRO** sector, to set up a joint innovation center in **Singapore**. A team of around ten people will work there on designing and developing innovative, rapid-deployment solutions for strategic areas in the aircraft maintenance industry, benefitting AFIKLM E&M customers all around the world.

AFI KLM E&M setting a course for innovation

For over two decades, AFI KLM E&M has been deploying its powers of innovation, whether driven by its people on the ground or in dedicated R&D centers, to develop breakthrough solutions in support of its maintenance processes and for the benefit of its clients. Recently, the Group formally created “The MRO Lab – Adaptive Innovations” program to gather its innovation potential and bring it to the marketplace. This program is part of the Group’s strategy to promote and accelerate its innovation potential, which relies on two pillars: stimulate innovation everywhere across the organization, and partner with innovative startups and universities in France, in the Netherlands

and beyond.

The creation of a new, joint R&D center with Ramco is a part of this momentum. The MRO Lab Singapore aims to encourage the rapid emergence and diffusion of innovative, high value-added, MRO solutions, in the heart of a fast growing MRO market and in a fruitful innovation ecosystem. The project is also the outcome of an exchange of experience and best practice between AFI KLME&M and its partner, Ramco, which has extensive know-how in the aircraft maintenance sector.

As James Kornberg, Director for Engineering & Maintenance Innovation at AIR FRANCE KLM explains: “The team working at The MRO Lab Singapore will be able to benefit from the respective expertise of our two groups in support of their work. This will focus on priority topics identified by their strategic character, from Wearable technology to Optimization and Big Data-linked applications, improving customer relations, and streamlining and monitoring of maintenance data, and so on.”

Virender Aggarwal, CEO of Ramco Systems, said: “We at Ramco believe that innovation is the true differentiator for any organization in this fast changing world where business models are getting disrupted everyday. By integrating the deep expertise built in addressing the Aviation industry with future-ready technologies, we strive to help clients’ build on technology to solve business problems. The MRO Lab is strategically located in Singapore to leverage on the aviation industry presence and tap into the best of multi-cultural, multi-lingual and multi-national talentpool the country has to offer.”

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