



EMPLOYMENT AND INVESTMENT INITIATIVE: FACC CREATES MORE THAN 200 NEW JOBS AND INVESTS EUR 150 MILLION

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The international aerospace group FACC is harnessing the positive developments on the global aircraft market for systematic growth: demand is on the rise, and a noticeable increase in sales is on the horizon for 2022. The high-tech group is therefore adding more than 200 new employees to its workforce and launching an investment initiative totaling EUR 150 million.

The aviation industry is currently experiencing an upswing - airlines are starting to expand their fleets again, and the positive industry trend is significantly stronger in some areas than recently forecast. FACC is consistently taking advantage of these opportunities: the aerospace company, which boasts major aircraft manufacturers such as Airbus, Boeing, Embraer, Bombardier, Rolls Royce and Pratt & Whitney among its customers, expects significant sales growth in 2022, and is pursuing a consistent expansion strategy for the coming years.

Robert Machtlinger, CEO of FACC AG commented. "Last year alone, we were able to secure new contracts worth more than EUR 1 billion. We are also focusing on a long-term

growth strategy for the future, and are now launching an employment and investment initiative,” continues Machtlinger.



More than 200 new members of staff

FACC is hiring more than 200 new employees at its Upper Austrian locations. The focus of the newly created jobs is on production. The company seeks to fill vacancies in the areas of IT, digitalization, innovation management and automation, with recruitment already underway.

Investment volume of EUR 150 million over the next five years

In addition, FACC has agreed on a comprehensive investment package for the next five years. A total of EUR 150 million are to be invested in the following three areas:

1. New projects

- In 2021, FACC was awarded a contract for the European Ariane 6 space program. A potential first application of the lightweight innovation is the HERA project for planetary asteroid defense technology. The goal is to test the extent to which an asteroid can be deflected from its trajectory by means of two comets passing by Earth.
- Airbus has commissioned FACC with the production of the empennage components for the A220, thereby sustainably strengthening the close cooperation spanning decades. FACC is the sole supplier of the rudder and elevator for the A220.
- FACC has developed a state-of-the-art business jet cabin for the Canadian aircraft manufacturer Bombardier. The production of the cabin interior for the Bombardier Challenger 3500 constitutes a major project for the coming years.



2. Strong expansion of research & development for consistent sustainability and increasing competitive strength

FACC is working intensively on new materials and production technologies. Here, two major goals go hand in hand: consistent sustainability and steadily increasing competitive strength:

- FACC is intensively researching new lightweight materials and their processing methods. These so-called composites offer several advantages at once: they are resistant and durable, boast a long life cycle, and save fuel and thus CO₂ in flight operations due to their low weight. The company is also taking systematic steps to innovate and improve the manufacturing process, focusing in particular on reducing the curing time of parts. This saves energy while cutting CO₂ emissions.
- The recyclability of components will constitute a further research and development focus in the coming years. Thus, chemical product components are to be replaced by biological substances, for instance from the sugar cane industry.
- Through the development of additional high-performance automation technologies, FACC continues to drive forward the industrial production of lightweight construction systems for aircraft. The goal is to reduce throughput times, cut manufacturing costs and consume less energy.
- As part of its investment initiative, FACC will also be intensifying and expanding its collaborative research with leading companies in the aircraft industry, for instance the Airbus Wing of Tomorrow program.

3. Expansion of production facilities

In the past year, FACC AG concluded contracts in excess of EUR 1 billion with its customers. To get equipped for the future, the aviation group will be expanding its production facilities with next-generation technology and building new, highly automated plants.

With its recently launched employment and investment initiative, FACC is taking clear steps

towards sustained growth in the coming years. By 2030, FACC aims to establish itself among the top 50 aerospace groups worldwide; it is currently among the top 100. “Committed to the sky - at all levels” is the order of the day.



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