



DAHER PRESENTS ITS 2016 TURBOPROP AIRCRAFT RANGE AND HIGHLIGHTS THE “CHARTER PACK”

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Daher's broad range of capabilities – from the production of aircraft and aerostructures, its expertise in engineering, support and modernization to the new “Charter Pack” coverage for TBM commercial charter flights – are the focus of its participation in this week's European Business Aviation Convention & Exhibition (EBACE 2016).

Benefitting from significant in-house industrial and technical resources, Daher has broadened its own aircraft product line with the new TBM 930 and enhanced TBM 900 very fast turboprop aircraft, while stepping up the company's MRO (maintenance, repair and overhaul) offer and further building the upgrade services.

Daher also maintains a leadership position in the manufacture of aerostructures for such applications as the Airbus A330, A350 and A380 jetliners; Airbus Helicopters' H160 rotorcraft; and business jets from Dassault's Falcon range, the Embraer Legacy 450 and Gulfstream's G500/G600. Additionally, the company is confirming its role as a supplier of logistics services, building on the know-how of its parent company, the Daher group.

"Our presence at EBACE 2016 reflects Daher's ambitions in business aviation, in which we continue to modernize our factories with fully-digital assembly lines that provide quality, flexibility and competitiveness," commented Didier Kayat, the Daher group's Chief Executive Officer. "Included in our efforts is the development of new technologies for our customers through our DaherLab innovation accelerator."

Nicolas, Chabbert, Senior Vice President of Daher's Airplane Business Unit, said the broadened TBM product line – based on the TBM 900 and TBM 930 – meets the evolving needs of many operators, especially with European regulations that will soon enable commercial passenger operations using the very fast turboprop aircraft.

"This regulatory change is expected to boost the entry level for business aviation, encouraging aircraft acquisitions by new players in Europe," Chabbert explained. "We have set up a commercial package offer proven by what Daher currently offers in regions of the world where such flights already are approved."

This commercial package is called the TBM Charter Pack, providing an inclusive package solution with: an extended version of Daher's TBM Care Program (TCP) to cover commercial operators' higher aircraft utilization rates; continuing airworthiness monitoring through CAMP systems; a dedicated TBM maintenance hotline; and TBM professional training courses.

Chabbert added that the new regulations will create the possibility for single turboprop aircraft to perform medevac flights or organ transportation in Europe at a cost that makes Daher's TBM ambulance version – equipped with a stretcher and incubator installations – highly attractive. One such aircraft currently is being prepared for an operator based in the French West Indies.

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