

XJet signs deal with Aviation City

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XJet World, an exclusive US-based private aviation service provider has signed a deal with Dubai World Central Aviation City home to the largest maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) centre in the world to set up a fixed base operations (FBO) facility for business and private aircraft.

With an initial investment of \$35 million (Dh128.4m), this will be XJet's first such facility in the Middle East.

The contract was signed at the recently concluded Aircraft Interiors Middle East (AIME) 2008 show at the Dubai International Exhibition and Convention Centre between Abdulla Al Qurashi, CEO, DWC Aviation City and Josh Stewart, president and CEO, XJet World.

The 158,444 square foot facility within Dubai World Central, the 140 square kilometre urban aviation project centred around the world's largest international airport, will offer unparalleled levels of luxury, a seven-star service and the finest facilities in the industry.

Commenting on the deal, Al Qurashi said: "XJet selected Dubai as its first Middle East base as DWC Aviation City has just the right infrastructure for the business aviation industry. No other region in the world has seen such high air transportation growth as



AVIATION DEAL - DWC Aviation City CEO Abdulla Al Qurashi exchange signed agreement with Josh Stewart, President and CEO of XJet World

the Middle East - nine per cent in 2006 and with more than 80 MRO hangar plots at Dubai World Central regional business aviation growth is expected to more than double."

XJet's DWC FBO will have 60 employees and will be tar-

geting selected clientele in its first year of operations.

"XJet is revolutionising the world of private aviation and generating a buzz within the business aviation industry," said Stewart.

"XJet will offer its seven star

customer services topped with transparent economics and an unparalleled experience. XJet will provide comprehensive and seamless solution to its clients."

DWC Aviation City is offering a platform to attract the best

of aviation suppliers and MRO providers from around the world, complementing the region's tremendous executive and business aviation growth. The first phase of the project is set to be operational in 2009.