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## **EASYJET CHOOSES CTC AVIATION AS PREFERRED PILOT SUPPLIER**

The long standing relationship between CTC Aviation Group plc and easyJet has been further reinforced by the announcement that easyJet has chosen CTC as their preferred supplier of pilots for the next 5 years.

CTC Aviation and easyJet have worked closely together since the airline first began operations in 1995 and over the years, CTC has placed more than 850 cadet and experienced pilots with Europe's leading low cost carrier.

When CTC Aviation launched "CTC Wings" – the company's career development programme for aspiring airline pilots - in 2003, easyJet was one of the launch partner airlines. The UK's largest airline is a trail blazer in the cadet training arena having been one of the first airlines to recognise the potential and provide career progression opportunities for the 'low hour' pilot.

The finalisation of this new agreement sees easyJet and CTC working together to ensure that the ever increasing crewing requirements of the airline are met. For the year 2010 CTC will be providing 190 new pilots through its FlexiCrew programme with a combination of newly qualified "CTC Wings" cadets and experienced Airbus type-rated first officers.

Captain Chris Clarke, Chairman of CTC Aviation Group plc - "This is such positive news at a time of economic uncertainty in the UK and Europe that has witnessed unprecedented levels of sector consolidation. Our industry has experienced really tough times over the past two years preventing many airlines from making any long term contractual commitments in such a fragile economic climate. The majority of European airlines have been scaling back their operations and/or stopped any growth leading to few opportunities for pilots. easyJet is one of the few airlines growing and our renewed partnership secures on-going pilot commitments in line with their planned growth for next 5 years. We are delighted to be able to secure these opportunities to enable our CTC Wings pilots to build on their experience. CTC FlexiCrew is a career solution that enables both airlines and pilots to keep flying now and into the future; both CTC and easyJet are committed to supporting the career development paths of tomorrow's airline pilots and this new agreement with easyJet provides a really excellent opportunity for our graduating CTC Wings Cadets to progress into the profession with one of the worlds most successful airlines."

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Captain Chris Hope Head of Flight Operations for easyJet adds “Over recent years, CTC has supported easyJet’s sustained period of growth by delivering type rating training for over 2000 of our pilots. Our relationship with CTC is strong and founded on our belief that the company provides the highest quality training for both new and experienced pilots. We will continue to work closely together into the future to ensure that we choose, train and nurture the best pilots in order to maintain our reputation as an employer of choice and the airline of choice for our customers.”

CTC Director Lee Woodward, who heads up the CTC Wings programme, said “CTC Wings has a remarkable record for placing cadets with the programme’s partner airlines. Over the years CTC has placed 894 Wings pilots with its partner airlines in Europe with over 300 going to easyJet alone. Even in the most difficult period in aviation history during 2009 and 2010, CTC will have placed over 200 Cadets with UK airlines. We believe this track record of placement at the current time to be amongst the best in Europe”

For further information on CTC Wings - easyJet’s pilot training programme of choice and to apply, visit [www.ctcwings.com](http://www.ctcwings.com)

For further information on CTC Aviation Group plc, visit [www.ctcaviation.com](http://www.ctcaviation.com)

To register for CTC FlexiCrew, visit [www.ctcaviation.com/flexicrew](http://www.ctcaviation.com/flexicrew)

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## About CTC Aviation Group plc

CTC is one of the world's leading full-service airline training providers training between 1200 -1900 aircrew for more than 50 global airlines each year. Our UK and NZ based Crew Training Centres house state-of-the-art Airbus and Boeing simulators, hi-tech Computer Based Training facilities and a fleet of the latest, modern technology training aircraft to support our ab-initio training programme - CTC Wings; all supported by one of the most experienced teams of Training Captains and Instructors worldwide.

Our portfolio spans the full spectrum of airline training and resourcing requirements; - pilots and cabin crew; basic licence and ATPL training through to TRE Standardisation; ground school, simulator provision and line training; management and consultancy support; start ups, conversions and recurrent.

Airline clients include Air New Zealand, Air Malawi, Air Seychelles, British Airways, Eagle Airways, Jet2.com, easyJet, EuroCypria, Kuwait Airways, Monarch Airlines, NetJets, OpenSkies, Jetstar Pacific, Royal Brunei Airlines, Thomas Cook Airlines, Thomson Airways, UK CAA and Virgin Atlantic Airways.

**CTC Wings** is a unique, comprehensive programme of developmental training for tomorrow's airline pilots. The *CTC Wings* Cadet route takes individuals with no flying experience all the way to the right hand seat of a commercial airliner in less than two years. **CTC FlexiCrew** is an initiative to provide flexible yet quality resourcing solutions for both the airline industry and qualified pilots, including experienced instructors and examiners.

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**easyJet is now Europe's No. 1 air transport network** due to its leading presence on Europe's top 100 routes and at Europe's 50 largest airports. More than 300 million Europeans live within one hour's drive of an easyJet airport, more than any other airline.

By offering the **lowest fares to the most convenient airports**, this year easyJet will **grow profitably by 10%** and will carry **50 million passengers** on over **500 routes** between 119 airports in 29 countries.

easyJet is **the UK's largest** and Europe's fourth largest airline by passenger numbers. In 2009, the airline carried 28 million passengers in the UK and 46 million in total. On average easyJet flies passengers 1100 km for just £45/€50.

easyJet takes sustainability seriously. Over the last 10 years, the airline has **reduced CO2 emissions per passenger km by 25%** by investing in the latest technology. Its fleet of nearly 200 state-of-the-art aircraft is only 3.5 years old.

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