

## Leonardo and Falcon Aviation Services to start building the innovative rotorcraft terminal for Expo 2020 Dubai

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- Leonardo to illustrate the AW609 TiltRotor capabilities, set to revolutionize human mobility in the near future

**Abu Dhabi, 23 February 2021** – Italian-headquartered company Leonardo and Falcon Aviation Services have announced that they have started building the new rotorcraft terminal that will facilitate the mobility to and from the Expo 2020 site in Dubai.

The terminal design is based on brand new concept, combining a helipad, exhibition and lounge areas in a single city-based heliport. The terminal will be supporting the development of a network of point-to-point connections for both urban transfers and connections between cities, meeting the growing demands for sustainable and modern vertical lift mobility as well as greater access to urban areas. VIP and charter services users and passengers will be provided with levels of service typically available only in larger private airport facilities far from downtown and urban areas. The rotorcraft terminal features strong environmentally friendly design and modularity using recyclable materials and, if required, it can be transported.

Leading operator Falcon Aviation Services will use the terminal to deliver best-in-class helicopter transport services. Joining forces in this initiative, Leonardo and Falcon Aviation Services will leverage their longstanding successful partnership in helicopter transportation across the region, offering customers an exclusive flight experience on the Leonardo AW139, AW189 and AW169 helicopter models.

At Expo 2020 Dubai, Leonardo will be also illustrating the capabilities offered by its AW609 TiltRotor, the edge of the aerospace technology which will revolutionize the human mobility in the near future: this vehicle – set to receive civil certification – combines vertical take-off and landing – like a helicopter – with the performances of an airplane, allowing it to fly above adverse weather conditions hosting comfortably up to nine people in a pressurised cabin.

**Leonardo**, a global high-technology company, is among the top ten world players in Aerospace, Defence and Security and Italy's main industrial company. Organized into five business divisions, Leonardo has a significant industrial presence in Italy, the United Kingdom, Poland and the USA, where it also operates through subsidiaries such as Leonardo DRS (defense electronics), and joint ventures and partnerships: ATR, MBDA, Telespazio, Thales Alenia Space and Avio. Leonardo competes in the most important international markets by leveraging its areas of technological and product leadership (Helicopters, Aircraft, Aerostructures, Electronics, Cyber Security and Space). Listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (LDO), in 2019 Leonardo recorded consolidated revenues of €13.8 billion and invested €1.5 billion in Research and Development. The Group has been part of the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) since 2010 and is named as sustainability global leader in the Aerospace & Defence sector for the second year in a row of DJSI in 2020.