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A First Choice partner for CTC Wings cadets

First Choice Airways have joined easyJet and Thomas Cook as the newest CTC Wings cadet partner airline. The first group of 6 cadets start their B757 type-rating training for the airline during April. They will be based at Gatwick and Manchester and will be flying on-line as First Officers in time for the 2006 summer season.

First Choice Airways is one of the UK's leading leisure airlines. Founded in 1987, the airline now operates a fleet of 32 aircraft from 15 UK airports, carrying six million customers on more than 30,000 flights to around 60 destinations worldwide every year.

Captain Lee Woodward of CTC said " CTC is delighted that First Choice Airways has chosen CTC Wings to provide for their cadet pilot requirement. First Choice Airways is a first class airline and we are very pleased to see them join the CTC Wings programme."

CTC have provided training support for First Choice since 1998 and, in 2001 the first CTC Wings ATP (licensed) pilots joined the airline. This new agreement enables aspiring pilots with no previous experience to be sponsored through all stages of their training by First Choice.

Philip Smallwood, Head of Pilot Management for First Choice said: "CTC provides thorough, excellent quality training for cadet pilots up to type rating. Its flexible approach meets our business needs, recognising the operational and recruitment peaks of a charter airline."

Currently 10 new Wings cadets start their training each month. Over the next year CTC plans a further increase to 12 per month in order to satisfy a currently insatiable demand from CTC's UK airline clients. In addition CTC recently launched a New Zealand training programme that, together with anticipated new demand from other clients worldwide, will result in CTC Wings expanding towards 200 pilots within 12 months.

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About CTC Aviation Group plc

CTC Aviation Group plc is an approved Type Rating Training Organisation and Flight Training Organisation, recognised by the Joint Aviation Authorities as a leading provider of training, consultancy and support services to the commercial airline industry.

Established to provide a dedicated facility for airline standard, professional training, the Company offers a comprehensive range of training and consultancy services that can be tailored to individual and airline requirements.

Through Crew Training Centres in the UK and New Zealand CTC trains over 1,000 commercial pilots a year. CTC's Crew Training Centres house state-of-the-art training facilities including the provision of high-level training support and full flight simulation for both Boeing and Airbus aircraft.

Airline customers include Air New Zealand, Air Malawi, Air Seychelles, British Airways, Jet2.com, easyJet, EuroCypria, First Choice Airways, Kuwait Airways, Monarch Airlines, MyTravel, NetJets, Royal Brunei Airlines, Thomas Cook Airlines, ThomsonFly and the UK CAA.

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CTC's training portfolio includes courses for pilots and cabin crew at every stage of their careers (such as unique CTC Wings programme). In addition CTC provides train the trainer courses and crew resource management training. Consultancy services include crew selection, training staff assessments, line support, recurrent training provision, fleet introductions and full management and operational support for airline start-ups.

For more information, visit www.ctcaviation.com

CTC Wings is a unique, comprehensive programme of developmental training for airline pilots. The cadet route takes young people with no flying experience all the way to the right hand seat of a commercial airliner in less than two years.

The CTC Wings ATP route into the programme provides opportunities for licensed pilots to join at the intermediate phase of training.

CTC Wings graduates are now flying with easyJet, Thomas Cook Airlines, Monarch Airlines, British Airways, Thomsonfly, First Choice Airways, Jet2 and MyTravel.

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