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CityJet and CTC combine forces to launch “CityJet Wings” - a dedicated Sponsored Cadet programme

CityJet have long been advocates of cadet pilot training programmes to provide a source of well trained and motivated young pilots. Now, through the new dedicated “CityJet Wings” career development programme, aspiring pilots with little or no previous experience have the opportunity to receive high quality, airline-focused training through CTC; knowing from the outset that they are part of the CityJet team.

CityJet have chosen CTC Aviation as one of their preferred training providers because of CTC’s commitment to airline standard training. David Finn, Manager Flight Operation Resources said “we are genuinely impressed by CTC’s overall approach to cadet training. From their proven selection process, approach to cadet welfare during training, attention to detail with accommodation, their resources and vertically integrated approach to pilot training through to their high success rates in all phases of flying training. CTC’s philosophy to provide quality future airline pilots reflects CityJet’s objective to deliver the highest quality service in all areas of operations for our passengers.”

Applicants will undergo a rigorous selection process combining both CityJet and CTC Wings selection processes, but having succeeded at selection, successful candidates will enjoy the benefits of CTC’s renowned quality training whilst being part of the CityJet team from day one of their training.

The basic training will mirror the highly successful programme currently delivered for CTC Wings and CityJet Wings pilots will train alongside CTC Wings cadets; beginning basic training at CTC’s Crew Training Centre in New Zealand and progressing through to completion of the ATPL with CTC in the UK; at which point CityJet will deliver the AVRO RJ85 type rating. CityJet Wings pilots will most likely be based at London City, but there may be some opportunities for a Dublin basing.

At a signing ceremony in Dublin, Lee Woodward – Head of CTC Wings and Director for CTC Aviation said “This is what CTC Wings is all about. We are committed to providing the best job opportunities for our cadets and we are delighted that CityJet have shown the same commitment by supporting their cadets from day one. CityJet Wings pilots will benefit from a close connection to their sponsoring airline throughout their training, with regular mentoring visits, and this can only result in a workforce that is also committed to their employer. We hope to see more airlines supporting cadets in this way in the future.”

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The first CityJet Wings course will start training in New Zealand with CTC in October 2008 and subsequent courses will run during 2009. Applications are now being accepted online –

www.ctcwings.com/cityjetwings

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About CTC Aviation Group plc

CTC Aviation Group plc is an approved Type Rating Training Organisation (TRTO) and Approved Flight Training Organisation (FTO), 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 four Crew Training Centres in the UK and New Zealand, CTC trained over 1,200 commercial pilots in 2007 for 52 airlines worldwide. 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, ThomsonFly/First Choice Airways, Kuwait Airways, Monarch Airlines, NetJets, Royal Brunei Airlines, Thomas Cook Airlines/MyTravel, DHL, Jetstar Pacific Airlines, the UK CAA and Virgin Atlantic Airways.

CTC's training portfolio includes courses for pilots and cabin crew at every stage of their careers (such as the 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.

CTC Wings is a unique and comprehensive, global programme of developmental training for aspiring airline pilots. During 2008 approximately 200 cadet pilots will be selected to commence training with CTC Wings and the airline employment record for CTC Wings pilots currently stands at 100%.

In November 2007 CTC launched a new executive jet operation – CTC Aviation Jet Services Limited. Based at CTC's Executive Jet Centre – Bournemouth, this division provides a 'turn key' service to corporate clients.

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About CityJet

CityJet was founded in Dublin in 1993 to operate the Dublin-London City route with two BAe146 aircraft. Over the years, the airline has grown and developed successfully and profitably, and is now a 100% subsidiary of Air France. Headquartered in Dublin, the company employs 740 staff, carried over 1.8 million passengers last year, and flies an extensive network of routes from London City and Paris CDG airports with its own fleet of 23 Avro RJ85 jet aircraft, as well as four 31-seater Dornier 328 aircraft operated on behalf of CityJet by Scot Airways.

Winner of the prestigious "Airline of the Year 2007/8" bronze award of the European Regions Airline Association, CityJet is the largest operator at London City Airport and has recently completed the acquisition of VLM Airlines of Belgium (subject to regulatory approval). The airline has also recently agreed the purchase of two additional AVRO RJ85 aircraft which will enter the airline's London City fleet by the end of summer 2008, bringing CityJet's total RJ85 fleet size to 25.

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