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I Hope you have all enjoyed the Eid Al Adha break!

A350 XWB Final Assembly Line (FAL) was officially inaugurated this month. The 74,000 square-metre FAL, in Toulouse, will eventually employ some 1,500 people who will build up to ten aircraft a month as from 2018. As of today, the first two A350 XWB aircraft (the static aircraft and the first flyable aircraft, MSN001) are at different stages of final assembly.

The A380 also had a key milestone as it celebrated five years in business. This aircraft has been winning over business and leisure passengers alike since its service introduction in 2007, providing levels of comfort and reliability that have led travelers to specifically request flights on Airbus' 21st century flagship – which is in operation with carriers around the globe.

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NEWS BITES

- Airbus and the Global Engineering Deans Council launch award to encourage more diversity in engineering programmes at universities worldwide.
- Deliveries this month:
  - Air Arabia A320
  - 3 Emirates A380s
  - Qatar Airways A320

SPOTLIGHT

Airbus inaugurates Roger Béteille A350 XWB Final Assembly Line

Airbus is shaping the future of airline efficiency with the new A350 XWB, and it has unveiled the shape of things to come by officially inaugurating the operational final assembly line for this next-generation jetliner.

Presided by President & CEO Fabrice Brégier – and in the presence of French Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault, along with customers, suppliers, Airbus employees and other invitees – the inauguration event has highlighted this world-leading eco-efficient facility.

The A350 XWB Final Assembly Line already is well advanced in its initial build-up activity, with the first flightworthy aircraft and the programme's ground test airframe now being fabricated.

Learn more at www.airbus.com

Contemporary art brings aircraft manufacturing at Routes Abu Dhabi 2012

Award winning French artist, Tony Soulié, displayed his artwork in collaboration with Airbus for the first time in the region on the 30 September – 3 October 2012 at Routes - the largest gathering of airlines, airports and tourism authorities in the world, held in Abu Dhabi.

Inspired by Aircrafts, Tony Soulié's photo paintings display the encounter between the world of art, aeronautics and journeying showcasing the commoncality in anticipation, imagination, precision, quality, occasional work-around and above all, creativity. Fouad Attar, Managing Director, Airbus Middle East, said: "There is something pure and timeless about industrial sites. The collection of photo-paintings, "Airbus seen through the eyes of Tony Soulié", conveys an expression of the passion, adventure and the international culture of Airbus."

The photo-paintings will also be exhibited at Airbus sites around the world over the next two years. Half of the paintings will be shared between Airbus sites, while the remaining half will be auctioned to raise funds for the Airbus Corporate Foundation.

Tony Soulié was born in 1955 in Paris. Since 1976, more than hundred personal and collective exhibitions are devoted to him throughout the world – New York, Los Angeles, Santiago, Tokyo, Paris, Shangai, Toronto, Frankfurt, Bangkok, etc... Main international fairs present his work and about fifty French and foreign museums keep his photo-paintings. Tony Soulié got six awards for his work and in 2004 was decorated "Chevalier des Arts et des Lettres".

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