Dear Shareholders,

I am delighted to share with you this latest issue of aeronotes, in which you can read up on current developments within the company, recent shareholder events and of course our latest financial results.

As you can see, our Company is making good progress. The healthy commercial aircraft market is confirmed. At the end of August, our robust backlog had risen to almost 6,700 aircraft. It provides us with stability and visibility and is a solid platform for growth. Management is focused on operational priorities, including A350 and A400M ramp-up and cost control, A320 CEO to NEO transition. Furthermore we are implementing our strategy to focus on core, progressing with the divestments in our Defence & Space business as well as our Dassault shares.

Meanwhile we are preparing for the future: the A320 facility in Alabama, USA was inaugurated in September, Airbus Helicopters is progressing with its product renewal strategy and our E-fan technology electric aircraft crossed the channel from England to France. We will continue to foster technology and business innovation as new business models emerge, as demonstrated by our contract win to build 900 satellites for OneWeb.

Having reached a new high following our half-year results, our share, like many others across all industries, has been impacted by the uncertainties in the Emerging Markets. While we follow these developments closely, we remain confident about the future.

We look forward to discussing these and many other topics in the months ahead.

Yours,

Julie Kitcher
Airbus Group Head of Investor Relations and Financial Communication
Airbus Group reported solid half-year results supported by an improved operational performance and confirmed its 2015 guidance.

Group order intake\(^{(1)}\) in the first 6 months of 2015 increased sharply to €53.9 billion (H1 2014: €27.7 billion), with the order book\(^{(1)}\) value rising to €927 billion as of 30 June (year-end 2014: €858 billion) taking into account a positive revaluation linked to the strengthening of the US dollar.

Group revenues rose 6% to €28.9 billion (H1 2014: €27.2 billion), reflecting the strong delivery mix at Commercial Aircraft and strengthening US dollar. Commercial Aircraft’s revenues rose 9% with 304 commercial airplanes delivered (H1 2014: 303 units), including 4 A350 XWBs and 13 A380s. Helicopters’ revenues increased 5%, driven by government programmes and services activities which mitigated lower deliveries of 152 units (H1 2014: 200 units). Defence and Space’s revenues were stable despite the deconsolidation of launcher revenues with the creation of the Airbus Safran Launchers JV’s first phase.

Group EBIT* before one-off\(^{(2)}\) rose 6% to €1,883 million (H1 2014: €1,769 million) with improvements in all Divisions. Group self-financed R&D expenses were €1,506 million (H1 2014: €1,564 million) while the Group EBIT* before one-off return on sales was 6.5% (H1 2014: 6.5%).

The industrial ramp-up of the A350 XWB programme is gaining traction, with Vietnam Airlines becoming the second operator in June. Despite some flight test interruptions, the A320neo is progressing and the delivery stream is still expected to commence in 2015. Helicopters’ product renewal strategy is progressing with flight testing for the new H160 underway and the X6 concept phase now launched.

“We continue to see healthy commercial momentum as shown by the major contracts announced at June’s Paris Air Show.”

Tom Enders
Airbus Group Chief Executive Officer.
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The full Airbus Group 2015 half-year results release is available at www.airbusgroup.com and on our iPad application Airbus Group Investors.
At the Annual General Meeting, held in Amsterdam on 27 May 2015, the Group’s shareholders approved all thirteen resolutions proposed, including: the Conversion of the Company into a European Company (Societas Europea - SE), the appointment of Ms. Maria Amparo Moraleda Martinez as a non-Executive Member of the Board of Directors and the authorisation for the Board of Directors to repurchase up to 10% of the Company’s issued share capital as part of an exceptional share buyback programme.

The AGM approved the conversion of Airbus Group N.V. to a European Company to be named Airbus Group SE, and certain amendments to the Articles of Association of the Company mostly relating to such conversion. Airbus Group SE continues to have its corporate seat in Amsterdam and its head office in The Netherlands. The Airbus Group shares remain listed on the stock exchanges of Paris, Frankfurt and Spain without any change. The main purpose of the conversion of the Company into an SE is to structurally reflect the diversified operational presence (in particular in terms of sites and employees) of the Group in the different European countries.

Together with the rebranding of the Airbus Group, having a European Company as the holding company of the Group improves the unified corporate identity, employee and other stakeholders identification, and enhances the supra national nature and image of the Group, while preserving at the same time its multidomestic face. The Conversion entails a technical change of the legal form of the Company and does not materially affect the rights of its shareholders.

Furthermore, the governance, operations and organisation as well as the shareholding structure of the Airbus Group remain as they currently are following the Conversion.

At the AGM, shareholders approved for an 18-month period authorisation to the Board of Directors to repurchase up to 10% of the Company’s issued share capital as of the date of the AGM. The authorisation gives the Board of Directors flexibility to consider capital allocation measures as the Group advances on the A350 ramp-up, A320neo transition, A400M and implementation of its core strategy.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

Ms. María Amparo Moraleda Martinez graduated as an industrial engineer from the ICAI (Escuela Técnica Superior de ingeniería Industrial) Madrid and holds a PDG from IESE Business School in Madrid. She was Chief Operating Officer of Iberdrola SA’s International Division and held various professional and management positions at IBM España.
AIRBUS GROUP FLYING OVER PARIS AND MUNICH

As every year, Airbus Group organised key information events in Paris and Munich to give shareholders a chance to hear first-hand about the performance of the Group. Furthermore the Group was once again present at the Salon du Bourget.

The Shareholder Information Meeting in Paris took place on 30 June 2015. During the event, moderated by Auriane de Soultrait (Airbus Group VP – Financial Communication), Harald Wilhelm (Airbus Group CFO) and Marwan Lahoud (Airbus Group CSMO) presented the Company’s performance and perspectives. Moreover Eric Béranger (Managing Director of Space Systems) explained various space technologies, such as the Rosetta Spacecraft, OneWeb System, electric satellites and the Ariane 6 launcher.

In Germany, the Shareholder Information Meeting took place in Munich on 2 July 2015. Joining Harald Wilhelm and Auriane de Soultrait, Klaus Richter (Airbus Group Chief Procurement Officer and CEO of Airbus in Germany) spoke about the activities of Airbus and the supply chain of the company comparing the aeronautic and automobile industry.

More than 750 private investors attended both events where they could not only listen to members of the Company’s Management but also raise questions. Amongst other topics, shareholders were deeply interested in the Group’s new programmes such as A350 or A320neo, future potential markets, innovation and dividend policy.

From another side, our private investors had as well the chance to visit the exhibition of Airbus Group at Paris Airshow. The company had a strong representation based on different commercial aircraft like the A350 XWB, military aircraft like the A400M, the Space Launcher Ariane 5 and helicopters like the new H160 amongst others. In addition, the fully electrical aircraft, the E-Fan, performed its 100th Flight.

Our guests could step inside some of the aircraft and listening to the explanations of different experts about our products and the most innovative programmes.

During this airshow Airbus won $57 billion worth of business for a total of 421 aircraft. The deals comprise firm orders for 124 aircraft worth $16.3 billion and commitments for 297 aircraft worth $40.7 billion.

The A350 XWB continues to attract new business with commitments for 31 A350-900s, reinforcing its leading position as the world’s most modern, advanced widebody aircraft.

Additionally, Airbus Helicopters’ X6 concept was announced at the Air Show, initiating a two year definition period on this next-generation heavy-lift rotorcraft that will be tailored for the civil market. X6 will initially target oil and gas missions and will also be perfectly suited for Search and Rescue, VIP and other applications.

Furthermore, Airbus Defence and Space agreed to build 900 satellites in partnership with OneWeb to provide internet access globally. “This partnership opens a new chapter in space history”, said François Auque, Head of Space Systems in Airbus Defence and Space.
In a much-anticipated ceremony in Mobile, Alabama, Airbus inaugurated operations at its first ever U.S. Manufacturing Facility. The plant – which assembles the industry-leading family of A319s, A320s and A321s – is officially open for business, with a skilled team of more than 250 Airbus manufacturing employees now at work on the first U.S.-made Airbus aircraft.

“Our commercial aircraft production in Mobile signifies two things: that Airbus has become the first truly global aircraft manufacturer, and that Airbus is now also a truly American manufacturer,” said Airbus President and CEO Fabrice Brégier. “With the addition of our U.S. facility to our production network in Europe and Asia, we have strategically expanded our worldwide industrial base.”

Airbus announced plans for the $600 million U.S. Manufacturing Facility in 2012, and construction began at the Mobile Aeroplex at Brookley the following year. The first U.S.-made Airbus commercial aircraft – an A321 – is scheduled for delivery next spring. By 2018, the facility will produce between 40 and 50 single-aisle aircraft per year. Airbus’ market forecast indicates a demand over the next 20 years (from all manufacturers) for some 4,700 single-aisle aircraft in North America alone.

Fabrice Brégier and members of the new Airbus workforce in Mobile were joined at the inaugural ceremony by Airbus Group CEO Tom Enders, Alabama Governor Robert Bentley, Senator Jeff Sessions, Congressman Bradley Byrne, and scores of other dignitaries, airline and aerospace executives, and local leaders. The industry- and community-wide event convened under the theme, “Let’s Get to Work – Together!” and culminated in the ceremonial placement of a placard on a component of the first aircraft to be produced in Mobile. The placard reads, “This aircraft proudly made in the U.S.A. by the worldwide team from Airbus.”

The establishment of the Airbus U.S. Manufacturing Facility doubles the number of manufacturers of large commercial aircraft in the United States, creating jobs, expanding skills, and establishing a new aerospace centre of competence on the U.S. Gulf Coast. In addition to the new Alabama manufacturing site, Airbus assembles commercial aircraft at modern facilities in Hamburg (Germany), Tianjin (China) and Toulouse (France).
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THE PROGRAMM

The E-Fan is bringing electric propulsion to the general aviation sector. Developed in an Airbus Group-led European programme, the E-Fan demonstrator was designed from the outset specifically for electric power – a world’s first.

Airbus Group’s E-Fan demonstrator sets the stage for subsequent production versions: first, the two-seat E-Fan 2.0 version for basic pilot training, then the E-Fan 4.0, a four-seat airplane for full pilot licensing and the general aviation market.

FUTURE AIRCRAFT WITH NO CO₂ EMISSIONS

After the E-Fan demonstrator made its first public flight in April 2014 – the pioneering E-Fan 2.0 is scheduled to take its maiden flight in late 2017.

It will be CO₂-emission-free and almost silent during flight, becoming the world’s first all-electric plane certified to international civil airworthiness standards. Introduction of the larger E-Fan 4.0 will follow in 2019.

Video and photo coverage of the E-Fan Channel crossing is available on our new E-Fan website: www.beafancleofan.com
ANNUAL REPORT 2014

2014 was a year of tremendous operational achievements, with the first A350 XWB delivery, the first flight of the A320neo, entry into service of the H175 helicopter and further successful Ariane launches. If you are interested in this amongst other operational and financial topics, you can view and still order copies of the Airbus Group Annual Report 2014 at www.airbusgroup.com (under Investors & Shareholders > Annual Report 2014).

SHAREHOLDER CALENDAR


23 November 2015: Private Shareholder forum (DSW), Essen, Germany.

1 December 2015: Private Shareholder forum (DSW), Wiesbaden, Germany.

8 December 2015: Site visit to MBDA, Paris region, France.

14 December 2015: Private Shareholder Forum, Antibes, France.

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SHARE PRICE EVOLUTION as of 30 September 2015

Base 100 as of 2 January 2013

Airbus Group share price (in €)

SHARE PRICE EVOLUTION IN 2015 (Paris Stock Market)

High: € 67.18 (on 22 April 2015)
Low: € 41.35 (on 1 January 2015)
Performance year-to-date: 27.96%
Closing price 30 September 2015: € 52.91
Gross dividend per share: € 1.20*

*Paid on 3 June 2015.

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as at 30 June 2015

Free Float
Institutional Investors & Retail 74.0%
Treasury Shares* (without economic or voting rights) 0.1%

*Shares to be cancelled.

TAKE PART IN OUR SHAREHOLDER EVENTS AND VISITS

Airbus Group regularly offers information meeting and site visits for retail investors, as advertised in the Shareholder Calendar. If you would like to take part or find out more, please phone the shareholder information number as indicated on this page, or write to ir@airbus.com.