

Guillaume Faury

Guillaume Faury is the President of Airbus's commercial aircraft business, a position he has held since February 2018, and a member of the company's executive committee.

In this role, he is upgrading the commercial unit's manufacturing system as it embarks on the largest increase in aircraft production in its history. He is leading the business into an era in which digital technology and artificial intelligence are transforming everything from how Airbus aircraft are designed and manufactured to how they are flown and maintained.

Another of Guillaume's priorities is improving Airbus's environmental performance by cutting emissions throughout the commercial unit's operations, raising the fuel-efficiency of its aircraft and, over the longer-term, designing a new generation of cleaner passenger jets.



Previously, Guillaume was the President and Chief Executive of Airbus Helicopters (2013-2018). He steered the business through the helicopter industry's worst downturn in decades, restructuring its manufacturing system and introducing new technology to its factories. Sales recovered under his leadership as the company secured landmark deals in both the civil and defence markets.

As President of Airbus Helicopters, he led the design and development of the H160 medium-range helicopter, which will break new ground in fuel efficiency, automatic-pilot technology and passenger comfort when it enters service in 2020. He also oversaw the launch, in 2015, and initial development of the "CityAirbus", an exciting innovation in urban air transport and electric-propulsion technology. This battery-powered vehicle for four passengers will be able to take off and land vertically, thus making it ideal for short journeys across the world's congested cities. A demonstrator is due to take its first flight in the coming months.

Before that, he enjoyed a four-year spell in the car industry at Peugeot (2009-13), the French automotive manufacturer, rising to become the Executive Vice-President for Research and Development and a member of the company's management board. He presided over significant advances in Peugeot's lower-emissions hybrid-engine technology and the overhaul of the company's product range, among other accomplishments.

Between 1998 and 2008, he held various leadership positions in engineering, programmes and flight testing in Airbus's helicopter business, which at the time operated under the name of Eurocopter. He became Executive-Vice President for Programmes and a member of the Eurocopter executive committee, before being appointed as Executive Director for Research and Development.

Biography

Guillaume began his career in 1992 as a flight-test engineer for the Eurocopter Tiger helicopter in the Direction générale de l'armement (DGA), the French government agency responsible for the development and purchase of defence systems for the French armed forces.

He graduated from the École polytechnique in Paris in 1990 and, subsequently, from the École nationale supérieure de l'aéronautique et de l'espace in Toulouse.

Guillaume's love of flying and aviation dates back to his childhood. He is a qualified light-aircraft pilot and helicopter flight-test engineer with 1,300 hours of flying experience.

He was born in 1968 in Cherbourg, Normandy, and is married with three children.