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## **XLR Executive Jet Centre – Birmingham and Silverhawk Aviation Join the Air Elite Network**

**February 6, 2018 – LONG BEACH** – World Fuel Services (WFS) announced today that XLR Executive Jet Centre in Birmingham, United Kingdom and Silverhawk Aviation in Lincoln, Nebraska are the first FBOs to join the Air Elite Network in 2018. The network grew by 17 member locations in 2017 to a total of 78 locations in six years.

XLR Executive Jet Centre is located at Birmingham Airport (EGBB) in the United Kingdom's industrial heartland and conveniently located near England's second largest city. Their full service executive terminal offers a quiet environment with direct tarmac access. XLR features an impressive glass-fronted 44,000 square foot executive suite which provides VIP passengers a seamless, discreet and efficient passage through the airport. These features, along with its proximity to the city, make the facility an ideal arrival point for business leaders. XLR is also conveniently located near the National Exhibition Centre, Genting Arena, Resorts World Vox Conference Centre and Casino, Barclaycard Arena, International Convention Centre and Symphony Hall.

"Whilst we have built an excellent reputation within the corporate aviation industry based on an extremely customer-centric focus, being able to be part of the prestigious Air Elite Network will enable us to leverage a significant increase in both the markets we are able to compete in and our operational scale," said Chris Beer, XLR Jet Centre's Director of Corporate Aviation.

Silverhawk Aviation is located at Lincoln Municipal Airport (KLNK), less than a 15-minute drive to the Nebraska State Capitol and Lincoln's city center. The full-service FBO boasts a recently remodeled lobby, full-service FAA-certified repair station, and bulk fuel services. Silverhawk provides all of the services passengers, crew, and aircraft need under one roof. Silverhawk Aviation will continue its remodeling to

offer more amenities to customers in the near future. In addition to these plans, the FBO expects to complete its IS-BAH Registration in January 2019.

“Silverhawk Aviation offers a unique customer service experience found only in the Midwest. Our partnership with World Fuel Services and the Air Elite Network will help us to develop new and innovative ways to further deliver exemplary customer service to our clients,” said Will Zimdars, Silverhawk Aviation’s Director of FBO Services.

Silverhawk’s repair station is an authorized service center for Beechcraft, Cessna Aircraft Company, Cirrus Aircraft, and Pratt & Whitney. Specializing in King Air engine upgrades, Silverhawk has installed the most upgraded King Air engines in the world.

“We are excited to welcome XLR and Silverhawk to the Air Elite Network. These two new locations expand the options for operators that desire the regional flair and distinctive service offered by independent FBOs,” said Steve Drzymalla, Senior Vice President of Business Aviation Bulk Fuel at World Fuel Services. “The demand for Air Elite’s unique, high-value offer continues to grow in the US and worldwide. As the Air Elite Network adds key locations, flight operators will benefit from a consistent, high-quality service experience around the world.”

In 2017, the Air Elite Network added 17 new locations including Avjet Asia – SGBAC (RKSS), Business Aviation Centre – Frankfurt (EDDF), Cerulean Aviation (KGSP), Fast Air Jet Centre (CYWG), Galaxy FBO (KCXO), Hawker Pacific – Brisbane (YBBN), Hawker Pacific – Cairns (YBCS), Hawker Pacific – Perth (YPPH), Hawker Pacific – Singapore (WSSL), Hawker Pacific – Sydney (YSSY), Jet Aviation – Washington/Dulles (KIAD), Lane Aviation (KCMH), Monaco Air Duluth (KDLH), Skyservice FBO – Calgary (CYYC), Skyservice FBO – Montreal (CYUL), Skyservice FBO – Ottawa (CYOW), and Skyservice FBO – Toronto (CYYZ).

The Air Elite Network, which was established in 2011, has grown steadily from 12 founding members to 78 Diamond Service Locations worldwide. Each FBO member must meet a number of airport, facility, and service quality standards to qualify for membership.

Visit the Air Elite Network and 48 co-exhibiting Air Elite member FBOs in row 1400 at the 2018 NBAA Schedulers & Dispatchers Conference in Long Beach, California from February 6-8, 2018.

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### **About Air Elite®**

Air Elite® is a global network of uniquely exceptional FBOs. The premier network of Diamond Service locations is strategically positioned around the world. The comfort of consistency is delivered through elevated facility standards and customer service. Air Elite offers customers the pleasure of variety with the local expertise and regional nuances of independently owned FBOs. [www.AirEliteNetwork.com](http://www.AirEliteNetwork.com).

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