



Satair Group opens the new Kit Factory, Unit 2

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In January 2015, Satair Group officially commenced business in its new Kit Factory, Unit 1. The 10,000 m² Unit 1 consolidates all kit activities from the former European Airbus sites in Hamburg. With the inauguration of Satair Group's Kit Factory Unit 2 on March 13th 2017, Satair Group has proudly achieved another milestone in the logistic and supply chain history of

Airbus and Satair Group.

The newly opened Unit 2 offers 5.300 m² of warehousing and enables Satair Group to improve its overall logistic process. On top, it increases delivery performance by more than half to 110.000 kits per year in 2017 and enables the yearly amount of picks to grow from 1.000.000 in 2017 to double over the next 5 years

Satair Group's VP of Supply Chain, Tim Bothe comments: "The Satair Group Kit Factory is the centralised worldwide kitting centre for the Airbus and Satair Group after sales business. The construction was kicked off in June 2016 and just 9 months after we were ready for the inauguration. This is typical to our highly dynamic business environment where growth has to take place within a very short time frame to support our customers".

The kit business has increased drastically in the last years and it is a major business line for Satair Group; be it modification kits, repair kits or upgrade kits. A given kit consists of many different single parts that are assembled and delivered – as a set of parts – for a specific and dedication modification.

The Kit factory, Unit 1 and 2, is close to the Airbus Operations Germany site south of the River Elbe in Hamburg. The main working and kitting areas will stay in Unit 1 and the move of material into unit 2 with the extra capacity will allow for Satair Group to size the productivity and capacity in line with the forecasted workload.

With Unit 2 Satair Group will also get a Dangerous Goods Area, a surface to store the Cabin Upgrades Monuments and the upcoming retrofits for the A380 and A350 programs and last but not least, the opportunity to consolidate the Standard Hardware stock under a single roof.

Once the facility is fully operational by end of April 2017, the layout of the Unit 2 will be optimized and sized in line with the forecasted production volumes.

Tim Bothe ends: "Technologies like Mobile Data Terminals, Vertical Storage Machines and packaging machine are already planned and we are analyzing solutions in order to automate the physical kitting process going forward to create state-of-the art solutions for our customers."

About Satair

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with a full and integrated portfolio of flexible, value adding material management products, services and tailored support modules across all platforms. As a key part of Airbus customer services, Satair has exclusive or primary distribution arrangements for aerospace component manufacturers, and supplies parts to multi-fleet customer airlines and MRO companies. It also fulfils the material service support obligation for the in-service fleet of more than 7,000 Airbus aircraft. Visit www.satair.com.

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