



Trenchard Aviation Group Appoints New Chief Operating Officer

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Trenchard Aviation Group is pleased to announce the appointment of Gary Smith as its new Chief Operating Officer.

With over 25 years senior management experience in Airline Engineering and MRO, Gary will be responsible for all operations across manufacturing, parts and repairs, and on-wing services.

Gary has extensive knowledge of Trenchard Aviation customers' requirements, having been Head of Engineering and postholder at easyJet, and having lead MRO facilities at Rolls-Royce and Triumph Air Repair for over 10 years.

Prior to joining Trenchard Aviation, Gary had a 30 year career in aviation, and most recently was Director of Operations Transformation at easyJet, responsible for formation and delivery of the airline's operations strategy, and for delivering their very successful 'Operational Resilience' programme, focused on reducing disruption and improving operational performance.

Gary progressed through the easyJet organisation, joining as Head of Powerplant, responsible for managing over 450 engines, then forming the easyJet 'asset transition' team, responsible for delivery and redelivery of aircraft to lessors, moving onto the 'future cabin' programme responsible for the 186 seat cabin retrofit programme, and finally becoming Head of Engineering. Gary also lead the Triumph Air Repair operation in the UK, carrying out component repair and APU overhaul, and was General Manager, Component repair at Rolls-Royce.

He has an Honours degree in Aeronautical Engineering from City University, London, and an MBA from Cranfield University.

Mark Faulkner, CEO of Trenchard Aviation Group, commented:

"We're delighted to welcome Gary to the Trenchard Aviation team. His enviable experience and expertise will be a brilliant asset as we move forward out of the coronavirus pandemic and longer term with our strategic international growth plans."

On his appointment, **Gary Smith** added:

"I am hugely excited to join Trenchard Aviation Group. I look forward to starting work with the team and helping the company reach new heights of success."

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About Trenchard Aviation Group

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- Trenchard Aviation Group is a leading provider of Aircraft Cabin Repair, Maintenance and Overhaul services.
- The Group's offer to customers covers a comprehensive range of on-wing support and cabin design services, galley equipment including parts and rotables, soft furnishing design, manufacture and repair, and patented secure life vest pouches.
- Trenchard Aviation Group operates through its four complementary businesses:
 - [Aero Technics](#) – on and off-wing aircraft support; including component repair, replacement and overhaul. Integral Part 21J design and development supporting a wide range of interiors projects such as full interior reconfigurations and EPA solutions
 - [Airbase](#) – cabin products and services including soft furnishings design/manufacture, carpets, dry cleaning and repairs
 - [Reheat](#) – galley, lavatory, cabin and cockpit maintenance and services
 - [Servecorp](#) – life vest pouches and tamper-evident RFID seals for aircraft seats
- Employing more than 220 staff, the Group has sites at, or close to, the UK's three largest airports – Heathrow, Gatwick and Manchester – as well as off-site workshop facilities in Worthing and Manchester, and a dedicated operation in the DAFZA Free Zone at Dubai International Airport.
- Group accreditations include EASA Part 145 and Part 21 DOA & POA, FAA 145, TCCA and GCAA