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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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EBACE 2016: Sky Valet announces the expansion of its international network with the acquisition of JETBASE in Portugal

## 10 new iconic destinations for Sky Valet in Southern Europe and Africa

At EBACE 2016, Sky Valet, the international network of premium ground-handling support services for business aviation, announced that it has completed the acquisition of **100% of the shares of JETBASE**, the leading FBO Network based in Portugal.

Created in 2008, JETBASE is providing services at the main Portuguese airports (Lisbon, Porto, Faro, Cascais and Beja), on the islands of Madeira, Azores, Cape Verde, as well as in central Africa (Mozambique, Angola).

JETBASE is positioned as one of the leading FBOs networks within the South European area with over 4 000 movements per year, and will now operate under the commercial name of Sky Valet.

The addition of these **new exclusive destinations** consolidates Sky Valet's international expansion strategy, which aims to create **a network of FBOs located in the most iconic areas**. Since April 2015, Sky Valet proposes a complete range of ground-handling support services for VIP passengers, crew and aircraft at Madrid, Barcelona, Gerona, Valencia, La Coruna, Santiago de Compostela, Palma de Majorca, Ibiza and Malaga.

Adding new destinations such as Lisbon, Porto, Faro, Cascais and Azores is the **perfect step forward for Sky Valet existing network**, and completes its offering for **prestigious and luxury tourism-focused airports** across the entire Iberian Peninsula.

**Network expansion on the Portuguese and African markets** will provide Sky Valet customers with a continuity of service, a guarantee of quality and an appropriate response to their needs for all concerned platforms by allowing the multiplication of agreements and commercial advantages.

The new destinations will ensure optimum client safety and satisfaction, in line with the IS-BAH (International Standard for Business Aircraft Handling) standard, which enhances the level of quality and excellence in terms of organization and services offered. Certified for EBACE 2015, Sky Valet has committed to the general application of the IS-BAH standard across its entire network. This pro-active approach to certify aircraft-handling professions allows us to ensure best practice in the areas of service, safety and management.

For Dominique THILLAUD, Chairman of the Management Board of Aéroports de la Côte d'Azur and Sky Valet, "We are delighted with the addition of 10 new destinations, which fully fulfil the needs of our customers and our target to develop a consistent Sky Valet network. This acquisition allows us to expand our expertise across a new attractive area of the Iberian peninsula with a reach that even extends to Africa".

Michel Tohane, Executive Vice-President of Sky Valet, adds: "Initiated in 2013 with the acquisition of the Saint-Tropez airport, this new strategic operation forms an integral part of the ACA Group strategy to establish a longterm and multi-site relation with its business-aviation customers. This strengthens and consolidates our response to the expectations of Sky Valet customers, who can count on professionalism of the highest level at Europe's top business-aviation airports, and now beyond Europe."

Filipe Carvalho, General Manager of JetBase, confirms: "We are very proud to be part of Sky Valet network, because I really believe in the success of this ambitious project. Since the foundation of JetBase, we are committed to expansion. Our aim was to cover Portugal, Portuguese Island – Azores, Madeira and also Africa to assure a safe entry and exit from and to Europe to business aviation customers, to provide them the finest and widest range of services. From now on, our customers have more destinations at disposal with the same high standards of quality".

## Feel free to watch Sky Valet's video by clicking here:











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