Making an entrance

Recently opened up to corporate traffic and executive charter, Munich Executive Airport is positioning itself as the business aviation gateway to Bavaria

Located just 20km southwest of Munich, Germany, and right off the main A96 highway, Munich Executive Airport at Oberpfaffenhofen provides easy access to Munich and serves as a gateway into the heart of Bavaria. It also offers business aviation a practical alternative to international airports, and expects to become the preferred business aviation destination in the region.

"Over the next few years, Munich Executive Airport will become the premier destination for business aviation," says Johannes Schaesberg, chairman and CEO of Rheinland Air Service (RAS). "This airport's convenience and capabilities make it perfect for business aviation."

Investment

RAS, a long-established aviation company in Germany, has been exclusively operating the business aviation terminal at the airport since September 2009. Its on-site team provides a comprehensive range of handling activities and complete FBO service. To make the airport even more inviting, over the past 18 months RAS has invested close to €500,000 enhancing the FBO, adding a conference room, a crew briefing room, and two new crew recreation and relaxation rooms. There is even a sun deck.

Limousine and taxi reservations can be arranged through preferred partners. RAS also works with two established inflight catering companies. These high-end caterers are happy to tailor menus to meet individual requests and dietary needs. Current airport operating hours are 07:00-21:00 local time, Monday to Friday, and 08:00-21:00 on Saturday and Sunday (prior permission required). The airport hours can also be extended to meet customer requirements.

The airport boasts a 7,500ft runway with full ILS capability. Hangar parking is available on request, and can accommodate aircraft with tail heights of up to 7m. Two 6,000m² hangars provide short- and mid-term parking, and long-term parking or stationing is also available, subject to confirmation. Additionally, RAS offers a de-icing service and a full ground power AC/DC service, and in cooperation with partner PAC, it provides a professional aircraft valeting service.

Main image: **Munich Executive Airport**
Inset: **RAS provides handling and FBO services at the airport**
Below: **A sunny passenger lounge**
Bottom: **RAS manages two hangars**

Many familiar operators, including NetJets, DC Aviation, ILFC, and various large corporate flight departments, regularly use Munich Executive Airport, which is home to RUAG Business Aviation Maintenance (a Citation Service Center and Bombardier Service Center), and Dornier 328 VIP conversion specialist 328 Support Services. It is even the headquarters for the German Aerospace Research Center, which bases four research aircraft at the airport (G550 HALO, FA20, DO228, and Cessna Grand Caravan). Although the airport was previously available only to those companies based there, keeping it something of a secret, it now welcomes broad business aviation use.

Sales and service

In addition to operating the business aviation terminal at the Munich Executive Airport, RAS also provides authorized sales and service for many leading companies in business aviation.

RAS represents Daher-Socata as its exclusive German and Austrian distributor for the Socata TBM850 single-engine turboprop. RAS is also partnering with Finnoff Aviation, a leading US dealer of pre-owned Pilatus PC-12 aircraft, for PC-12s in Europe, Russia, and Turkey. The aircraft can be custom configured. RAS is one of only three Honda aircraft dealers in Europe, with a territory covering central Europe. The HondaJet Sales and Service Center for Central Europe will soon be established at Munich Executive Airport and will further broaden the airport's capabilities.

The convenient location combined with these additional services and capabilities make Munich Executive Airport a compelling choice for business aviation. "The business market has always responded well to the tailor-made attention that we pride ourselves on," says Schaesberg. "We are delighted to extend our experience in business aviation to Munich Executive Airport at Oberpfaffenhofen and invite you to try it."

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