

Middle East Business Aviation (MEBA) show in Dubai

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Here is an excerpt from Mark's recent e-message on the MEBA meeting.

In Cooling World Economy, Middle East Stays Hot for Jet Builders

To an industry thirsting for relief from the current world financial crisis, the Middle East is a bubbling oasis of sales activity. At the recent Middle East Business Aviation (MEBA) show in Dubai, Wall Street's woes seemed foreign, indeed. Business jet manufacturers were finding cash buyers for their wares with no sign of a credit crunch. Leading the spending spree was Al Jaber Aviation, with orders for 21 business aircraft ranging in size from Embraer LegacyS to Airbus bizliners. The total value of Al Jaber's business jet orders is pegged at \$1.2 billion. Kuwait-based ASAIG Aviation ordered a pair of Legacy 500s for a total of \$36.8 million, while Abu Dhabi-based Falcon Aviation Services ordered a pair of Legacy 500s and will become Embraer's local authorized service center.