



## Press Release

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### **DAS supports AZANS launch of International Training Center in Azerbaijan**

Through the cooperation with Azeraeronavigation (AZANS), DFS Aviation Services brings its proven Initial Air Traffic Controller (ATC) Training Franchise Model to the new center — enabling standardized, high-quality training based on DAS concept and standards. Under this franchise cooperation, DAS provides the training content, course design, instructor qualification approach, and quality framework.

In April, DAS Aviation Academy welcomes the official opening of the International Training Center at the National Aviation Academy in Azerbaijan, attended by the President of Azerbaijan.

ATC training at the new center will be delivered by AZANS in cooperation with DAS and based on their products and training programs, supporting consistent delivery and quality assurance.

“We are proud to bring our Initial ATC Training Franchise Model to Azerbaijan—transferring DAS content and quality standards,” says Andreas Pötzsch, Managing Director of DAS.

“This is a milestone for us—together with DAS and based on their programmes, we will train controllers to internationally recognised standards and further strengthen safety,” adds Farhan Guliyev, Director of AZANS.

DAS’ Initial Training Franchise Model helps partners establish or expand ATC training capabilities aligned with international requirements, including Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/340 and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) framework.

The center includes advanced ATC simulation capabilities, including a 360-degree tower simulator and a radar simulator complex. It is planned that around 30 air traffic controllers will be trained annually, alongside additional flight crew training activities.

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Through its UK subsidiary, Air Navigation Solutions Ltd. (ANSL), DAS is also responsible for the provision of air traffic control at Edinburgh. In the Middle East, the subsidiary DFS Aviation Services Bahrain Co WLL and the DFS Aviation Services Middle East branch in Dubai support the local air navigation service providers in areas relating to ATC personnel and technology. In South America, DAS has a branch office in Lima. DFS Aviation Services additionally offers turnkey remote tower solutions via its Joint Venture Frequentis DFS Aerosense GmbH, together with Frequentis AG from Vienna.

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