

AeronautX launches new Amsterdam Training Centre, with VistaJet as strategic partner

October 13, 2026, Amsterdam: AeronautX, an AX Aero Group company, is today announcing the launch of a new business aviation pilot training centre in Amsterdam, opening in Q1 2027.

The centre, designed for and by business aviation pilots, provides a fresh alternative for operators seeking a personalised and practical approach to training.

The purpose-built facility, near the global aviation hub of Schiphol Airport, will initially support training for the Bombardier Challenger 3500 and Challenger 650 aircraft, with additional types planned over time.

Tailored to individual and organisational requirements, every element of the training experience — from instructor engagement to facilities and technology — is designed to build pilot proficiency, confidence and operational readiness. Training programmes include Initial Type Rating through base training, Recurrent Training, Type Rating Instructor (TRI) qualification, and a range of operator-specific courses.

As part of the launch of the new centre, AeronautX has also entered a strategic partnership with VistaJet, supporting the aviation company's continued growth in Europe and investment in its expanding Challenger fleet. VistaJet will use the Amsterdam facility to support its own Challenger pilot training requirements, while AeronautX will independently provide simulator access and training programmes to other operators.

The partnership reflects AeronautX's approach of combining close collaboration with leading operators with an independent training platform that remains open and accessible to the wider business aviation market.

Programmes are developed and delivered by highly experienced, operationally current pilots with a depth of aircraft-specific expertise rarely found in the industry. Acting as both instructors and mentors, they bring first-hand knowledge of the aircraft, onboard systems and real-world operations to every stage of training.

Jörg Oberhofer, Founder and CEO, AeronautX, says: "By combining innovation with real world operational expertise and a highly personalised approach, AeronautX is redefining what operators and pilots should expect from a training provider."

"VistaJet has built its reputation around exceptionally high standards of safety, service and operational consistency, making it a natural strategic partner for AeronautX. Our partnership with VistaJet demonstrates the flexible model we are building in Amsterdam: supporting the specific requirements of leading global operators while remaining an independent training provider serving operators of all sizes."

Nick van der Meer, Vista's Chief Operating Officer, says: "High-quality and consistent pilot training is fundamental to our operation. Our partnership with AeronautX gives us access to the latest simulation technology and a modern, purpose-built training environment in Amsterdam, supporting the continued development of our own Challenger pilot training programme."

"We look forward to a successful partnership with AeronautX in Amsterdam."

Niall Oliver, Chairman, AX Aero Group, says: "Our goal at AeronautX is to deliver training within a trusted, relationship-driven environment. We believe exceptional training comes from combining advanced technology with a frictionless and exceptional learning experience."

"For decades, pilot training has been dominated by large, standardised providers. It is time for a new approach."

Guided by modern training methodologies, including Competency-Based Training and Assessment (CBTA) and Evidence-Based Training (EBT), and enhanced by the latest digital learning tools, pilots benefit from faster, more effective learning.

AeronautX is part of AX Aero Group, an aviation technology business delivering end-to-end corporate aviation solutions, encompassing flight training, aircraft management and operations, simulation, technology and flight testing.

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AeronautX is a professional pilot education and type rating provider for regional and business jet models. AeronautX provides a variety of EASA and UK CAA-certified educational pathways for both beginners and experienced aviators.

About AX Aero Group

AX Aero Group AG is a Zurich-based aviation technology Group redefining excellence in simulation, training, operations and aerospace innovation. The Group's integrated approach spans advanced flight simulation, pilot and technical training, digital aviation solutions and operational support through its six specialised aviation brands, each a leader in its field: AXIS Flight Simulation, AXIS Aviation, AXIS Technologies, AEROSSET Flight Test, AeronautX and Propair Flight.

About VistaJet

VistaJet is part of Vista — the world's leading private aviation group. Innovating the industry for over 20 years, Vista's mission is to provide the most advanced flying services at the very best value — anytime, anywhere around the world.

VistaJet has flown corporations, governments and private clients to over 200 countries and territories on the Vista Members' fleet of iconic silver and red business jets, which includes the largest international fleet of Global 8000 and 7500 aircraft. Offering the best aircraft in each cabin class, clients can choose the most efficient option for every trip.

With dedicated Client Services and Cabin teams available 24/7, clients enjoy a fully personalized flight with seamless continuity from the ground to the air. VistaJet's award-winning commitment to safety — from crew training to flight technology — has been recognized by industry leading audit organizations. VistaJet Ltd is the world's first business aviation company to achieve formal approval for Baseline Evidence-Based Training (EBT) for pilots.

VistaJet's bespoke flying subscription provides Program Members with guaranteed access to the Vista Members' fleet, while only paying for the hours they fly — a smart alternative to ownership.

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