



CTC ANNOUNCES RECORD RESULTS YEAR AT 11TH GRADUATION AND AWARDS EVENT

CTC Aviation Group plc hosted over 400 guests at their annual CTC Wings Graduation and Awards event on Friday 30 November including senior managers from airlines such as Thomas Cook, British Airways, Virgin Atlantic, DHL, Jet2.com, Monarch, easyJet and Thomsonfly.

Over 130 CTC Wings pilots were eligible for graduation this year and they did so with flying colours. Head of CTC Wings and Executive Director of CTC Aviation Training, Captain Lee Woodward, announced record results through training for the 'year of 2007' graduates. During his speech at this year's CTC Wings Graduation lunch, Captain Woodward said "I am proud and delighted to be recognising the achievements of our pilots. The training is tough; we expect very high standards by taking an airline-focussed approach. Our current success rate through training is 98.1% and 100% of those pilots successfully completing our programme have been employed by their partner airline".

CTC's success is not just apportioned to the CTC Wings programme. In recent times the company has been able to achieve an impressive 35% year on year growth, completed over 600 Airbus/Boeing conversion courses, 130 instructor courses and an impressive 45 examiner courses. During the evening Awards celebration, Captain Rob Clarke, CEO of CTC Aviation Services Limited and Executive Director of CTC Aviation Group plc outlined how CTC has grown – "We have a fleet of almost 40 aircraft and 11 simulators with space at our new facility at Nursling for 4 more sims. Last year we supported 52 different airlines worldwide and in the forthcoming year our objective is to aggressively expand CTC's global provision of innovative full service airline training. We are also planning to take our concept into the executive jet arena. All in all we are a little bigger than many people in the industry appreciate."

A key philosophy for CTC has always been to give something back to those trainees whose performance warrants additional recognition in the eyes of CTC and their partner airline. This year's special award winners were –

Ryan Bedford of **easyJet** who was presented with the '**Bristol Ground School Trophy**' for the highest ATPL ground school results. Ryan achieved an impressive overall average pass mark of 98.2%!

Mark Brown of **easyJet** received the '**Tony Angel Award**' recognising his Instrument Flying performance during the basic stages of training at CTC's Crew Training Centre - Bournemouth.

Rob Jackson, also of **easyJet**, will have to go on an all expenses paid trip to NZ to collect his '**Alpha Aviation Award and Trophy**', which marks his outstanding commitment to excellence during the NZ phase of his training with CTC.

Chris Janes of **First Choice Airways** voted the '**overall cadet of the year**' by his airline and CTC's instructor team, was presented with the '**CTC Wings Diamond Award**' and a cheque for £2000.

The CTC Wings partner airlines also voted for their top CTC Wings ATP or Cadet pilots and each of these was presented with a bursary of £2000. Bursary winners were –

easyJet	Joe Gomm and Christian Hibberd
Jet2.com	Robert Fletcher-Smith
Monarch	Richard Roberts and Suneil Banerjee
First Choice	Chris Janes (again!!)
Thomas Cook	Andy Mills

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This flagship event for CTC turned into a celebration for one of the industry's best-known and respected figures who was recognised for his commitment to training over his 50 years in the airline business. **Captain Maurice Knowles**, whose career began in the RAF, involved flying with airlines such as Skyways, Cambrian, Ghana Airways, Air Europe and Royal Brunei, working as a CAFU Examiner for the CAA and only very recently stepped down from his Group Board position with CTC, received a standing ovation when he was announced as this year's winner of the '**CTC Director's Shield**'. Maurice has played a key role in many significant events over the years including the operational introduction of both the Boeing 757 and 767 aircraft for UK certification. He continues to play an active part in the discussions surrounding the UK introduction of the MPL.

Captain Tim Cheal, Training Manager for MyTravel and Thomas Cook Airlines (post March 2008) who attended the event, said – "The standard of the CTC Wings pilots is excellent. It is a huge step to go from a 250 hour ATPL person to an Airbus A320 or complex aeroplane like a Boeing 757 and the CTC pilots regularly make this step. We have never had a CTC Wings pilot fail"

Airbus Fleet Manager for Monarch Airlines - Captain Dave Stealey, who also joined in the evening celebrations said – "Monarch has been extremely pleased with the standard of CTC Wings pilots. We've taken students from CTC since the beginning [in 1995] and the product we get is exactly what we want. The requirements for a pilot in any airline are very similar. Standards have to be met and the CTC product far exceeds that. We are extremely pleased with the standards achieved."

This year's event was a resounding success and enjoyed by all! Looking to 2008 when at least 144 CTC Wings Cadets will be eligible for Graduation, not to mention the CTC Wings ATP pilots currently being placed with partner airlines, it looks as though the 12th CTC Wings Graduation and Awards will be bigger than ever.

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About CTC Aviation Group plc

CTC Aviation Group plc is an approved Type Rating Training Organisation and Approved Training Organisation, recognised by the Joint Aviation Authorities as a leading global full service provider of training, consultancy and support services to the commercial airline industry.

Established to provide a dedicated facility for airline standard, professional training, the Company offers a comprehensive range of training and consultancy services that can be tailored to individual and airline requirements.

Through four Crew Training Centres in the UK and New Zealand CTC will train over 1,200 commercial pilots in 2007. CTC's Crew Training Centres house state-of-the-art training facilities including the provision of high-level training support and full flight simulation for both Boeing and Airbus aircraft.

Airline customers include Air New Zealand, Air Malawi, Air Seychelles, British Airways, Jet2.com, easyJet, EuroCypria, First Choice Airways, Kuwait Airways, Monarch Airlines, MyTravel, NetJets, Royal Brunei Airlines, Thomas Cook Airlines, ThomsonFly and the UK CAA.

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CTC's training portfolio includes courses for pilots and cabin crew at every stage of their careers (such as the unique "CTC Wings" programme). In addition CTC provides train the trainer courses and crew resource management training. Consultancy services include crew selection, training staff assessments, line support, recurrent training provision, fleet introductions and full management and operational support for airline start-ups.

CTC Wings is a unique, comprehensive programme of developmental training for airline pilots. The cadet route takes young people with no flying experience all the way to the right hand seat of a commercial airliner in less than two years. The *CTC Wings* ATP route into the programme provides opportunities for licensed pilots to join at the intermediate phase of training.

CTC recently announced new routes into CTC Wings for New Zealand pilots – an Airline Preparation Course, a Commercial Pilot Programme route and, what is believed to be New Zealand's first Sponsored Instructor Programme.

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