PORTER AIRLINES E195-E2 PILOTS BEGIN TRAINING IN MONTREAL WITH NEW EMBRAER CAE TRAINING SERVICES (ECTS) FULL-FLIGHT SIMULATOR

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Porter and Embraer CAE Training Services (ECTS) announced the expansion of the airline's pilot training operations with the deployment of a state-of-the-art Embraer E195-E2 full-flight simulator at CAE's Montreal training centre. Training began in May 2025 supported by ECTS, a joint venture between Embraer and CAE. The latest generation 7000XR Series FFS, equipped with the advanced CAE Prodigy visual system, was developed and manufactured by CAE in Montreal.

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This strategic deployment will enable more Porter pilots to train closer to home, supporting the airline's rapid growth and contributing to the development of skilled aviation jobs in Canada. Comprehensive initial and recurrent training for E2 pilots will be delivered in Montreal. The simulator will enhance Porter's E2 pilot training program by increasing capacity to meet the demand for its expanding fleet - 46 aircraft have already been delivered, with up to 100 expected.

Kent Woodside, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Porter Airlines commented: "This partnership with ECTS brings together three leading aviation organizations. CAE's expertise in training and simulation technology ensures our pilots receive the highest quality and safety standards for our pilots operating Embraer's latest E195-E2 model."

Michel Azar-Hmouda, CAE's Division President, Commercial Aviation stated: "We are thrilled to welcome Porter, a new airline partner, to CAE's training centre in Montreal, and we look forward to supporting their training on the E2 aircraft. Our joint venture with Embraer enables us to elevate aviation safety and training standards by delivering world-class solutions to support the growth of the E195-E2 fleet around the world."

The new E2 FFS is equipped with the CAE Prodigy Image Generator which leverages Epic Games' Unreal Engine for more realistic and effective training. CAE Prodigy elevates sessions in the simulator with advanced technology, providing photorealistic renderings and enhanced moving models that result in a more immersive pilot training environment.

In addition to the new simulator in Montreal, ECTS operates E2 FFS in Singapore and Madrid, Spain. ECTS also provides training on the Phenom family of business jets using FFS at CAE training centres in Dallas, Texas; Las Vegas, Nevada; Burgess Hill, United Kingdom; São Paulo, Brazil; and Vienna, Austria, where training begins this summer.

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