# START OF PRODUCTION AT FACC PLANT IN CROATIA

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**FACC AG has completed the construction of a new high-tech plant in Jakovlje, Croatia, after a period of 10 months, and has gradually started operations since December 2021. At the new production facility, the company is manufacturing lightweight components for the cabin interiors of commercial aircraft and business jets.**

**Largest greenfield investment outside Austria in the history of FACC**

"With an investment volume of EUR 12.5 million for the first expansion phase, this project is the largest greenfield investment outside of Austria in the history of FACC," explains CEO Robert Machtlinger. The outstanding infrastructure as well as the proximity to Zagreb, which boasts a technical university and a highly qualified workforce, were among the reasons for the decision in favor of this location, which is also well connected to international transport networks. On an area of 128,000 m2, a two-storey plant was built within 10 months for the manufacture of lightweight components for cabin interiors. The ultra-modern and efficient production facility was designed in cooperation with Fraunhofer Institut. In addition to production halls, the building is also equipped with offices as well as social and technical areas.

**Next stage of expansion in planning phase**

The interest in the Austrian high-tech company FACC is also great in Zagreb. Within just three

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months, the company was able to recruit more than 150 skilled employees. "Demand has skyrocketed again, particularly in the area of short and medium-haul aircraft. This is why we are currently planning the next stage of expansion with additional areas for component assembly and logistics," says Robert Machtlinger. Given the current order situation, the workforce is expected to triple in the long term.

The new plant in Zagreb is part of the recently announced growth strategy of FACC AG, which is preparing for the growth requirements of the future with an investment package of more than EUR 150 million in the coming years. Besides investments in new aerospace projects, the main focus is on a strong expansion of research & development for consistent sustainability and technological leadership. FACC's goal is to establish itself among the top 50 aerospace groups worldwide by 2030. At present, the company ranks among the top 100.

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