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# AIME/MRO attendance tops 4,500 in Dubai

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Winners from this year's Inflight IFEC Awards

AIME and MRO Middle East closed yesterday with what organizers say was a record 4,541 trade visitors to the Dubai World Trade Centre (DWTC).

“The show concluded with business successes for many of the 320 exhibitors, a large number of whom have already booked to return to the show in 2019. Among those already committed to the next event are Honeywell Aerospace, Gerflor and Etihad Aviation,” said a release from Tarsus F&E LLC Middle East, organizers of the event.

“The Middle East is a high growth region and there is a lot of focus and attention on the MRO industry,” said Amir Emam, Senior Strategic Marketing Manager at [Honeywell Aerospace](#). “Given the exponential growth of the MRO market in the region, as well as aircraft connectivity, it is the ideal place to see our partners and customers and demonstrate our dedication to the market.”

“It’s fantastic to see so many of the exhibitors for AIME and MRO keen to return for the 2019 edition,” said Caryn McConnachie, Aerospace Director of show organisers [Tarsus F&E LLC Middle East](#). She continued, “The commitment we have seen from exhibitors is testament to the value they achieve

from exhibiting at these events, and demonstrates its importance to the industry.”

The sentiment was echoed by Lydia Janow, Managing Director/Events & Tradeshow, Aviation Week Network. “MRO Middle East has grown each year since its inception, as increasing numbers of companies become aware of the value of doing business in the region. The attendance this year has been exceptional, and we have received fantastic feedback from our exhibitors planning to return in 2019.”

AIME and MRO Middle East provided a platform for business deals among exhibitors and attendees, with Safran in particular signing agreements with Kuwait Airways and Egyptair on the opening day.

The event also featured HMG Aerospace’s *Inflight* IFEC Pavilion, which hosted the annual Inflight IFEC Awards with SAUDIA claiming the “Inflight airline of the year” title for the first time. Other airline winners were Emirates (Airline IFEC experience) and Ethiopian Airlines (Interior retrofit project). 2017 winner Panasonic Avionics picked up another *Inflight* Middle East award in the “IFE system provider” category, while Inmarsat held off fierce competition to claim the “Connectivity enablement” trophy and Global Eagle took home the “Content provision” award.

AIME and MRO Middle East will return to DWTC February 11-12, 2019 and will again feature the *Inflight* IFEC Pavilion and Awards.

Look for an update from the event on the *PAX International* website and upcoming print issues.