

Piper Deutschland AG makes strategic investment in electric aircraft manufacturer MD Aircraft GmbH

Kassel, September 20, 2025 - Piper Deutschland AG, a leading force in European General Aviation, is proud to announce its strategic investment in MD Aircraft GmbH, advancing the development and production of MDA's all-electric MDA1 eViator™ regional aircraft.

The agreement was signed on September 19, 2025 at the offices of Piper AG in Kassel, marking Piper's entrance into this new chapter in the history of aviation and its focus on environmental sustainability and innovation.

Ambitious plans for the future of aviation

MD Aircraft GmbH, based in Friedeburg, Lower Saxony, is a fast-rising company focused on the design, development, and production of electric passenger aircraft. MD Aircraft was founded by the industry experts at MD Flugzeugbau, GmbH who have been designing and building electric aircraft for over 30 years. MD Aircraft is now committing its deep experience in aviation and electric mobility to making emission-free, quiet, and economical short-haul flights up to 400 km an every-day reality.

MD Aviation expects to begin flight testing its MDA1 eViator™ in early 2027, and complete certification and start series production by the end of 2030. The MDA1 eViator's clean sheet concept represents a completely new approach to aircraft design that ushers in the next chapter of aviation history responding to the zeitgeist and the urgent need to reduce CO2 emissions in the aviation industry.

A strong signal for the industry

"Electric propulsion systems are opening up a new world of possibilities for aviation – both ecologically and economically," says Patrick Weilbach, CEO of Piper Deutschland AG. "The MDA1 eViator marks a milestone and ensures efficient, economical, sustainable air mobility in Europe."

Piper's initial investment represents not only its financial support to decarbonize electric aviation, but its commitment to a strategic partnership with MD Aircraft, contributing its extensive industry expertise in aircraft sales, maintenance, and spart parts supply.

"We are extremely pleased to be working with Piper Deutschland AG – a partner who shares our vision and supports us not only financially, but also strategically," adds Tim Markwald, Managing Director of MD Aircraft.

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About MD Aircraft GmbH

MD Aircraft GmbH is a German company based in Friedeburg. Founded by industry experts with extensive experience in aviation and electromobility, the company focuses on the development of zero-emission, quiet and economical electric aircraft for short-haul flights. With the advanced technology of the all-electric MDA1 eViator regional aircraft, the company is pursuing the goal of making aviation more sustainable and efficient.

About Piper Deutschland AG

Piper Deutschland AG is an established and renowned institution in the aviation industry. It focuses on innovation and environmental responsibility to shape the future of aviation in a sustainable way. This investment confirms and underlines the company's ambition to promote advanced technologies and drive the transformation of the aviation industry.