

MJETS OPENS \$8.6M FBO COMPLEX IN THAI CAPITAL

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Thailand-based aviation services provider MJets inaugurated its new FBO at Bangkok Don Mueang International Airport on September 18. The facility has a terminal with a 3,400-sq-ft lounge, including private meeting rooms and a separate area for private accommodations, on-site customs, immigration and security service. It also has a new shower-equipped crew lounge and rest area, nearly tripling the size of the crew area in the previous facility, along with four conference/training rooms. The largest one can accommodate 60 people.

As part of the \$8.6 million project, MJets, the exclusive FBO at the airport, also added 52,000 sq ft of hangar space that can accommodate an ACJ or BBJ, taking total indoor storage to 84,000 sq ft. Last year the company became the first FBO in Southeast Asia to earn accreditation under IBAC's International Standard for Business Aircraft Handling (IS-BAH).

"Southeast Asia is an important and evolving market for business aviation, and Bangkok is the center of this growth," said Jaiyavat Navaraj, the company's executive chairman. "For this reason, MJets is committed to the regional development and has invested almost 300 million Thai Baht [\$8.6 million] in this state-of-the-art-facility." According to a company spokesman, the former FBO building was returned to the Airport Authority of Thailand, which will use it to serve the Royal Family or government VIP flights.

MJets also offers aircraft charter and management services, and its maintenance operation recently received U.S. FAA Part 145 approval.

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