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Archer's Midnight Showcases In-Country eVTOL Flight Test Campaign in UAE as Part of Its Commercial Launch Edition Program

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- As part of Archer's ongoing Launch Edition program, the company completed an in-country flight test campaign, showcasing Midnight's full eVTOL flight envelope – including vertical takeoff, transition, and wingborne flight – in the UAE's local operating environment and over desert areas.
- Video of Archer's recent in-country flight test activities at Al Ain Airport in the UAE can be viewed [here](#).
- Archer has now begun receiving payments under its definitive agreement with Abu Dhabi Aviation related to its Launch Edition program.
- In October, Archer hosted the UAE General Civil Aviation Authority at its HQ for another week-long working session to continue to accelerate its UAE regulatory pathway.
- Archer's airline team is continuing to work alongside Etihad Aviation Training to mature its operational readiness by advancing pilot training.
- Archer's progress is complemented by Abu Dhabi's recent announcement to develop an emirate-wide air taxi network of over 10 vertiport sites.

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Archer Aviation Inc. (NYSE: ACHR), a leading developer of electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) aircraft, today announced **the successful completion of an in-country eVTOL flight test campaign**, showcasing Midnight's full eVTOL flight envelope – including vertical takeoff, transition, and wingborne flight – in the UAE's local operating environment and over desert areas. The campaign marks a major step forward in the implementation of Abu Dhabi's Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) vision, developed under the supervision of the Integrated Transport Centre (ITC). In connection with this progress, Archer has now begun receiving payments under its definitive agreement with Abu Dhabi Aviation (ADA) related to its Launch Edition

program.

Image from one of Midnight's recent flight tests in the UAE.

This marks another key step in Archer's expansion into the

United Arab Emirates and is part of the company's Launch Edition commercialization program, which aims to make Abu Dhabi the first region in the world to begin commercial operations with Midnight.

Archer's flight test campaign in Abu Dhabi successfully demonstrated key aspects of Midnight's performance and reliability under UAE-specific operating and environmental conditions, supporting the company's path toward operational readiness in the region. The tests were conducted in close coordination with the UAE's regulator, the General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA), Integrated Transport Centre and Archer's operations partner, Abu Dhabi Aviation.

In addition to flight test progress, Archer and its UAE partners continue to build momentum across aircraft certification and preparation for pilot training and aircraft maintenance. In October, Archer hosted the UAE's General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) at its Headquarters in San Jose, CA for another week-long working session to continue to accelerate its regulatory pathway in the Emirates. Additionally, Archer's airline team has continued its work alongside Etihad Aviation Training to mature its operational readiness by advancing pilot training.

Archer's commercial momentum also complements Abu Dhabi's recent announcement to develop an emirate-wide air taxi network of over 10 vertiport sites, under the supervision and coordination of the Integrated Transport Centre.

"We designed Midnight to be able to handle challenging weather environments like the UAE with its sand and heat, and it delivered the results we expected it to across all phases of flight," said Adam Goldstein, Archer's Founder and CEO. "Our 'Launch Edition' program has proven to be an effective framework to help accelerate Archer and our partners' progress toward commercialization in Abu Dhabi and the rest of the UAE."

"The successful completion of these initial flight tests highlights Abu Dhabi's commitment to creating an innovation-friendly environment that will support efforts to successfully implement eVTOL aircraft into the UAE's airspace," said Mahmood Al Hameli, Group CEO of Abu Dhabi Aviation Group. "Our collaboration with Archer continues to demonstrate how partnerships between global innovators and local industry leaders, via Archer's 'Launch Edition' program, can accelerate the arrival of this transformative new mode of transportation in the UAE and beyond."

With this phase of in-country testing now complete, Archer will move into the next phase of its "Launch Edition" program with support from the Abu Dhabi Investment Office (ADIO) and the Integrated Transport Centre, working to recruit and train local pilots in partnership with Etihad Aviation Training, further advance certification work with

the GCAA, conduct additional flight test operations with Abu Dhabi Aviation, and continue preparing for early-stage commercial operations in Abu Dhabi.

This progress follows ADIO's recent activation of Archer's investment framework, which is a definitive agreement designed to accelerate Archer's commercialization efforts in the UAE.

Together, these developments underscore the strong, coordinated momentum driving Abu Dhabi's emergence as a global leader in advanced air mobility.

About Archer

Archer is designing and developing the key enabling technologies and aircraft necessary to power the future of aviation. To learn more, visit www.archer.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward looking statements regarding Archer's future business plans and goals, including statements regarding its aircraft performance, the timing of Archer's development, commercialization, and certification of its eVTOL aircraft, plans with respect to working together with Korean Air, and plans relating to its global infrastructure buildout, operations and aircraft use cases. In addition, this press release refers to a strategic partnership that is conditioned on the future execution by the parties of additional binding definitive agreements incorporating the terms outlined in the memorandum of understanding, which may not be completed or may contain different terms than those set forth in the memorandum of understanding. These forward-looking statements are only predictions and may differ materially from actual results due to a variety of factors. The risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ from the results predicted are more fully detailed in Archer's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, available at www.sec.gov. In addition, please note that any forward-looking statements contained herein are based on assumptions that Archer believes to be reasonable as of the date of this press release. Archer undertakes no obligation to update these statements as a result of new information or future events.

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