



Roger Sperry

LEARJET

Roger Sperry has been named vice-president for marketing and sales at Bombardier subsidiary Learjet, of Wichita, Kansas. Sperry, previously vice-president for North American sales, replaces Ted Farid, who has resigned. Before joining Learjet, Sperry held senior sales-management positions during a 20-year career with Cessna Aircraft.

AIRBUS

Airbus Industrie has appointed Jürgen Thomas, the former executive vice-president of preliminary design and technology at Daimler-Benz Aerospace Airbus, to the post of senior vice-president of its new Large Aircraft division. Thomas has worked in the aerospace industry since 1962, moving via VFW to Airbus activities, where he started as chief engineer on the A310 programme in 1976. Most recently, he was European programme director for the transatlantic very-large-commercial-transport study, which involved Airbus partners and US manufacturer Boeing. In his new post, he is responsible for all development of Airbus' new large aircraft.

LUFTHANSA

German national carrier Lufthansa has appointed Jürgen Raps as its new chief pilot, replacing Robert Salzl, who is retiring from flying duties. Raps has been with Luft-

hansa since 1970. He flew Boeing 737s and McDonnell Douglas DC-10s before being appointed head of the airline's 737 fleet in 1994. He took over his new post on 1 April. His predecessor is retiring from flying after 34 years with the airline. He had been Lufthansa's chief pilot since October 1992.

IAI

Maj Gen Avigdor Yanouch Ben-Gal has been appointed chairman of Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI), succeeding Zvi Zur. Ben-Gal served in the Israel Defence Forces from 1995-83, and is a former chairman of the Investment Company for International Trade Development, an advanced-technologies specialist.

KLM

Kees den Hartog, deputy president of Netherlands national carrier KLM, is to retire at the end of the year. Den Hartog, with KLM since 1961, joined the KLM board of managing directors in 1989. Cees van Woudenberg, executive vice-president for personnel and organisation, is appointed to the board of managing directors. Van Woudenberg, with KLM since 1989, was previously executive vice-president for flight services. Robert Hougee has been named vice-president for KLM cargo operations, replacing Jan Meurer, who becomes senior vice-president

and area manager for KLM passenger sales and services in North America and Mexico. Hougee, with KLM since 1978, was formerly divisional controller at passenger sales and services and is also a member of the Air UK board.

CESSNA

General-aviation-aircraft maker Cessna Aircraft, of Wichita, Kansas, has named Douglas Smith director of sales and marketing for single-engine business. He was formerly director of sales at Aero-spaciale General Aviation.

ORBITAL

US Space and information-systems company Orbital Sciences, of Dulles, Virginia, has appointed Jeffrey Pirone acting chief financial officer, following the resignation of Carlton Crenshaw, executive vice-president and chief financial officer. Pirone, now vice-president and controller, will hold the position until the post is filled permanently.

USAF

Maj Gen Kenneth Eickmann has been promoted to lieutenant-general and appointed commander of the US Air Force's Aeronautical Systems Center at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. He is commander of the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma.

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BRYMON AIRWAYS

New chief pilot and general manager for flight operations at Brymon Airways, Mike Schofield, (left) who was previously the Royal Air Force officer commanding HM The Queen's Flight, meets Charlie Bielby, one of Brymon's 72 pilots.