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IBAC Recognizes Max Motschmann with the François Chavatte Award for Lifetime Service to Business Aviation

MONTREAL – October, 2023 – The International Business Aviation Council (IBAC) is proud to recognize Max Motschmann with the François Chavatte Award. This special award honors Mr. Motschmann, former CEO, International Jet Management Asia, LTD, and founder of the Philippines chapter of the Asia Business Aviation Association (AsBAA), for his passion for and leadership in expanding business aviation over his 50 plus years aviation career.

IBAC Director General Kurt Edwards said, “We were excited to surprise Max with the François Chavatte Award at our International Dinner, hosted by NBAA at BACE last week. His international aviation journey has traversed Europe, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia. Max has truly raised the profile of business aviation in Asia and particularly in the Philippines where he and his family reside. We are grateful for his leadership in educating key stakeholders about the value of our industry and congratulate him on a successful and admirable career.”

As a native German, Max Motchmann began his career in the German Air Force in the 1970s and then worked in management positions at Munich Riem and Frankfurt airports before joining an airline. In the early 1980s, Max was flying a Gulfstream II for a Saudi Arabian company and then transferred to the Philippines where he began aviation consulting projects throughout Southeast Asia. In 2011, he founded a flight support services company named YourJet Flight Services and now known as NavFix Flight Services, Inc., in the Philippines, which was sold to International Jet Management GmbH (IJM). In 2012, Max was tasked with leading the new entity for IJM in Asia and was named CEO. In 2020, during the height of the pandemic, he opened IJM Asia Singapore Pvt. and became it’s CEO.

Max was instrumental in establishing and co-chairing the Philippines chapter of the AsBAA in 2017 and has been a member of the AsBAA Board of Directors since 2019. He launched the Philippines Aviation Safety and Pilots Day in 2018 and in 2019 the AsBAA Discovery Day. Recently, Max led the coordination of the successful 2023 Aviation Summit in Manila, in which the country’s Chair of the Philippine Senate Committee on Public Services, Secretary of Transportation, Secretary of Tourism, and Heads of the Civil Aviation Authority, Civil Aeronautics Board and the Manila International Airport Authority were in attendance, among other civil aviation professionals.

About François Chavatte

Chavatte was a pilot on the first transatlantic business aircraft flight to land at Le Bourget Airport in 1961, sparking the growth of one of Europe’s most prominent business aviation airports, where he served for decades as the director of a corporate flight department. Mr. Chavatte dedicated his career to advancing the European business aviation industry. He co-founded in 1977 the organization that became known as EBAA and later served as its President and Chairman of the

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Board. He served also as EBAA's representative on the IBAC Governing Board. Chavatte passed away in 2021. In honor of his memory, IBAC established this award to recognize international business aviation leaders who, like Chavatte, have gone above and beyond to contribute to the industry's advancement and growth.

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About IBAC

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