

THE FALCON 50 REDEFINED First Falcon 50 with Blended Winglets at EBACE

(Geneva, Switzerland – May 12, 2012) – Aviation Partners, Inc. (API) announced that the first Falcon 50 equipped with Blended Winglets has arrived in Geneva and will be on static display at the 12th annual EBACE convention. The aircraft is taking a break from Winglet certification flight testing, which started just a few weeks ago, to make its debut here at the show.

The Winglets for the Falcon 50 Series are “High Mach” Blended Winglets – this revolutionary new design is optimized for higher cruise speeds. The Winglets provide a drag reduction, and corresponding range increase, of 5 percent at Mach .80 and more than 7 percent at Long Range Cruise (LRC). In addition, retrofit Winglets for the Falcon 50 series (the same API-designed Winglets as those installed by retrofit on Falcon 900 and 2000 series airplanes, and by Dassault on the factory 900LX and 2000LX models) will reduce operating costs and carbon emissions, and provide a dramatic visual enhancement.

“Immediately after EBACE we will return to certification flight testing, with FAA STC anticipated in late-July and EASA approval expected shortly thereafter,” Said Gary Dunn, API VP, Sales & Marketing, **“We have already seen significant interest from Falcon 50 owners and have started taking orders for early post-certification installation slots”.**

The aircraft arrived in Geneva from Seattle’s Boeing Field with a stop in Keflavik. Pilots Dave Hurley, Bo Corby and John Reinhold reported a significant improvement in initial cruise altitude and fuel burn on the initial (longer) leg of the trip. The 3,129 nm trip from KBFI to BIKF was completed in 7h 49m at average M .73 and a cruise altitude of FL410; the Falcon landed in Iceland with 2,090 lbs of fuel.

“We are excited to be showcasing the rebirth of the Falcon 50 here at EBACE. Blended Winglets make one of the greatest business jets ever produced even better,” Said Joe Clark, API founder and CEO, **“Between Blended Winglets and the other modern upgrades available for the 50 we expect to see this airframe around for a very long time to come.”**

Installation of Falcon 50 Winglets will be available through API’s current network of authorized installers in the US, Europe and Asia later this summer. For more information on current and future Winglet products visit API at EBACE stand 128, at the static display, or fly to www.aviationpartners.com.

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Seattle, Washington based Aviation Partners, Inc. (API) is the world leader in advanced Winglet technology. API’s patented* Performance Enhancing Blended Winglets have been designed and certified for a number of commercial and business aircraft; applications include Boeing, Falcon, Hawker and Gulfstream airframes. Over 5,000 in-service aircraft have saved an estimated 3+ billion gallons of fuel. In addition to the 5-7% improvement in fuel burn, Blended Winglets have reduced global CO2 emissions by over 32 million tons. Additional airframe programs are in-development for existing Blended Winglet technology, and future Winglet designs will lead to greater incremental improvements in performance, fuel savings and emissions reduction. (* patent #5348253)

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