



SKYRYSE, ACE PARTNER TO MAKE HUNDREDS OF BLACK HAWK HELICOPTERS EASY ENOUGH FOR ANYONE TO FLY

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Skyryse, the creator of SkyOS, the world's first universal operating system for flight, has signed a strategic partnership with Ace Aeronautics, a major reseller of Black Hawk helicopters around the world. The agreement paves the way for Skyryse and ACE to equip hundreds of Black Hawk helicopters with SkyOS, transforming the highly-capable Black Hawk into the world's safest and simplest aircraft to fly.

Under the partnership, ACE's facility in Guntersville, Alabama, will serve as the primary installation hub for retrofitting Black Hawk helicopters with SkyOS. The Black Hawk comprises the largest fleet of helicopters in the world and will be in service for years to come. This collaboration addresses the rising demand for more advanced, safer, and user-friendly aviation solutions in the civilian market, particularly for public safety, search and rescue, and other critical life-saving services. ACE also sells Black Hawks in foreign markets representing an opportunity to introduce SkyOS in

offshore markets.

Dr. Mark Groden, CEO of Skyrise commented: "Skyrise's mission is to make flying so simple that anyone can pilot any aircraft. For 85 years, helicopters have been flown using the same mechanical controls that Igor Sikorsky used in his first flight. We're thrilled to be partnering with Ace Aeronautics to use SkyOS to bring unprecedented simplicity and safety to the most iconic aircraft to wear Sikorsky's name, allowing operators of all experience levels to fly with confidence."

ACE's CEO Rich Enderle said: "The Black Hawk helicopter is a proven workhorse that has performed countless missions around the world for almost 50 years. Today in partnership with Skyrise, we're ushering in a new era of possibilities. We're excited to partner with the leader in rotorcraft flight controls to enhance the safety and operational capability of the aircraft, and we're looking forward to seeing SkyOS elevate the experience for our customers."



The integration of SkyOS into ACE's Black Hawk fleet promises to set a new industry benchmark for innovation, providing operators with a seamless, safer flight experience, and unlocking the capability to make every Black Hawk optionally-piloted for high-risk or non-passenger missions.

Founded in 2016, the mission of Los Angeles-based Skyrise is to bring about a new era in flight, with a goal of zero fatalities, and where piloting any aircraft is simple and safe. Their proprietary SkyOS universal operating system for flight – which powers their first aircraft, the Skyrise One – gives pilots greater control by simplifying the management of an aircraft during standard flight operations, inclement weather, and emergencies. Skyrise has raised more than \$300 million from leading investors, including Fidelity Management & Research Company, Monashee Investment Management, Positive Sum, ArrowMark Partners, Venrock, Eclipse Ventures, Cantos, Stanford University, and Bill Ford, Executive Chair, Ford Motor Company.

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