

## **SkyDrive enters into a business partnership with JetSetGo to develop commercial eVTOL routes in Gujarat, India, receiving a pre-order for 50 eVTOL aircraft**

**TOYOTA, Japan, January 28, 2025** - SkyDrive Inc. ("SkyDrive"), a leading eVTOL (\*1) aircraft manufacturer based in Japan, announced the signing of a strategic partnership with JetSetGo Aviation Services Pvt. Ltd ("JetSetGo") to explore new business structures, initially in the state of Gujarat and potentially in other locations across India. JetSetGo, one of India's largest private jet operators, has also agreed to pre-order 50 units of the eVTOL "SKYDRIVE" (\*2), which will be SkyDrive's first commercially certified eVTOL. The agreement between SkyDrive and JetSetGo was facilitated by Suzuki Motor Corporation ("Suzuki") under the business and technical collaboration agreement previously signed by Suzuki and SkyDrive. (\*3).



SkyDrive has been exploring the development of the Indian market and potential use cases in India since 2022. SkyDrive established a strategic partnership (\*4) with the Government of Gujarat in January 2024 with the aim of combatting the various issues affecting the transportation sector in India, including the large volume of greenhouse gas emissions caused by road traffic and other forms of transport, and also the long-standing issue of extreme urban congestion.

JetSetGo, a leading private jet operator in India, sees collaboration with SkyDrive as a bold leap into the future of sustainable aviation. The pre-order of 50 eVTOL aircraft aligns with JetSetGo's long-term vision of providing efficient, eco-friendly travel solutions while tackling critical issues such as urban congestion and the environmental impact of current mobility solutions. By introducing eVTOL aircraft to India, JetSetGo aims to not only redefine the passenger experience but also set the standard for the next generation of air travel.



An image of "SKYDRIVE" flying urban areas in India

Through this strategic partnership, JetSetGo and SkyDrive are coming together to introduce eVTOL technology in India. Under the project, JetSetGo and SkyDrive will assess the potential for commercially viable eVTOL operations centered around the wider Ahmedabad area, as well as possibilities for the further expansion of route networks to encompass other locations within Gujarat and further afield. Together, both parties will explore market opportunities and assess the demand for eVTOL services. The partnership sets the stage for the wider adoption of air taxis in India, transforming urban mobility with eco-friendly, fast, and accessible transportation solutions.



Jonathan Sumner, CSO, JetSetGo and Takashi Fujii, Business Development Director in India,  
SkyDrive at the Urban Air Mobility Expo held from 19 to 22 January 2025.

## Comments

### **Tomohiro Fukuzawa, CEO of SkyDrive Inc.**

Since 2022, we have been collaborating with Suzuki Motor Corporation to explore the Indian market and assess the potential for the development of innovative eVTOL services. Our partnership with JetSetGo, which will initially focus on opportunities in the State of Gujarat, marks a significant step forward for SkyDrive's eVTOL business in India. Together, we aim to tackle some of India's pressing mobility-related challenges, including the high level of transport-related emissions and the inefficiencies of urban traffic congestion.

### **Kanika Tekriwal, CEO and co-founder JetSetGo**

We're really excited to team up with SkyDrive on this incredible journey. At JetSetGo, we've always believed in pushing the envelope when it comes to aviation—bringing new, sustainable solutions to India. This partnership takes that belief to the next level. By working with SkyDrive, we're tackling real challenges like urban congestion and emissions, while also making air travel more efficient, accessible, and eco-friendly. This isn't just about the future of aviation—it's about changing the way we travel in India. We can't wait to see how this partnership reshapes the experience of flying, this time in the urban environment.

### **About SkyDrive Inc.**

SkyDrive is an eVTOL company aiming "to take the lead in the once-in-a-century mobility revolution". The company began testing eVTOL prototypes in 2014 prior to official incorporation in 2018. Under its future vision for urban transportation, flying in eVTOLs will become a regular part of city life. In 2019, SkyDrive became the first company to fly a crewed eVTOL in Japan. As of 2024, SkyDrive is working with civil aviation authorities in Japan and the US to acquire certification for "SKYDRIVE", the company's latest eVTOL product. In April 2025, SKYDRIVE will fly at Expo 2025 in Osaka, a major international event. SkyDrive began production of "SKYDRIVE" in March 2024 at a plant owned by Suzuki Motor Corporation, SkyDrive's official production partner. SkyDrive is headquartered in Toyota, Aichi Prefecture, and led by CEO Tomohiro Fukuzawa, an engineer and entrepreneur. For more information, please visit: <https://en.skydrive2020.com/>

### **About JetSetGo Aviation Services Pvt. Ltd**

Founded in 2012, JetSetGo is now one of the largest NSOP (Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit) operators of private jets, mostly on state-of-art aircraft management and maintenance contracts in India. JetSetGo leads the growth of sophisticated private aviation solutions, from aircraft ownership and management to charter services and membership programs for frequent flyers. Today, with the company turning its attention to future advanced air mobility solutions using the next generation of electric and vertical take-off air taxis, JetSetGo continues to innovate and push boundaries. For more information, visit: [www.jetsetgo.in](http://www.jetsetgo.in)

Editor's Note:

(\*1) "eVTOL" is an abbreviation for electric Vertical Takeoff and Landing. As the name suggests, eVTOL aircraft can take off and land without a runway. eVTOLs are powered by electricity and incorporate advanced, automatic, flight control technology.

(\*2) "SKYDRIVE" is a product name of SkyDrive Model SD-05.

(\*3) <https://en.skydrive2020.com/archives/7323>

(\*4) <https://en.skydrive2020.com/archives/11739>

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