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**PRESS RELEASE**

## **BLUE SKIES IN FEBRUARY AT THE AVIATION CLUB UK**

The Aviation Club UK kicks off its new year event programme with a fascinating aviation success story at its first lunch on Wednesday 7 February 2018 at London's Institute of Directors.

The first speaker in a great line up is Aegean Airlines' CEO Dimitrios Gerogiannis whose airline has fought against all the odds to deliver a successful airline which is today the envy of the industry.

From small beginnings in the late 1990's, Aegean has risen to be one of the most highly regarded and successful airlines of the Eastern Mediterranean. It has had to battle against the toughest economic crisis faced by its home country Greece and against the dominance of its former state run rival Olympic which, in David and Goliath style, it ended up taking over.

Today Aegean operates a modern fleet of Airbus aircraft and enjoys an enviable reputation for customer service.

Jane Johnston, chairman of the Aviation Club UK said: "We have a really strong lunch speaker programme lined up for 2018 and start in February with a cracking story from an extraordinary airline which has been operating scheduled passenger services for less than 20 years.

"The Club is going from strength to strength and continues to work hard to provide the perfect environment for its members to network and make the right connections. We're also attracting many new, younger members who see it as a really useful place to listen and learn, and help them in their careers."

Other top flight speakers in coming months include Alan Joyce, CEO of Australia's legendary Qantas, one of the oldest airlines in the world, and entrepreneur Skuli Mogensen, founder and owner of WOW, one of the newest airlines to enter the industry.

To become a member or book seats for Club events visit [www.aviationclub.org.uk](http://www.aviationclub.org.uk) or contact the Club Secretary.

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### **Notes to Editors:**

The Aviation Club of the UK, founded in 1990, aims to provide a forum for its 500 members to discuss, promote and develop all aspects of civil aviation. More information and membership details for the Aviation Club of the UK can be found at [www.aviationclub.org.uk](http://www.aviationclub.org.uk)

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