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# Set For A Record



EBACE 2011 looks to be the biggest ever, according to EBAA president Brian Humphries. Registration before the show began stood at 10,600 attendees, up 12% from the record year of 2008. Some 511 exhibitors are occupying 2,072 exhibit units, compared with 455 exhibitors occupying 1,900 spaces in 2008. The only thing that hasn't grown is the size of the static park, which is limited by the airport itself. This year it will hold more than 60 aircraft.

## The Top 10 Leaders for EBACE 2011



Today's issue of *BCA ShowNews* features our annual listing of the Top 10 Leaders of European Business Aviation. We pick the movers and shakers, those who are helping create demand for business aviation through clever

marketing and innovation, those who are influential in polishing business aviation's image with the public and politicians alike, and those who are fighting to protect it from unfair regulation. Many are investing in aircraft and new facilities in preparation for sunnier skies ahead.

This year's Top 10 (whom we don't rank – we list them alphabetically), are:

- José Ramón Barriocanal, general manager of the Spain-based Gestair Aviation Business Unit which maintained market share during the recession and is embarking on new business aviation ventures. *Page 44.*
- Eric Connor, who took over as NetJets Europe CEO in 2009, during probably the toughest time in the company's history. The fractional operator turned in a modest profit in 2010. *Page 34.*
- Thomas Flohr, founder and chairman of Switzerland-based top-end luxury charter operator VistaJet, which reported growth in excess of 20% for the third year running and which carried a record 20,300 customers in 2010. *Page 38.*
- Richard Gaona, president & CEO of Comlux, whose big-airplane charter business is growing worldwide while its U.S. VIP completions center is winning more work. *Page 36.*
- Captain Louis-Antoine Harlé, owner of Paris-based FlyMyJets, which brings a novel approach to making small business jets accessible. *Page 38.*
- Brian Humphries, president and CEO of EBAA, who tirelessly champions business aviation throughout Europe and especially in Brussels. *Page 26.*
- Michael Kuhn, CEO of DC Aviation GmbH, Germany's largest business jet operator, which aims to add to its fleet of 32 aircraft and is expanding into the Middle East. *Page 50.*
- Patrick Margetson-Rushmore, CEO of London Executive Aviation, which has operated over 20,000 charter flights for more than 2,000 customers, flying 12 million miles to more than 300 locations in the last 15 years. *Page 50.*
- Cedric Migeon, managing director of ExecuJet Europe, which is continuing to add to its chain of FBOs across the Continent and which he says operates the largest fleet of Global Expresses in the region. *Page 44.*
- Johannes Graf von Schaesberg, chairman and CEO of Rheinland Air Services, which has continued to invest throughout the recession and has opened a business aviation terminal at Munich Executive Airport (Oberpfaffenhofen). *Page 31.*