

Ravenair, was founded by Managing Director Jeff Nuttall. The company started life as a flying school on the Southside at Manchester Airport in October 1980, with a small fleet of Piper Tomahawk two-seat training aircraft; air charter operations commenced a few years later with multi-engine Beech Duchess and Piper Aztec aircraft.

In the 1990s, construction of Manchester's second runway was set to curtail all Southside general aviation activities, so the company took the bold step of transferring its flying training establishment, aircraft maintenance and air charter operation from Manchester to Liverpool Airport, with effect from 1st July 1998.

Transferring all operations to Liverpool was a logical step, as the airport had been one of the company's main training locations for many years. With an increasing number of aircraft movements at Manchester, the move to an unrestricted 24-hour airfield was essential if the company was to continue and expand.

From those early beginnings on the Southside at Manchester Airport, the company has grown into a well established and highly respected organisation operating a large fleet of single-engine and multi-engine aircraft, providing both flying training and public transport air charter operations.



Today, Ravenair operates from the purpose-built and privately-owned Business Aviation Centre at Liverpool John Lennon Airport. Opened in January 2002, with a second hangar unit opened in 2004, the complex incorporates a VIP passenger lounge, operations centre and conference rooms.

Ravenair holds an EU Ops-1 Air Operator Certificate for Commercial Air Transport (CAT) of passengers and cargo. The majority of commercial activity is aerial survey activity supporting the environmental studies and technology based organisations. This activity is conducted to CAT and Public Transport standards.



The maintenance of the company's fleet was first brought in-house during 1986, and Ravenair currently holds many engineering approvals: European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) Part 145 approval for line and base maintenance on single and multi-engine piston and turboprop aircraft, Cessna Citation Series aircraft.

Associate company, Liverpool Aviation Services (LAS), was formed to complement the services offered by Ravenair in

1999. Operating from the Business Aviation Centre, LAS offers private and corporate users of Liverpool John Lennon Airport a one-stop aircraft and passenger handling service, as the airport's Fixed Base Operator (FBO) for General and Business Aviation. This includes fuelling operations at the General Aviation site and a management contract operating the Main Apron Into Plane Fuelling operation at Liverpool.

LAS also provides an air charter brokerage service to fulfil customer requirements that cannot be flown by the in-house fleet; the Ravenair/LAS management team has many years experience in sourcing all types of aircraft and arranging specialist charters, alongside bespoke VIP handling for group charters such as football teams and business groups using the airport. Cargo operators are also handled as part of the service offered by LAS.

