

# Business News Update

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## **“THE BEST WAY OUT IS ALWAYS THROUGH.”**

### **Reliance Aerostructure to manufacture Dassault's Falcon 2000 business jets in India**

Reliance Infrastructure Ltd's subsidiary Reliance Aerostructure has signed an agreement to manufacture French company Dassault Aviation's Falcon 2000 business jets in India. The first batch of these jets is expected to be rolled out from Reliance Aerostructure's Nagpur factory in 2028. It would be the first time in Dassault's history for a Falcon aircraft to be completely manufactured outside France. Shares of Anil Ambani-owned Reliance Infrastructure hit the 5% upper circuit in intraday trade on BSE on Wednesday following the announcement. “The ‘Made in India’ Falcon 2000 will stand as a proud symbol of the nation's technological prowess and manufacturing excellence. We strive to firmly position India as a vital hub in the global aerospace value chain,” Anil Amabani said in a statement.

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### **AI plane crash: Insurers in a fix as both policyholders and nominees among dead**

Insurance companies are facing challenges in settling claims of the Ahmedabad Air India plane crash victims last week as in many cases the policyholders and nominees both have died in the tragedy. There are instances of an entire family perishing or one of the spouses dying in the horrific June 12 crash of the London-bound plane, which claimed the lives of 241 persons on board and 29 on the ground. Immediately after the accident, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRADI) asked insurance companies to verify details of the deceased with their database on issuance of the overseas medical insurance, personal accident and life insurance policies. The advisory also stated no claim was to be denied or delayed due to procedural formalities in the case of confirmed deceased individuals from the passengers' list and persons at buildings affected by the

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### **The GCC at an inflection point: Why India's role in global strategy is changing**

In the world of global business, few trends have been as transformative as the emergence of India's Global Capability Centres (GCCs) as strategic talent hubs. Once relegated to the margins of execution support, these centres are now moving into the heart of innovation, decision-making, and business transformation. In an in-depth conversation with Mitalee Dabral, Country HR Leader at Wayfair India, we explore the deeper shifts propelling this evolution — and what it means for talent, leadership, and the future of work in India. A decade ago, the term “GCC” might have conjured up images of back-office support. Today, India houses nearly 3,000 GCCs, a testament to the country's rise as the GCC Capital of the World. According to Dabral, this transformation is no accident but the result of a uniquely convergent ecosystem: rich talent availability, robust digital literacy, cost-effectiveness, and a strong foundation in emerging technologies such as AI, machine

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### **Layoffs aren't over: Amazon CEO just got aggressive about cutting jobs**

As Amazon continues its deep transformation into an AI-first enterprise, CEO Andy Jassy has made it clear: the layoffs aren't over. In fact, the wave of job cuts may intensify as generative AI tools begin to replace traditional corporate functions at scale. In his annual letter to shareholders and in a recent internal memo, Jassy didn't mince words. “We will need fewer people doing some of the jobs that are being done today,” he wrote. “In the next few years, we expect that this will reduce our total corporate workforce as we get efficiency gains from using AI extensively across the company.” The statement marks a significant shift in tone from previous layoff cycles, which were often attributed to post-pandemic cost recalibration. Now, Amazon is openly aligning job reductions with AI-fuelled operational overhaul—making it a deliberate and forward-looking strategy rather than a

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## Fed set to hold rates steady as Middle East crisis, tariffs cloud outlook

The Federal Reserve is expected to keep interest rates unchanged on Wednesday as its policymakers assess signs of a cooling economy and the risk of higher inflation from U.S. import tariffs and the escalating crisis in the Middle East. Since setting its benchmark interest rate in the current 4.25%-4.50% range in December, the Fed has watched the economic outlook grow cloudier, particularly after President Donald Trump returned to power in January and quickly overhauled U.S. trade policy by announcing sharply higher levies on imported goods. While many of the tariffs have been delayed, the issue is unresolved and on the radar of U.S. central bank officials. Oil prices also have risen after Israel's attack last week on Iran, and subsequent missile exchanges by the two regional foes, while data on the job market, retail sales, and other aspects of the U.S. economy suggests growth may be weakening. Fed officials have said they want clarity on the economy's path towards either higher inflation or weaker growth before giving much new guidance on interest rates, but so far the prospect of both

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## Transatlantic airfares slump as Western Europeans skip US travel

Airfares from Europe to the United States have dropped to rates not seen since before the pandemic, as travelers from Western Europe lead a pullback in travel to the U.S. that is expected to continue through at least July. Overseas arrivals to the United States fell 2.8% in May from a year ago, according to preliminary data from the U.S. National Travel and Tourism Office within the U.S. Department of Commerce. Travel from Western Europe fell 4.4% in May although travel from Eastern Europe rose 4.6% in the same period. Forward bookings suggest sustained declines are on the horizon, with total inbound bookings to the U.S. in July down 13% year-over-year, according to OAG Aviation, an analytics firm. Transatlantic airfare has been declining since the first quarter when Europeans started reconsidering travel to the U.S. after President Donald Trump suggested annexing Greenland, launched a global trade war, and issued orders that focus on stricter border policy. A stronger dollar has also deterred some trips. In March, travel from Western Europe fell 17% year-over-year, according to the

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## Jittery markets await Fed as Mideast conflict rages on

Global markets traded cautiously on Wednesday as escalating Middle East hostilities and uncertainty ahead of the Federal Reserve's monetary policy decision later in the day prompted investors to hold back on fresh stock market and currency bets. As traders grappled with how Israel's continued air strikes on Iran, now into their sixth day, would affect the global economy and financial markets, European stock indices and international oil prices wavered, lacking much direction. A broad gauge of European equities (.STOXX), opens new tab traded flat, the UK's FTSE 100 (.FTSE), opens new tab edged 0.2% higher and Germany's DAX share index (.GDAXI), opens new tab rose by the same amount. Brent crude oil fell 0.8% to \$75.92 a barrel, but remained set for a 1.6% weekly rise. Thousands of Tehran residents have fled from Israel's attacks targeting Iranian leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's inner circle, local media said, as Israel reported Iranian counter-attacks and the U.S. deployed more

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## AirAsia owner seeks jets for growth but restructuring first priority, CEO says

Airline entrepreneur Tony Fernandes, CEO of AirAsia owner Capital A Group (CAPI.KL), opens new tab, said on Wednesday he is in talks to buy 50 to 70 Airbus (AIR.PA), opens new tab A321XLR jetliners, but signalled the first priority was to complete the group's restructuring. Asia's largest low-cost carrier also remains in talks to buy 100 smaller Airbus A220 or Embraer (EMBR3.SA), opens new tab E2 regional jets but Fernandes, a veteran of eye-catching order announcements, all but ruled out an expected deal at this week's Paris Airshow. "I don't think there'll be an order at this air show. We're still doing a lot of work with Airbus and other manufacturers)... I think we'll look to do something imminently, in the next 1-3 months," Fernandes told Reuters in an interview. "We want to make sure we clear out of our restructuring. The great thing is, we're back in the growth stage." The Malaysia-based low-cost carrier operates an all-Airbus fleet and is one of Airbus' biggest customers, having

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