

## **TBMOPA's annual European convention brings together civilian and governmental operators of Daher's TBM aircraft family**



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**Biarritz, France, June 7, 2024** – Last month's European convention of the TBM Owners and Pilots Association (TBMOPA) attracted a wide customer base of its fast and efficient TBM aircraft product line – from private owners and operators to the French Air Force and French Army Aviation.

Daher was a co-sponsor of the annual gathering, underscoring its support for the TBMOPA's commitment to the promotion of flight safety and operational efficiency for the TBM fleet – with some 1,190 airplanes delivered to date.

A large Daher team was present at the convention, led by Nicolas Chabbert, the CEO of Daher Aircraft ; and Raphael Maitre, the Vice President of Customer Support.

A total of 25 TBMs were flown into Biarritz-Pays Basque Airport (LFBZ) for the TBMOPA meeting, composed of the legacy TBM 700 and the follow-on TBM 850, along with Daher's TBM 900-series: the TBM 910, TBM 930, TBM 940 and the latest TBM 960.

At the hotel convention site in the city of Biarritz, attendees benefitted from three days of in-depth sessions that focused on TBM program updates, along with experience-sharing on flight operations, as well as the use of the Me & My TBM application and its data analysis capabilities. Speakers included TBM pilot Jacques Bothelin, the former leader of the Breitling Jet Team, who talked about flying with Europe's largest civilian aerobatic display team. Suppliers such as Pratt & Whitney Canada and Garmin held workshops about their latest developments and best practices.





"The events organized by TBMOPA provide a unique opportunity to bring together customers, key vendors, training organizations, instructors and our Network of approved dealers," Raphael Maitre commented. "This year was particularly important, as we provided updates about our "Safe Horizons" training outreach, which is now led by David Petit – the new Pilot Training Program Manager at Daher's Aircraft Division."

JJ Suarez, the U.S.-based TBMOPA Chairman, added: "With the support of Daher as the TBM manufacturer, I appreciated the opportunity to personally meet with our European members and discuss their expectations. I also want to acknowledge the European convention's organizational support by David Fabry as the chairman of TBMOPA Europe."

**About Daher** – [www.daher.com](http://www.daher.com) / [www.tbm.aero](http://www.tbm.aero) / <http://www.kodiak.aero>

As an aircraft manufacturer, industrialist, industrial service provider and logistician, Daher today has approximately 13,000 employees for a turnover of 1.65 billion euros in 2023. With its family ownership, Daher has been focused on innovation since its creation in 1863. With locations in some 15 countries in Europe, North America and Asia, Daher designs and develops value-added solutions for its aeronautical and industrial customers and partners.

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**About Daher's aircraft product line** – [www.kodiak.aero](http://www.kodiak.aero) / [www.tbm.aero](http://www.tbm.aero)

Daher manufactures two families of single-engine turboprop airplanes: the Kodiak utility aircraft in Sandpoint, Idaho, USA, and the very efficient pressurized TBM in Tarbes, France.

Current TBM versions in production are the TBM 960, with Garmin's G3000 integrated flight deck; and the TBM 910, equipped with the Garmin's G1000 NXi avionics system controlled by a keypad. Both models offer increased automation and superior performance.

The Kodiak versions are unpressurized 8-10-seat airplanes equipped with Garmin's G1000 NXi avionics. The Kodiak 100 series III is powered by a 750 shp. PT6A-135 engine, with the capability of operating on uneven and unimproved runways, as well as on water in the amphibious version. The Kodiak 900 has a 900 shp. PT6A-140A engine, a longer fuselage for more passenger room and cargo space, a cruise speed increase to 210 KTAS, and a greater useful load while offering a maximum range of 1,129 nm. Both offer a unique combination of robust construction, STOL characteristics and remarkable useful load, well-suited for multi-mission operations such as surveillance, MEDEVAC, skydiving and more.

**About TBMOPA** - [www.tbmowners.org](http://www.tbmowners.org)

The TBM Owners and Pilots Association, headquartered in the USA, exists for owners and operators of the Daher TBM aircraft. The objective of the organization is to promote safety and provide an opportunity to maximize the pleasure and utility of the ownership experience. This objective is pursued through a variety of methods including an annual convention, regional gatherings and safety seminars, and a comprehensive website to disseminate information and encourage interchange among owners. TBMOPA also promotes open conversations from our manufacturing and field service partners, leads special initiatives, investigations and projects, offers exclusive members-only merchandise, and more.

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