

# Focus On: FBH Engineering Support for Heli-Dubai

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HeliDubai was launched in 2004 to provide a new standard of helicopter services in Dubai and is the only civil operator allowed to conduct public transport operations to the iconic 7 star hotel, the Burj Al Arab; using the Agusta 109E helicopter to provide airport transfers and sightseeing trips throughout Dubai and the UAE.

HeliDubai has further plans for expansion into the regional and global market, both onshore and offshore, in line with the policy of the Government of Dubai to make Dubai a centre of excellence for all aspects of the aviation industry. The expansion potential for HeliDubai given the creation of The World, a group of several hundred small islands that when viewed from above make up a map of the globe, and the visionary creation of The Palms mean that HeliDubai is well placed to take advantage to the new demand for Helicopters in Dubai.



Approaching The Burj Al Arab



The World



Palm Island



HeliDubai operates a mixed fleet of Agusta 109E Power Helicopters and Agusta Bell 412 helicopters. The flagship aircraft is the Agusta 109E Power. This helicopter is configured as a five passenger, fast VIP corporate transport aircraft. Maximum speed is 168 knots or 312 km-per-hour. It offers a full leather interior, air-conditioning, a quiet cabin, and twin-engine safety in the most powerful helicopter of its

class in the world. All maintenance for the HeliDubai Aircraft is carried out by FBHeliservices at its maintenance base at Dubai International Airport, with 24 hours-a-day engineering and logistical support for the operation. HeliDubai's aircraft operate under the UAE commercial register with the registration prefix of A6 designating it as a UAE civil aircraft. FBH maintains the aircraft in accordance with the UAE National Airworthiness Authority, the General Civil Aviation Authority's CAR-145 regulations that were implemented to harmonize with those in the EASA zone.