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Business Jet

Market Outlook Report, Q1 2026 Edition

Executive Summary

The global business jet market enters 2026 from a position of strength. Record flight activity, robust OEM backlogs exceeding \$53 billion, and the restoration of 100% bonus depreciation under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act have created favorable conditions for both operators and investors in aircraft-backed credit. Against this backdrop, demand for efficient, mission-ready lift remains resilient across North America, the Middle East, and select emerging markets, supporting stable valuations and sustained liquidity in the secondary market. With new-delivery slots still constrained and replacement cycles extending, late-model aircraft continue to benefit from tight supply dynamics, while disciplined underwriting and strong collateral coverage remain central as the credit landscape evolves.





~25,000

Global Fleet Size

The business jet market boasts a **diverse global fleet** of ~25,000 aircraft, highlighting the industry's resilience and growth potential in the face of evolving demands.

6.5%

Pre-owned Inventory Level

The pre-owned jet inventory has **normalized** to 6.5%, reflecting a recovery from the pandemic low of 4%. This indicates a healthier market supply for buyers.

3.88M

Record Global Departures

In 2025, there were **3.88 million** global departures, reflecting a significant **34% increase** compared to 2019, showcasing the resilience and growth of the business jet market.

554

Q3 Deliveries

Deliveries increased by **10.6%** year-over-year, highlighting a robust market recovery and strong demand for business jets as companies invest in their aviation needs.

Regional Distribution

North America continues to dominate the global business jet market, accounting for approximately 70% of new aircraft deliveries over the next three years. The U.S. market remains the primary growth engine, supported by regulatory incentives including 100% bonus depreciation.

Europe shows mixed performance. Switzerland and Italy posted 6% to 7% year-over-year growth in early 2026, though the UK, Germany, and France recorded modest declines.

Asia-Pacific is rebounding. India's business jet fleet has grown 25% since 2019, with Southeast Asia showing steady gains.

Latin America's market share has doubled to approximately 10%, with Brazil leading demand. South America posted an 18% year-over-year increase in Week 2 of 2026.



OEM Deliveries & Rankings

2025 Overview

The business jet market saw **notable growth** in Q3 2025, with top manufacturers delivering strong performance and maintaining competitive positions in the evolving landscape.

2025 Insights

In Q3 2025, **554 business jets** delivered, reflecting a **10.6% increase** year-over-year, signaling robust demand and recovery in the market amidst broader economic trends.

Big Five Total

The total **order backlog** for the Big Five OEMs stands at \$53 billion, reflecting strong demand and sustained growth in the business jet market.



Pre-Owned Inventory

Inventory Update

The **6.5% inventory level** represents a normalization trend from the pandemic low of 4%, indicating a healthier market for pre-owned business jets.

Pricing Trends

The current pre-owned jet market shows a **significant premium** across all segments, highlighting strong demand despite inventory levels gradually normalizing to historical averages.

Market Insights

The average days on market for pre-owned jets increased to **220 days**, reflecting tighter inventory and higher demand compared to **184 days** in H1 2024.

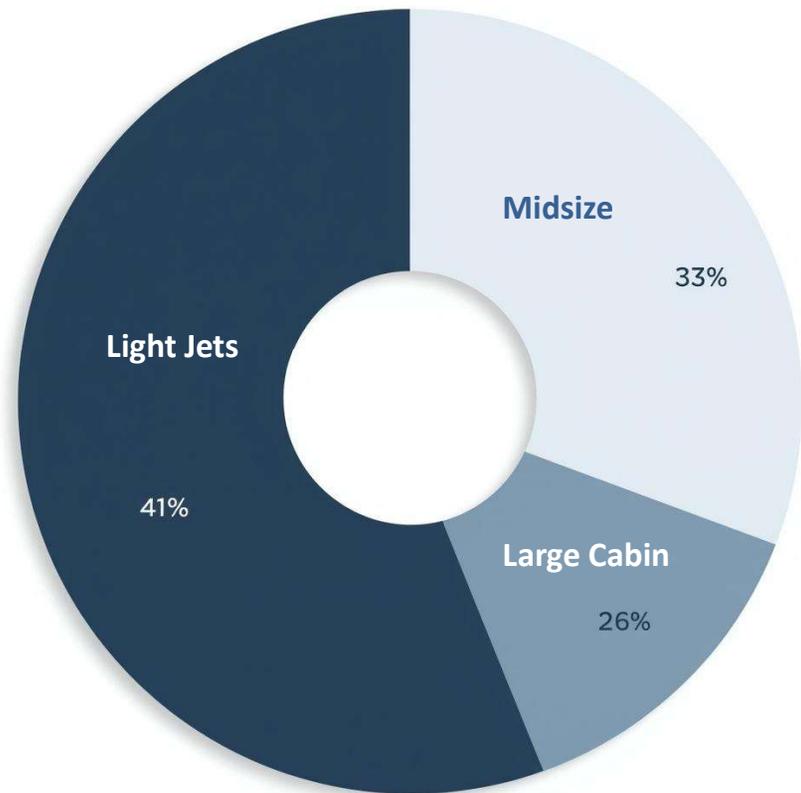


Global Fleet Breakdown

Composition Overview

The business jet market comprises 23,400 aircraft, with a diverse composition: Light Jets at 41%, Midsize at 33%, and Large Cabin at 26%.

Business Jet Fleet Composition



Segment Performance

Jet Class Growth

The **Light Jet** market has seen a **5% increase**, while the **Super Midsize jets** experienced a **7% growth** in demand, reflecting evolving customer preferences in business aviation.



Flight Activity

Global Departures

In 2025, the aviation industry experienced a **record-breaking** 3,878,336 global departures, reflecting a significant recovery and growth compared to previous years.



New Aircraft Programs

G700 Certification

The **G700 jet**, certified in March 2024, promises cutting-edge technology and luxury, enhancing the future of business aviation with remarkable performance and comfort.



Fractional Growth

Fleet Expansion

The fractional jet fleet has **grown significantly** by 65% since 2019, reaching a total of 1,300 aircraft, reflecting increasing demand for shared aviation solutions.



MRO Capacity Constraints

Global Spending

The **\$119B global MRO spending** in 2025 reflects significant industry investment. Increased demand drives the need for skilled technicians and optimized operational efficiencies across maintenance facilities.



Supply Chain Pressures

Material Costs

Material costs have risen **significantly** by 7.7% in 2024, impacting the overall aviation market. Manufacturers face increased challenges with supply chain logistics and resource allocation.



Bonus Depreciation

Tax Incentive

The **OBBBA** restores 100% first-year depreciation for new and pre-owned aircraft, enhancing investment appeal and supporting business aviation growth in 2026.



2026 Outlook for Business Jets

Base Case Analysis

Deliveries Forecast

Projected deliveries for 2026 are estimated to reach **860 to 880 units**, reflecting a **5% increase** from the previous year, driven by continued demand and economic recovery.

Activity Growth

Business jet activity is expected to grow by **3% to 4%** in 2026 as operators expand their fleets, capitalize on increased travel demand, and optimize flight schedules.

Bull Case Analysis

Deliveries Surge

Deliveries are expected to exceed **900 units**, driven by strong demand and new aircraft programs launching. This growth reflects a robust recovery in the aviation market.

Increased Activity

Activity levels are projected to rise **5% or more**, indicating heightened flight operations and a positive outlook for business aviation as confidence returns among operators and consumers.

Bear Case Analysis

Deliveries 780-800

Projected deliveries for 2026 are estimated between 780 and 800 units, indicating a potential slowdown in the business jet market amid economic uncertainties and reduced demand.

Activity Flat to +2%

Flight activity is expected to remain flat to a modest growth of 2%, reflecting cautious operator sentiment and potential constraints in consumer spending impacting overall market dynamics.

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