

Private Jet Booking Goes Online

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Russia's first online booking service for private jets has started work, getting in on a market that accounts for more than a quarter of the world's charter flights, a news report said Thursday.

Since starting work this month, Charterscanner.com has sold eight flights, including one for 230,000 euros (\$315,000), company director Vladislav Zenov said, Kommersant reported.

Charterscanner does not charge customers a commission, but plans to collect a 550 euro monthly fee from jet owners for each aircraft they offer through the website.

Last year, the former Soviet republics accounted for 22 percent of the world's business jet charters — or its third-largest share, after North and Latin America, according to Bombardier aerospace company. From January through August this year the number of charter flights out of Russia rose 21 percent from the same period last year.

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