

Charter Jets, Choppers New Market for Pre-paid Cards

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Some private companies have begun offering pre-paid annual membership cards that enable clients to fly in private jets at cheaper rates

He, too, did not disclose details of the owners but said his company is in the process of taking an entire fleet of planes on lease. Another private aircraft company Club One Air has a similar model. It invites owners of private jets, who are finding it difficult to meet requirement on size.

Baron Luxury's Wadhwa said his company has no plans to own aircraft but will stick to its model of aggregation to avoid debt on its balance sheet. To avoid conflict between owners and customers, Baron Luxury has developed an online calendar application that the operators will update in real-time. The calendar is updated with whoever confirms the flights first to avoid conflict, said Wadhwa.

Meanwhile, lobby groups of private jets are in dialogue with the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to sort out the issue as the aviation regulator in August banned international flights by non-scheduled operators.

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