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Introduction

Jay Taffet is an aviation advisor and venture leader with 20 years experience in project development, operations management and aircraft transactions. Jay is the founder of Gracen Jules and co-founder of FlytFinance, and is a long-time commercial pilot with former Air Force service. Jay lives in New Orleans with his wife and two daughters.

- Direct company operations and market positioning for FlytFinance, an industry-leading, factory-new aircraft leasing company specializing in placements with flight academies and aviation degree programs.
- Directed startup FBO through \$3 mm facility build and operations. Awarded airport concessions for \$15 mm startup FBO chain.
- Opened multiple growth markets for national air charter operator with 40 years of experience and top 1% of all safety accreditations.
- Created charitable aviation nonprofit towards funding public benefit flying and compassionate airlift organizations.

Real Estate (1994-2005)

Directed project development and investment planning for \$110 mm, award-winning beach resort on the Gulf Coast (Aqua). Directed all project development and corporate investments for \$20 mm workplace child care portfolio and \$5 mm facility expansion into Europe (KinderCare).

United States Air Force (1990-1994)

Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training

Officer, Active Duty Pilot

Vanderbilt University (B.A. 1990)

Distinguished Graduate, Air Force ROTC