

## News Release

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### **GULFSTREAM INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES NAMES FRANK S. COPPOLA VICE PRESIDENT, SOCC**

**FORT LAUDERDALE, FL – (November 10, 2011)** – VPAA Co. dba/Gulfstream International Airlines (“Gulfstream”) has named Frank S. Coppola Vice President, Systems Operations Control Center (SOCC). Prior to joining Gulfstream, Coppola served as Managing Director, SOCC at Continental Airlines, Inc. (1999-2011). He brings 30+ years of aviation industry experience to his new position, including 26 years with Continental.

Darrell Richardson, CEO of Gulfstream International Airlines, commented on the appointment, stating: “Frank Coppola is a pro’s pro with an accomplished background in SOCC management at one of the world’s largest airlines. His hands-on experience in managing operations across diverse geographic regions and weather conditions will serve us well as we continue to strive for operational excellence in the northeast U.S., Montana and Florida-Bahamas markets.”

Mr. Coppola holds an MBA in aviation from Embry-Riddle, as well as Bachelor of Science and Associate in Science degrees from the Florida Institute of Technology. He began his career at Walkers Cay Aviation (Fort Lauderdale) and has also worked at CGI/Galaxy Airlines (Fort Lauderdale) and CAM Air International (Atlanta).

#### **About Gulfstream International Airlines**

Officially known as VPAA Co. dba/Gulfstream International Airlines, Gulfstream (IATA: 3M) is a U.S. airline operating 100+ daily scheduled flights to/from 29 gateways in Florida, The Bahamas, Montana, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The company is owned by Victory Park Capital, a Chicago-based investment firm that launched Gulfstream in May 2011 following the acquisition of select assets from the former Gulfstream International Airlines, which filed for bankruptcy in November 2010.

Gulfstream is headquartered in Fort Lauderdale, FL and operates under a principal code share and alliance agreement with Continental Airlines, United Airlines and Copa Airlines. The Gulfstream fleet is comprised of 21 Beechcraft 1900D aircraft (maximum seating capacity: 19 passengers), each powered by reliable, fuel-efficient jet-turbine engines.

For more information on Gulfstream, please visit [www.gulfstreamair.com](http://www.gulfstreamair.com).

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