

PRESS RELEASE

AAROK, prototype of the next generation combat UAV, will be showcased at Paris Air Show 2023

Neuilly-sur-Seine, France, June 15, 2023 –Turgis & Gaillard has self-funded the development of a medium altitude long endurance (MALE) unmanned combat aerial vehicle Named AAROK, the UAV's prototype will be unveiled for the first time during Paris Air Show on Turgis & Gaillard's booth (static A5).

AAROK, the embodiment of Turgis & Gaillard's unique know-how and experience

"We are proud to introduce our first prototype of remotely piloted aircraft, the AAROK unmanned aerial vehicle. Produced in our French factories, this UAV will meet the requirements of French and allies forces at a reduced cost, both in purchase and use," stated **Fanny Turgis, President of Turgis & Gaillard Group**.

"In the past twelve years, what started as a modest two-person firm has grown into a formidable group of 300 people. Turgis & Gaillard has gained a unique rank in the French defense and industrial ecosystem. Thanks to the development of highly tailored architectural innovations, but also as a recognized expert in retrofit and maintenance for civil and military aircraft and vehicles.", added **Fanny Turgis, President of Turgis & Gaillard Group**.

AAROK, an aircraft designed to ensure the dominance of French and allies Armed Forces.

AAROK stands out with its robust design, its ability to take off and land from rough fields and operate on all weathers conditions as well as its flight endurance (more than 24 hours) and maximized payload (6000 lb. – up to 1,5 ton of weapons).

The size and MTOW of AAROK will also allow it to simultaneously use a large electro-optical sensor (camera), a multimode radar and signals intelligence payloads.

Designed to perform multi-domain operations, AAROK will be a decisive aircraft to ensure operational dominance:

- Maritime surveillance missions in large Exclusive Economic Zones, especially in the Indo-Pacific
- Key asset for operational dominance (intelligence, reconnaissance, and support for high intensity strikes even in contested areas);
- Communications node on the battlefield: thanks to its endurance and high-altitude flight at a reduced cost, AAROK provides a pragmatic and resilient infrastructure and facilitates digitization of the battlefield and joint operations.

To be quickly operational, the UAV has been designed to meet certification standards and facilitate the use of already existing and qualified equipment. Its will also be easily modular in its configuration.

Discover the design of the drone and its features on the dedicated [AAROK](#) website.

ABOUT TURGIS & GAILLARD :

Turgis & Gaillard was founded in 2011. From an engineering design office dedicated to the development of multi-domain combat systems for the French Armed Forces (Gerfaut system, programs NITRATHE and MIGALe...), it has gradually diversified its activities towards operational maintenance.

What started as a modest two-person firm has now grown into a group of 300 people located on 9 sites in France, with 50 millions euros turnover. With seven companies, Turgis & Gaillard is a strategic partner to the French Armed forces and their allies, and supplier to the world's largest companies in the aeronautics and defense sector.

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