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SA ER SRBIJOM DO OSTVARENJA SNA

REALISING A DREAM WITH AIR SERBIA

NOVA GENERACIJA OSVAJA NEBO A NEW GENERATION IS CONQUERING THE SKIES

Kroz vrhunske standarde obuke i podršku mladim kadrovima nacionalna avio-kompanija stvara nove kapetane, a mi vam ovoga puta predstavljamo jednog od najmlađih kapetana u ATR floti – Aleksu Čarapića / Through top training standards and support for young personnel, the Serbian national airline is developing new captains, and here we present to you one of the youngest captains in the ATR fleet: Aleksa Čarapić

Da uspešne kompanije rastu zahvaljujući poverenju u mlade i talentovane ljude, najbolje potvrđuje primer Er Srbije. Negujući visoke međunarodne standarde obuke, nacionalni avio-prevoznik otvara vrata ambicioznim kadrovima.

Jedan od njih je i Aleksa Čarapić, koji je sa svega 27 godina poneo prestižnu četvrtu traku i postao jedan od najmlađih kapetana u kompaniji. Dokazujući da su disciplina i trud najbolji put do uspeha, Aleksa danas uspešno komanduje posadom na dinamičnim rutama ATR flote. Razgovarali smo sa njim o tome šta donosi rad u stimulativnom okruženju Er Srbije i šta bi poručio budućim generacijama koje tek maštaju o pilotskoj uniformi...

Četvrta traka na uniformi donosi ogroman ponos, ali i promenu strane u kokpitu. Kakav je bio osećaj kada ste prvi put seli na levo sedište kao kapetan i putnicima poželeli dobrodošlicu na let? I na kojoj je ruti to bilo?

– Naravno da je to trenutak koji se pamti. Četvrta traka jeste veliko priznanje, ali pre svega predstavlja veliku odgovornost. Moj prvi let kao kapetana bio je za Tivat. Sećam se prvog obraćanja putnicima. Bila je to kratka dobrodošlica na let, govor kakav putnici čuju svakog dana, ali za mene je imao potpuno drugačiju težinu. Lepo je ostvariti cilj, ali još je lepši osećaj kada shvatite da ste dobili priliku da nosite odgovornost koju taj cilj sa sobom nosi.

Vratimo se malo na početak. Kako se kod vas rodila ljubav prema avijaciji? Da li je to bio dečjački san koji ste oduvek pratili ili se ta strast pojavila kasnije?

– Ljubav prema avijaciji postoji otkad znam za sebe. Kao mlađi sam zamišljao sebe u ulozi vojnog pilota, ali me je život odveo ka civilnoj avijaciji i danas mogu da kažem da nisam pogrešio. Ono što me je najviše privuklo nije samo letenje već i činjenica da svakog dana imate privilegiju da se bavite nečim čime se bavi veoma mali broj ljudi u svetu, što nosi veliku odgovornost i zahteva konstantno usavršavanje. Avijacija vas nauči disciplini, strpljenju i tome da nikada ne prestajete da učite, bez obzira na to koliko iskustva imate.

ATR flota je poznata kao odlična, ali i veoma zahtevna škola letenja – leti se kraćim rutama, često ima više uzletanja i sletanja u toku dana. Šta je za vas najveća prednost, a šta najveći izazov letenja na ovom tipu aviona?

– ATR je avion koji od pilota traži da budu maksimalno uključeni u svaki segment leta. Letimo na kraćim rutama, često imamo više poletanja i sletanja tokom dana i zbog toga je dinamika rada i letenja nešto intenzivnija nego na ostalim tipovima aviona. Upravo je to za mene najveći šarm ovog aviona. Svaki let donosi nešto novo. Dinamika vas tera da stalno budete fokusirani i angažovani, a zauzvrat pruža veliko zadovoljstvo u letenju. Najveći izazov je upravo održavanje tog visokog nivoa koncentracije iz leta u let, ali mislim da nas baš takvo okruženje gradi kao pilote. Naša kompanija neguje visoke međunarodne standarde obuke, koji svakom pilotu pružaju znanje i veštine potrebne da u svim okolnostima donosi pravovremene i odgovorne odluke.

Šta biste poručili onim mladim ljudima koji vas ovog leta vide na aerodromu u kapetanskoj uniformi i pitaju se mogu li i oni vašim stopama?

– Ne tako davno sam i ja bio jedan od onih koji sa divljenjem posmatraju avione i pilote na aerodromu. Upravo zato verujem da nijedan cilj nije prevelik ako ste spremni da radite za njega. Poručio bih im da veruju svojim snovima i da ne odustaju od njih kada naiđu prvi izazovi. Budite beskrajno radoznali, učite, sanjajte velike snove i ne plašite se da radite za njih. I najvažnije, uživajte na svakom koraku tog puta.





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Air Serbia is proving to be the best example that successful companies grow thanks to their trust in young and talented people. In nurturing high standards of international training, the national airline is opening its doors to ambitious personnel.

One such talented youngster is Aleksa Čarapić, who at the age of just 27 has earned a prestigious fourth stripe to become one of the airline's youngest captains. Demonstrating that discipline and effort are the best routes to success, Aleksa today successfully commands crews on the dynamic routes of the ATR fleet. We spoke with him about what working in the stimulating environment of Air Serbia brings, and what he would say to future generations who are only now dreaming about donning a pilot's uniform...

A fourth stripe on the uniform is a source of enormous pride, but also means switching seats in the cockpit. What did it feel like to sit in the left seat as captain for the first time, and to welcome the passengers aboard the flight? And which route was that flight on?

"That is, of course, a moment to remember. The fourth stripe is great recognition, but primarily represents great responsibility. My first flight as a captain was to Tivat. I remember the first time I addressed the passengers. It was a short welcome to the flight, the kind of address that passengers hear every day, but it had completely different significance for me. It's nice to realise a goal, but it's an even more beautiful feeling when you realise that you've received an opportunity to bear the responsibility that comes with achieving that goal."

Returning to the very start, how did your love for aviation first emerge? Was it a boyhood dream that you always followed, or did that passion arise later?

"My love for aviation has existed since as far back as I can remember. As a younger boy, I imagined myself in the role of a military pilot, but life led me to civil aviation, and I can say today that I wasn't mistaken. What attracted me the most wasn't just flying, but rather the fact that you have the privilege of

doing something every day that very few people in the world do, and something that carries a lot of responsibility and requires constant improvement. Aviation teaches you discipline, patience and to never stop learning, regardless of how much experience you have."

The ATR fleet is known as an excellent, but very demanding flight school – it flies shorter routes and often has multiple departures and landings during a day. What's its greatest charm for you, and what's the greatest challenge when it comes to flying this type of aircraft?

"ATR planes require pilots to be maximally switched on during every flight segment. We fly shorter routes and often have multiple take-offs and landings during a single day, and the dynamics of working and flying are therefore somewhat more intense than with other types of aircraft. That's the biggest charm of this plane for me. Every flight brings something new. The dynamics compel you to remain focused and engaged all the time, and in return provide great pleasure in flying. The greatest challenge is actually maintaining that high level of concentration from flight to flight, but I think this kind of environment helps us grow as pilots. Our company maintains high international standards of training, which provide each pilot with the knowledge and skills required to make timely and responsible decisions under all circumstances."

What would you say to the young people who see you at the airport wearing your captain's uniform this summer, and who wonder if they could follow in your footsteps?

"It wasn't that long ago that I was one of those who admired planes and pilots at the airport. That's precisely why I believe that no goal is too big if you're willing to work towards it. I would tell them to believe in their dreams and to not give up on them when the first challenges appear. Be endlessly curious, learn, dream big and don't be afraid to work for them. And, most importantly, enjoy every step of that journey."

