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## NetJets agrees to purchase supersonic business jets

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*NetJets is purchasing carbon neutral supersonic business jets. Image credit: NetJets*

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Private aviation firm NetJets has reached an agreement with aircraft company Aerion to purchase supersonic business jets as it expands its fleet with an eye towards sustainability and convenience.

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NetJets has obtained purchase rights for 20 AS2 supersonic business jets and will partner on Aerion Connect, a future global platform integration regional and urban transportation networks. Production is set to begin in 2023, making the AS2 the first supersonic aircraft to enter commercial service in 51 years.

"As the leader in private aviation, we constantly look for ways to be on the cutting-edge, and expanding our fleet to become the exclusive business jet operator for Aerion Connect is a thrilling next step," said Adam Johnson, chairman and CEO of NetJets, in a statement. "Together, we will be exploring the integration of the AS2 supersonic business jet into NetJets' global network, and we are honored to be their chosen partner to enable the Aerion Connect vision."

### Supersonic speeds

Aerion designed its AS2 to be carbon neutral and reach a top speed of 1,000 mph, 150 percent faster than the fastest business jets operating today. The supersonic jet is designed to accept 100 percent engineered synthetic fuels and will be constructed using sustainable technology at Aerion's facility in Melbourne, FL.

"At Aerion our vision is to build a future where humanity can travel between any two points on our planet within three hours and this new partnership is a significant step towards realizing that vision," said Tom Vice, chairman, president and CEO at Aerion, in a statement. "Our strategy is to connect the very best partners in the world within a new mobility ecosystem optimized for speed and founded on sustainability."



*NetJets is looking to reduce its environmental footprint. Image credit: NetJets*

Once completed, the 20 AS2 supersonic jets will be part of NetJet's global fleet, which currently numbers more than 760 aircraft.

NetJets recently expanded its global sustainability program as its owners look to pare back their carbon footprint even further.

The aviation firm will be purchasing enough sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) to account for all flights out of San Francisco, where the fuel supply is located, and its home base of Columbus, OH. NetJets will also offset its carbon emissions on administrative and training flights in the United States ([see story](#)).

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