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The \$300m development will be designed to feature the latest in sustainable technologies.

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Leading supersonic jet company **Aerion** has recently announced the commencement of work on the brand new Aerion Park, which will be the brand's global headquarters. Located in Melbourne, Florida, the 110-acre+ site will also be the home of production for the supersonic AS2 aircraft, which is set to begin in 2023.

In addition to company headquarters, Aerion Park will also house an integrated campus for research and development, as well as interior completions of the AS2 aircraft. The campus will incorporate a vast aircraft assembly unit, alongside engineering flight test facilities complete with supersonic testing corridors.



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The \$300m development project will bring over 650 new jobs to Florida by 2026, as Aerion makes plans to expand its bid to deliver supersonic air travel. Flanking the main site will be a new Aerion Customer Experience Center giving customers direct access to Orlando Melbourne International Airport's runway. The experience center will also have a customer completions center, as well as a full AS2 mock-up cabin, inviting customers to customize their chosen interior specifications.



Aerion Park will be dedicated to creating zero waste across all operations /©Aerion

As with the jet itself, which is projected to deliver fully carbon-neutral flights, Aerion Park seeks to be fully environmentally sustainable in both its construction and its running. Once complete, the site will run on clean energy, using the latest in photovoltaic solar technology. In a further bid for completely environmentally friendly operations, electric vehicle charging points will also be installed across the site.

Wherever possible, recycled materials will be used in Aerion Park's construction with a focus on locally sourced material to reduce emissions. The site will also be dedicated to creating zero waste across all operations.

Aerion's chairman, president and CEO Tom Vice has said: "We are building the future of mobility – a future where humanity can travel between any two points on our planet in three hours or less. We will change the world and bring a new sustainable means of supersonic and hypersonic flight to reality and it will happen here, at Aerion Park.



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“Being kind to the planet is deeply engrained in our ethos – we must build products and develop technologies that are kind to the planet. The commitment from our company is to be carbon neutral not by some arbitrary future date, but from flight one. To achieve that our pledge extends beyond the output of our aircraft – which will be the first to operate on 100% synthetic fuels – to the materials and processes we use to manufacture it, the facilities that will house our engineering and production and in time, the entire ecosystem,” Vice continued.

“Aerion Park will be more than a design and manufacturing facility – it will be an environmentally responsible center that our team and the local community will be proud of. Our aim is to create the most environmentally sustainable campus of its kind in the aerospace sector.”

Aerion first started taking orders for the revolutionary AS2 jet in 2015, with backorders now amounting to over \$6.5 billion. The 8-10 person aircraft is set to travel at speeds of up to Mach 1.4, using Boomless Cruise™ technology to ensure that a sonic boom never reaches the ground.

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