



AN OPTIONALLY-PILOTED eROTORCRAFT WITH PROPELLERS-DRIVEN ROTOR Powered by Liquid Hydrogen Fuel Cell



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Executive Summary



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Executive summary (1)

By 2030, more than 60% of world's population will live in cities. Traditional ways of urban transportation continue to contribute to congestion and pollution. One answer is to take to the sky and develop urban air travel as a viable alternative to ground transportation



Source: Elaboration on (1) Performance and design optimisation of the F-Helix eVTOL concept, Penn State 2019 (2) The future of vertical mobility, Porsche Consulting, 2018 (3) Deloitte report, The elevated future of mobility, 2019 Notes: (1) US\$ 32 bn also includes related services

Key investment highlights

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Safety Autorotation capability ensures highest flight safety standards



Light organisation structure Contracted a visionary, tech-savvy and experienced team





Market overview



UAM - Overview

Vertical mobility ecosystem, a new way of life

- A safe and efficient system for air passenger and cargo transportation within an urban area, inclusive of small package delivery and other urban Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) services, that supports a mix of onboard/ground-piloted and increasingly autonomous operations *J* NASA
- Vertical mobility to become an integral part of overall urban mobility in connection with first- and last-mile modes of transport
- Competitive way to cover distances of 20 km or more since limited investments in infrastructures needed

The promise of Urban Air Mobility

UAM use cases*



USE CASE 1 – Air Taxi (Passenger)

The Air Taxi use case is a near-ubiquitous (or door-to-door) ridesharing operation that allows consumers to call vertical take-off and landing aircraft (VTOLs) to their desired pickup locations and specify drop-off destinations at rooftops throughout a given city. Rides are unscheduled and on demand like ridesharing applications today. Vehicles are autonomously operated and can accommodate 2 to 5 people at a time, with an average load of 1 passenger per trip



Source: The future of vertical mobility, Porsche Consulting, 2018 Deloitte report, The elevated future of mobility, 2019 Notes: * F-Helix focus

UAM - Overview

Challenges



The most promising battery technologies

Lithium Ion Batteries

(current model) Lithium ion batteries, first introduced in 1991, can store between 150 and 250

watt-hours per kilogram

Solid State Batteries (based on current research)

The liquid electrolyte must be replaced with a solid one; they are much smaller, lighter, efficient and safer than current lithium ion batteries

1,000

2010 A

800

13.000 Wh/Kg

599

2011 2012 2013 2014 2015

becoming cheaper and more efficient

540

Batteries account for ca. 30% of electric vehicles' costs

market expected to reach US\$ 250 bn by 2025

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Metal-Air Batteries

In perspective, the focus is on metal-air batteries, where the metallic lithium of one of the two electrodes reacts directly with the air oxygen, thus greatly reducing both the weight and the cost

Lithium Sulphur Batteries

E 2022 E 2023 E 2024 E

They will have 5 times the capacity of current lithium batteries. Furthermore, sulphur is much easier to find and cheaper than lithium. It is believed that the production will start within the next 4/5 years



Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance, 2017

Sole 24 Ore, Batterie al Litio, Italia in partita per una contesa da 250 milioni, Oct 2019; Sole 24 Ore, Batterie ad alta carica evolutiva, Sept 2017 European Institute of innovation and technology, 2019

Pivotal role of batteries: path to more performance and reduced costs (US \$)

227

200

Average price for lithium batteries (US\$ per kWh 2010A - 2025E)

190

Still a non efficient way to store energy (lithium batteries storage 250 Wh/Kg vs. fuel storage of

- Both private and public institutions are investing in battery innovations to drive the change in a

Upcoming innovations, such as the solid-state batteries, the metal-air batteries, and the lithium sulphur batteries, are expected to sensibly increase (up to 5x) batteries' storage capacity, while lithium batteries are

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2019 A 2020 E

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UAM – Sizing up the market

- Currently, urban mobility in large cities is dominated by public (c.40%) followed by private transport (c.33%), taxis account for c.3%
- Early adopters of air taxis likely to be airport shuttle trips (taxis), and, to a lesser extent, private transportation
- Airborne taxis could also gain from private transport (low utilization rates for cars, sharing economy) and light helicopters (safer, quieter, and less expensive)
- Technology will create latent demand
- Costs for air taxis planned to be comparable to premium ride hailing services
- Early adopters likely to be large cities more open to technological development, with a high GDP/ capita and in need for a more efficient day to day-day way of transport (eg. London, Dubai, Singapore, Shanghai)



93 out of 100 major cities have a major airport within 30km of their respective city centres

Cost will not be a key driver for air taxis - Need to be autonomous to be somewhat competitive on cost, but still not as cheap as autonomous taxis



Source: Citi research, Passenger transport mode shares in world cities (Nov. 2011) Citi GPS, Global perspective and solutions, September 2019 Volocopter white paper, June 2019 Notes: (1) Bay Area Rapid Transit

UAM – Sizing up the market

- The combined market for inspection, goods and passenger drones and supporting services is projected to be ca. US\$ 74 bn worth with passenger drones accounting for ca. half of it
- The market for urban passenger drones is estimated to reach US\$ 32 bn by 2035, with intracity mobility accounting for ca. US\$ 21 bn (base case)
- In the value chain for the passenger drone market, hardware will account for c.25%, whilst services (mainly on-demand transportation) will have the lion's share

UAM Market size (2035E) - base case



Market growth according to different scenarios¹



Source: The future of vertical mobility, Porsche Consulting, 2018 Global perspective and solutions, Citi GPS, September 2019 Notes: (1) overall market, including related services;: F-Helix's focus

UAM – Sizing up the market

Helicopter market to grow at 2.8% CAGR between 2019 and 2025

- One of the main drivers of growth will be the increased demand for lightweight helicopters, typically bought by private individuals for civil applications
- Traditional monoturbine helicopter prices range between US\$ 250,000 – 1,700,000 and they are not allowed to fly above cities
- Biturbine helicopters can fly above cities, but the prices are ranging on average between US\$ 3,000,000 - 4,000,000



Increasing disposable incomes driving demand for luxury cars

- 7,956,543 cars sold in 2018 by top-6 luxury brands¹
- Market for luxury cars forecasted to register a CAGR of about 5.8% from 2019 and 2024
- Extreme urban growth, the emergence of the megalopolis and growing environmental concerns are driving demand for alternative mobility
- Those who can afford it, will consider private aerial transportation for short urban commutes

eVTOL will cannibalize market shares which are currently domain of light helicopters and luxury cars

Source: Helicopters market - global forecast to 2025, Markets and Markets, 2019 Luxury car market – growth, trends, and forecast (2019 - 2024), Mordor intelligence, 2019 Selected luxury car brands: global sales in 2018 (in units), Statista, 2019 Notes: (1) Mercedes – Benz, BMW/ Rolls Royce, Audi, Lexus, Jaguar Land Rover, Volvo





Competitive landscape



Competitive landscape (1)

None of the currently existing projects has obtained Type Certification, pre-requisite for mass production and commercialisation



Source: IEROM SA; eVtol.news, 2019; Volocopter GmbH website, 2019; Reuters, 2019

Competitive landscape (2)



Source: IEROM SA; eVtol.news, 2019; Volocopter GmbH website, 2019; Reuters, 2019; aviationweek.com for the Aurora PAV news

Competitive landscape (3)



Source: IEROM SA; eVtol.news, 2019; Volocopter GmbH website, 2019; Reuters, 2019; Lilium website, 2019

Competitive landscape (4)



Source: IEROM SA; eVtol.news, 2019; Airbus website, 2020; Reuters, 2019

Competitive landscape (5)







Regulatory Environment



Overview

Relevant agencies and governmental authorities



Since 2003, the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) is an agency of the European Union (EU) with responsibility for civil aviation safety. It carries out certification, regulation, and standardisation, and also performs investigation and monitoring. It collects and analyses safety data, drafts and advises on safety legislation, and coordinates with similar organisations in other parts of the world



Created in August 1958, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is a governmental body of the United states with powers to regulate all aspects of civil aviation in the country as well as over its surrounding international waters. Its powers include the construction and operation of airports, air traffic management, the certification of personnel and aircraft, and the protection of U.S. assets during the launch or re-entry of commercial space vehicles

Approval from one agency implies a light process for the other, because of a mutual recognition principle¹

Multi-propeller VTOL special regulation

Special condition for small-category VTOL aircrafts - SC-VTOL-01

A "special condition" is applicable to Vertical take-off and landing (VTOL) aircrafts as they differ from conventional fixed-wing aircrafts or rotorcrafts because of two features:

- 1. Ability to take-off and land vertically
- 2. Use of **distributed propulsion**, specifically when more than two lift/thrust units are used to provide lift during vertical take-off/landing

The "special condition" – yet to be defined – will apply to VTOLs. This implies a more strict and complicated process



F-Helix is categorised as regular rotorcraft. Will have to run a simpler and faster clearance process, resulting in an abridged go-to market time

Source: EASA website; Doc. No: SC-VTOL-01, Issue: 1, Date: 2 July 2019 Notes: (1) Acceptable Means for demonstrating Compliance

Regulation for VTOL aircraft

Certifications overview



The two above mandatory certification processes can be run in parallel

Source: EASA website; direct exchange with EASA project managers Photo by Unknown, licensed under CC BY-SA

Regulation for VTOL aircraft

Design Organisation - Process

A **Design Organisation Approval** is the recognition that a Design Organisation complies with the requirements of Part 21 Subpart J. The approval includes terms of approval defining:

- Scope of approval: The type of design activities including fields of expertise
- **Categories of products:** The applicable products such as large aeroplanes, engines, small rotorcraft, sailplanes, etc.
- List of products: The list of products for which the DOA holder is Type Certificate applicant or holder (if applicable)
- Privileges: A DOA holder can
 - > Perform design activities within the scope of approval
 - > Have compliance documents accepted by the Agency without further verification
 - > Perform activities independently from the Agency
- Limitations: Any limitations on the above



Source: EASA website; direct exchange with EASA project managers

Regulation for VTOL aircraft

Type Certificate - Steps



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The full process for a medium / small aircraft is expected to be fully executed within 3 years

Source: EASA website, FAA website Notes: (1) Bilateral Agreement between the European Union and a Third Country in accordance with Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 216/2008





F-Helix eVTOL concept



Background – the road so far



BACKGROUND

- Mr. Vinati bought the SILVERCRAFT aeronautical factory in 1990 and resumed the production of the Silvercraft SH-04, a lightweight class two bladed helicopter with a maximum take-off weight of 862 Kg and a 3 seats capacity
- F-Helix is the natural evolution of the Silvercraft SH-04
- Research agreement with the Penn State Vertical Lift Research Center of Excellence to validate the F-Helix concept and optimize the performance



6 OBJECTIVES

- 1. To create an eVTOL that can autorotate
- 2. To abate the initial cost by simplifying assembling and number of parts
- 3. To improve the flight characteristics
- 4. To reduce maintenance costs
- 5. To reduce noise
- 6. To create conditions for a green flight



A 1-6 seat, two bladed fly-bywire electric helicopter with a maximum take-off weight of 862 kg and fewer moving parts



Source: elaboration on info. provided by IEROM SA; Performance and design optimisation of the F-Helix eVTOL concept, Penn State 2019

Specifications – CryoHelix 18 kg



* F-HELIX 26.63'/9030mm

DIMENSIONS

26,63 ft. / 9030 mm
8,62 ft. / 3300 mm
11,32 ft. / 3450 mm
29.63' / 9.03 Mt
689 Sq.ft. / 64 Mq
2.76 Lb/sq.ft. / 1.25kg/mq

WEIGHT

Empty Fuel Cells and Tank included Max Gross Wieght Payload

992 lb / 450 Kg 1900 lb / 862Kg 886 lb / 402Kg

ENGINE

Engine	N. 4 E-fan
Total Power E-fan	220 Kw
Max Thrust	1000 N / 212 Lbf
Yaw Fan (Directional Fan)	N. 2 Kw. 0,5+0,5

PERFORMANCE

Max Speed At Sea Lelvel	106 Mph / 170 Kmh
Cruising Speed	87 Mph / 140 Kmh
Economic Cruising Speed	80 Mph / 128 Kmh
Max Rate Of Climb At Sea Level	1.140 Fpm
service Ceiling	13115 Ft. / 4.000 Mt
Hovering Ceiling In Ground Effect	7850 Ft. / 2.392 Mt
Hovering Ceiling Out Of In Ground Effect	5550 Ft. / 1.691 Mt

LIQUID HYDROGEN FUEL CELL BATTERY (18 Kg H)

MAX RANGE	609 Mi / 990 Km
Total Power	600 kwh
Time for recharge	3 min
Flight duration	7 hours

Intellectual property

REF. NAME STATUS DURATION	 LP0289 «PROPULSION APPARATUS FOR A ROTOR WING AIRCRAFT AND TORQUE MULTIPLIER» GRANTED 20 YEARS 	 LP0324 «PROPULSION APPARATUS FOR A ROTOR WING AIRCRAFT AND TORQUE MULTIPLIER» PENDING 20 YEARS 	 LP0351 «ROTATING WING AIRCRAFT EQUIPPED WITH IMPROVED PROPULSIVE EQUIPMENT» PENDING 20 YEARS
APPLICATION	- 20.00.2017	- 00.00.0017	- 07.05.2010
DATE ISSUE DATE	 28.09.2017 13.12.2010 	 28.09.2017 NI/A 	• 07.05.2019 • NI/A
COUNTRIES	• ITALY	 INTERNATIONAL PCT: EUROPE, USA, CHINA, JAPAN, RUSSIA, CANADA, INDIA 	 IN/A ITALY
DESCRIPTION	 Patent concerning a propulsion apparatus for a rotary wing aircraft 	Extension of LP0289	 Two-bladed rotary wing aircraft Improved thrust efficiency Avoidance of undesired gyroscopic
PURPOSE	 The same apparatus may also be used in fields other than aeronautics, in particular in the field of power generation Weight reduction by applying propulsion systems to the end of the blades To create a rotary wing aircraft that allows reduced costs compared to existing aircrafts 		effects



Source: IEROM SA

Typical Missions – CryoHelix 18 kg

Endurance

Range





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Endurance

Range

7 hours

609 mi

980 km

Source: IEROM

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7 hours

609 mi

980 km





Unique features



Unique feature 1 – Power Mast



Source: elaboration on info. provided by IEROM SA; Performance and design optimisation of the F-Helix eVTOL concept, Penn State 2019

Unique feature 2 – Autorotation



Autorotation is a state of flight in which the main rotor system of a helicopter or similar aircraft turns by the action of air moving up through the rotor, as with an autogyro, rather than engine power driving the rotor

It is the means by which a helicopter can land safely in the event of a complete engine failure



Unlike most of the other eVTOL concepts, F-Helix uses a single large rotor for providing thrust, allowing it to autorotate (i.e. descend at a vertical rate that allows for the safe recovery of the aircraft in case of a loss of power)

Source: The future of vertical mobility, Porsche Consulting, 2018

Unique feature 3 – Existing platform

- F-Helix is based on the existing Silvercraft SH-4 platform thus reducing initial set-up costs. Ca. 90% of previous aircraft reusable
- The data and the experience collected with SH4 allow Mr. Vinati to have a close overview of mass production details and target price for his aircraft
- The initial design has been optimized to produce the least power required while still meeting the structural and physical constraints of its components and to enhance performance



With the current state of the art of liquid batteries, mission performance is in line with, if not superior to, NASA's concept vehicles for VTOL air taxi operation



Source: elaboration on info. provided by IEROM SA; Performance and design optimisation of the F-Helix eVTOL concept, Penn State 2019; The future of particul mehility. Persona Concepting, 2018

The future of vertical mobility, Porsche Consulting, 2018

Notes: (1) according to base case scenario (see pg. 10); (2) as of start of mass production

Unique feature 5 – iTOWER and WITP Cables app

Problem

• Visual flight applications limited to the cartography of overflight areas / display of the route set by the pilot



- iTOWER¹
 - The system that establishes the flight plan and warns the pilot of potential collisions or hazards with other aircrafts in flight
 - Not only allows the aircraft to be seen and to see other aircrafts but also indicates the flight altitude, ground level, speed, course and estimated time of approach to the aircraft
 - Includes a system for aircraft traffic control, able to create a real-time map of aircraft traffic and to verify on that basis the possibility of collision and, if this verification is successful, to alert aircrafts of a potential collision



F-Helix's response to major needs for urban air mobility

Requirements **F-Helix response** Four e-fan ensure redundancy VTOL needs to be as safe as any Autorotation guarantees safe recovery of the aircraft in case Safety other commercial aircraft of a loss of power Compliance with demanding noise Adoption of power mast connected to the rotor hubs and use of restrictions achieve public Noise to Blue Edge¹- like blades result in lower noise emissions acceptance and fly over urban emissions. areas Ability to cover the most populous Larger UAM market expected for intra-city market and airport ٠ Range & high – traffic routes at a reasonably shuttle than for intercity service i.e. for cruises of c.30 km speed high speed to save time vs. • F-Helix can achieve economic cruising speeds of 140 km/h, well alternative transport means above e.g. Volocopter *F*-Helix can serve the majority of airport to city centre as well as intra-city routes Percentage of Top 100 cities 9% 30% 53% 73% 93% 100% 85% Number of cities 20 10 F-Helix 21 20 12 Distance between airport and city centre 10 km 20 km 25 km 30 km >30 km 5 km 15 km

F-Helix's response to major needs for air mobility





Promoters

Felice Vinati – CEO - Project ManagerInventore F-Helix 1979: Graduates with honours in Economics and Commerce at the University of Parma 1979-1988; 1995-2000; 2007-current: CEO of Vinati's family company specialized in industrial machinery 1990-1994: Producer of the Silvercraft SH4 helicopter 2014: Launches the F-Helix project as the natural evolution of the SH4

2018: After 4 years of internal development, reaches a deal with Penn State University to develop the F-Helix in a partnership with the Aerospace Engineering department

2019: Successfully presents the F-Helix project at Forum75 in Philadelphia

<u>Giacomo Vinati</u> – Inventore F-Helix Computer Engineering Politecnico di Milano

<u>Mariachiara Vinati</u> - Inventore F-Helix Architect and designer in Milan – Designed the F-Helix

<u>Samuele Vinati</u> F-Helix Inventor Passionate of aeronautics and coming from a long experience in the technology and software field since 2014 is managing director and member of the board at VINATI srl.

Matteo Vinati– F-Helix Inventor Born in 1979 Matteo has a degree in economics and a 12 years experience in managing manufacturing companies.



<u>Umberto Saetti,</u> PhD – Member of the board of directors Postdoctoral Fellow at Georgia Institue of Technology – Incoming Assistant Professor at Auburn University (Alabama) Experience : Rotorcraft Flight Dynamics and Controls, Handling Qualities, System Identification - Postdoctoral Fellow, School of Aerospace Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology (Atlanta, GA) – Penn State University







Felice Vinati F-Helix to become the Ford Model T of the skies

Ruggero von Wedel - Advisor

<u>Twenty</u> years of international corporate finance experience with leading financial institutions providing financial advice to entrepreneurs, their companies and their families on acquisitions & divestments, capital raisings, strategic partnerships and succession management.



The enlarged team

Tech savvy and experienced team contracted

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	Swiss Safety Research SA Advanced Technologies for Safety	Vertical Lift Research Center of Excellence	end &
Presentation	 Swiss company, owned by Mr. Vinati, specialized in R&D for safety instruments Able to provide unique magnetic resistant instruments that will further enhance F-Helix safety Develops algorithms for safety light flight 	 Public college of the State of Pennsylvania (USA) Triple function: Educational Research centre Public service In charge of the research and patent development Author of the Concept Project Paper (2019) 	Wisis UNIT AREA OPTIMINE
Contribution	 Developing iTower navigation software 	 Designed and optimized F-Helix model Developed simulation model Ran performance simulations 	Leading in Hydrogen Fuell Cell
Role	Continuous scientific support	 Continuous scientific support Acoustic simulations/ optimization 	• Engineering sCarboin Fiber



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Next Steps



The goal



Sources: elaboration on The future of vertical mobility, Porsche Consulting, 2018; best-selling-cars.com; global helicopter forecast, Airbus 2017 Notes: (1) the VTOL aircraft market is computed as 25% of the total UAM market (considering hardware only, see pg. 10); (2) no infrastructural problems, nor capital intensive investments to be made for the product to work properly; (3) reference to passenger UAM - Intracity and city-to-city see pg. 10

Progress to date



Finalisation of initial F-Helix concept

- Acquisition of SH4 data
- Development team of 6 people
- 33k hours of development work

Investment: **US\$ 6.7***m*

Seed funding¹:

- + Not expensed development working hours
 - & Silvercraft know-how transfer:

Validation and optimisation of F-Helix concept

- Involvement of Penn State to integrate initial development team
- Successful completion of flight simulations
- 5k hours of development work
- Incorporation of IEROM SA and incubation at USI
- Scaled prototype under construction

Investment: **US\$ 1.8***m*

US\$ 1,282,350

US\$ 7,233,360

Go-to-Market

Prototyping / Certification 2020 - 2022

- Prototyping
- Flight tests
- EASA / FAA certification
- Identification / onboarding of manufacturing partners
- Set up of marketing / distribution organisation



Market entry 2022/2023

- Set up of manufacturing / assembly capabilities
- Activation of marketing / distribution organisation
- Start pilot production and sales
- Scale up production and sales
- Mass production



We are seeking US\$ 8.0 m to complete the prototyping and certification phase

Prototyping – use of original platform



Maintain the original chassis, the blades, and the command box

Source: IEROM SRL

Prototyping – changes to implement



Substitute the engine, the fuel tank, and the tail rotor with the electric motor, the hydrogen batteries, and the electric deducted fans

Implement the new power mast, the e-fans, and the cyclic collective system alongside with the Penn State's control and navigation system

Market entry – assumptions 1/2

F-Helix units sold **Business** model after approx. 2,000 flight hours and accounts for mobility) Cost assumptions provided by sponsor 60% of the purchase price of F-Helix¹. This revenue stream kicks in starting from 2024 <u>2H 2021 and 1H 2022</u> Other revenues: 2% of core revenues - Start of production in 2H 2022 / 1H 2023 Revenue streams Production 3,000 sqm plant Assembly and quality control only 705 €/sqm (759 USD/sqm) plant Investment to be faced in 2022 Plant acquisition financed through a mortgage (80% • Total sum: USD 2,504,025 leverage) Ahead of the take-off of UAM market, the light aircraft Tooling: included under direct costs of production Equipment industry's production process will be closer to the automotive industry - 15% of total direct costs² Assembly equipment: **robots** Acquisition financed through leasing Costs of robots: USD 150,000 p. u. Number of robots in facility: $1\overline{0}$ TOT: investment: USD 1.500.000 2022: • 2023: Labour 10 employees to kick start the production 20 employees in production facility 1 engineer for quality control and test 1 engineer for quality control and tests

Source: elaboration on The future of vertical mobility, Porsche Consulting, 2018; IEROM SA Notes: (1) For simplicity, this service is accounted as an increase of units sold and maintains the same gross margin as the aircraft itself; (2) excluding direct labour costs

Market entry – assumptions 2/2





Source: elaboration on The future of vertical mobility, Porsche Consulting, 2018; IEROM SA Notes: (1) Units sold are only new aircrafts sold, not including extraordinary maintenance service

② Market entry – Financial request





Notes: (1) financing round includes the possibility of receiving a grant from the Italian government for innovative start-ups in 2021 for EUR 2.5 mln. Request for 20% on top of actual cash need budgeted, this compensates for other risks, including that of receiving the US\$ 2.7 mln grant. Recall: prototyping itself already includes 10% premium for costs overrun; (2) marketing material: brochures, depliant, road shows etc.

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SWOT and Risk analisys



SWOT Analysis

STRENGTHS

 Technological innovations:

 Use of propeller-driven rotor
 Decoupled dynamics
 Counter-rotating small fans providing yaw axis control
 Hydrogen-based power units

 Autorotation capability - safety
 Initially piloted
 Existing platform
 Low cost, low price

• Shorter certification process

OPPORTUNITIES

- Urbanization
- Traffic congestion
- Pollution
- Flaws of current eVTOL projects
- Improvement in battery storage capacities
- Improvement in air traffic management
- Development of supporting infrastructure

(WEAKNESSES Prototyping, flight testing and certification to do Limited financial resources Limited human resources
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	 THREATS Competing eVTOL projects Emerging technologies and concepts in ground transportation Public perception Changes in social mobility Laws and regulations

Risks mitigants

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Risks

Relating to our industry

2.	Type Certification (delay refusal)
3.	Cost overrun
4.	Time-to-market

Proof of technology

- 5. Customers' acceptance and demand
- 6. Timely production and distribution
- 1. Approval processes for commercial use in different jurisdictions
- 2. Market reception and adoption
- 3. Development of supporting infrastructure
- 4. Competition

Mitigants

	Modular project with stop-loss milestones		Prototyping and flight testing
•	Experienced research and implementation partners		51 JI 8 8 8 8 8
•	Development of existing, certified platform	•	Definition as rotorcraft to reduce timing/obstacles of certification
	Modular project with stop-loss milestones Hiring of experienced engineering project manager		
:	Development of existing platform Inclusion of experienced implementation partners	•	Short certification process Cost and capex advantages
•	Safety features (initially piloted, autorotation) Development of existing platform	•	Promotion efforts (fairs etc.)
	Inclusion of experienced implementation strategic partners Multi-sourcing platform	•	Limited production depth Rifle approach
	Existing platform Initially piloted		Rifle approach
•	Safety features Existing platform		
	Use of existing infrastructure initially sufficient		
	Advantage in safety features Pricing advantage	•	Lean structure



Intellectual property

Patent N.102017000108804. International Patent Application N. PCT/EP2018/071196. Patent Application N. 10201900006604. Patent Application N. 102017000121411.

Altre info sul team

Intellectual property

REF. NAME STATUS DURATION APPLICATION ISSUE DATE COUNTRIES	 LP0289 «PROPULSION APPARATUS FOR A ROTOR WING AIRCRAFT AND TORQUE MULTIPLIER» GRANTED 20 YEARS 28.09.2017 13.12.2019 ITALY 	 LP0324 «PROPULSION APPARATUS FOR A ROTOR WING AIRCRAFT AND TORQUE MULTIPLIER» PENDING 20 YEARS 28.09.2017 N/A INTERNATIONAL PCT: EUROPE, USA, CHINA, JAPAN, RUSSIA, CANADA, INDIA 	 LP0351 «ROTATING WING AIRCRAFT EQUIPPED WITH IMPROVED PROPULSIVE EQUIPMENT» PENDING 20 YEARS 07.05.2019 N/A ITALY 	 LP0326 «AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL METHOD» iTOWER GRANTED 20 YEARS 25.10.2017 22.01.2020 ITALY
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	 applying propulsion systems to the end of the blades To create a rotary wing aircraft that allows reduced costs compared to existing aircrafts 	• • •		 Allow the operators to be fully aware of nearby aircrafts Notify the operators in case of possible collision routes

Team – Swiss Safety Research (SSR)

SSR - Mr. Vinati's R&D hub

- Research Centre in Switzerland that develops the algorithms necessary for inertial flight platform systems
- Activity: the development of flight systems and navigation software called I-Tower



Advanced Technologies for Safety



Team - Pennsylvania State University (PSU)

Pennsylvania State University (PSU) at a glance	PSU – Research centre	of excellence	
 Public college of the State of Pennsylvania (USA) Founded in 1855 as an agricultural science college Triple function: 	\$968 million in annual research expendituresTop 25 U.S. research universities		
 Friple function: Educational Research centre Public service Around 44,000 students enrolled each year Top 1% of Universities world wide 	158 invention disclosures received	64 u.s. patents issued	
PennState Vertical Lift Research Center of Excellence http://www.vlrcoe.psu.edu	8 START-UP COMPANIES FORMED	31 LICENSES AND OPTIONS EXECUTED	
 BOVINE TUBERCOLOSIS BIL and Melinda Gates Foundation awarded \$5.55M BRAIN DISORDERS 	\$2.79B TOTAL AMOUNT OF PROPOSALS	\$730M TOTAL AMOUNT OF AWARDS	
 \$2.3M award from the National Science Foundation LUNG CANCER DIAGNOSIS The National Cancer Institute awarded \$1.98M X-RAY ROCKETS The National Aeronautics and Space Administration provided \$4.12M to support studies on the use of rockets for extended source soft X-ray spectroscopy to provide information about the evolution of large-scale structures in the universe 	4,799 proposals submitted 1,885 new & competing	3,346 AWARDS RECEIVED 1,994 INVESTIGATORS	967 SPONSORS
 SAFER FUEL RODS \$2.5M award from the US Department of Energy 	CONTINUATION AWARDS RECEIVED	RECEIVING AWARDS	

Team – M4 Engineering

M4 Engineering - Overview

- Mechanical components
- Composite design



M4 Engineering - Partners and projects



UAM – Use Case Air Taxi

	Characteristics	Comments
Vehicle	2- to -5-passenge autonomous (unpiloted) VTOLs ¹	 High investment costs will make a wide spread air taxi market with ubiquitous vertiports unlikely before 2030 Opportunities: concentrated areas of HNWI / Business corporate users
Payload	~402 kg	
Distance	~15-500 km per trip	
Scheduling and routes	Routes are unscheduled and unplanned and are likely to be different each time	
Infrastructure	Very large density of vertistops on or near buildings to create a "door-to-door" service; charging stations; service stations; UTM ³	
Technology	Requires improved battery technology, autonomous flight, detect-and-avoid (e.g., LiDAR ⁴ , camera vision), electric propulsion, and GPS-denied technology	
Potential regulatory UTM ³ , requirements ² restrictions, operator restrictions	Significant OEM ⁵ requirements for air worthiness, BVLOS ⁶ , flight above people, weight and altitude certification, identification, environmental	
Competing technology	Human-driven cars (personal vehicle, ride-hail/taxi, rideshare), driverless cars (personal vehicle, ride-hail, rideshare), commuter rail, subway, bus	

Source: Nasa Urban Air Mobility report, 2018

Notes: (1) Vertical Take-off and Landing; (2) Regulatory requirements are likely to range across use cases depending on risks (for example, delivery case may have less stringent airworthiness requirements than air taxis); (3) unmanned traffic management; (4) Light Detection and Ranging, (5) Original Equipment Manufacturers; (6) Beyond Visual Line of Sight

UAM – Use Case Air Metro

	Characteristics	Comments
Vehicle Payload	2-5 passengers autonomous (unipiloted) VTOLs ~402 kg ~15-900 km per trip	 Expected to be profitable by 2030, assuming regulations in place Larger scale "entry into service" may occur previously Piloted services may be a stepping stone to large scale autonomous operations
Scheduling and routes	Routes are predetermined and scheduled well in advance of flight time	
Infrastructure	~100-300 vertiports per MSA ¹ located in high-traffic areas capable and of handling ~3-6 VTOLs at once (on average); charging stations; service stations; UTM	
Technology	Improvements in battery technology, autonomous flight technology, detect-and- avoid (e.g., LiDAR, camera vision), electric propulsion, GPS-denied technology	
Potential regulatory requirements ²	Development of air worthiness standards, UTM, flight above people, weight and altitude restrictions, BVLOS, operator certification, identification, environmental restrictions	
Competing technology	Subway, bus, bike, rideshare, driverless cars (personal vehicle, ride-hail, or rideshare)	

UAM – Use Case *Private Individuals*

	Characteristics	Comments
Vehicle Payload	2-5 passengers autonomous (unipiloted) VTOLs ~402 Kg	 Potential entry point with HNWI / businesses in densely populated areas Novelty factor
Distance	~15-900 Km per trip	
Scheduling and routes	Routes are unscheduled and unplanned and are likely different each time	
Infrastructure	In addition to the public infrastructures (vertiports, charging stations, service stations, UTM); HNWI ¹ could use private or premium facilities	
Technology	Improvements in battery technology, autonomous flight technology, detect-and- avoid (e.g., LiDAR, camera vision), electric propulsion, GPS-denied technology	
Potential regulatory requirements	Development of air worthiness standards, UTM, flight above people, weight and altitude restrictions, BVLOS, operator certification, identification, environmental restrictions	
Competing technology	Human-driven transportation (luxury car; chauffeur; helicopter); driverless cars (personal vehicle)	

Last-mile delivery

	Characteristics
Vehicle	Small UAS
Payload	402 Кg
Distance	Within – 15 Km roundtrip
Scheduling and routes	Deliveries are unscheduled and routes are determined as orders are received
Infrastructure	Receiving vessels, distribution hubs, docking/charging station UTM
Technology	Improvements in battery technology, autonomous flight technology, detect-and-avoid (e.g. LiDAR, camera vision), electric propulsion, GPS-denied technology - WITP Cables iTower
Potential regulatory Requirements ¹	BVLOS (Beyond Visual Line of Sight), air worthiness, UTM, flight above people, altitude restrictions, operator certification, identification, environmental restrictions
Competing technology	Autonomous and human driven ground delivery services (e.g., FedEx, UPS, Amazon Prime), courier services, AGV lockers, droids

Last-mile delivery is rapid package delivery from local distribution hubs to a receiving vessel. Deliveries are unscheduled and flight times are determined as orders are placed

Source: Nasa Urban Air Mobility report, 2018 ¹ Regulatory requirements are likely to range across use cases depending on risks (for example, delivery case may have less stringent airworthiness requirements than air taxis





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