



**GAVIN KIGGEN**  
***Vice President – ExecuJet Africa***  
***President – Aircraft Sales and Transactions***

Gavin Kiggen is a highly experienced industry professional with over 32 years of experience in all facets of Aviation.

After completing his Military Service, Gavin started his aviation career at South African Airways in 1989, where he studied as an Aircraft Engineer. After qualifying and spending a few years honing his skills, he realised aviation still had more to offer, so he continued his studies to become a Flight Engineer in 1998, where he operated aircraft such as Boeing 747's and Boeing 727's worldwide for almost a decade whilst pursuing his pilot's license. Gavin flew for many of South Africa's major commercial airlines, such as British Airways/Comair, Safair and Nationwide Airlines between 1999 and 2008. At Nationwide Airlines, Gavin gave instruction and redirected his career into Flight Operations, where he realised his true passion.

In 2008, Gavin joined ExecuJet's Flight Operations Department as Aviation Services Manager and, in 2009, became Flight Operations Manager. His wealth of knowledge allowed him to refine the processes and procedures regarding the regulations and implement a complete aircraft dispatch procedure, a first for General Aviation in South Africa.

Within this role, Gavin's primary focus was overseeing the safe and effective operation of ExecuJet South Africa's extensive fleet of business jet aircraft. In addition, thanks to his broad knowledge base, Gavin proactively supported and grew ExecuJet's FBO, Charter and Managed Aircraft business through diligent and, at times, out-of-the-box thinking.

Gavin's inputs in operations were solidified through his eagerness to nurture international relationships, which was made possible through his extensive travels. This ultimately led him to speak twice at the NBAA International Operators Conference, sharing his and ExecuJet's experiences on several topics, a highlight being South Africa's 2010 World Cup and ExecuJet's memorable contribution in almost exclusively supporting Business Jets from around the world, thanks to Gavin's FBO Team and colleagues.

In 2014, he was promoted to Flight Operations Director - Africa and shortly after that Director of Aviation for Africa.

In November 2017, Gavin was promoted to Vice President Africa, a role he holds with pride and fulfils to the best of his abilities daily.

Following ExecuJet's Aircraft Sales Division reopening, Gavin was recently appointed President of Aircraft Sales and Acquisitions.

Gavin is also on the Board of Directors for the African Business Aviation Association (AfBAA) and the Commercial Aviation Association Southern Africa (CAASA). Recently, he was appointed as the Vice-Chairperson & Treasurer for the African Business Aviation Association (AfBAA).