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Top flight: Zaher Deir (pictured) is managing director of London Ashford Airport. The airport's owners - a subsidiary of FAL Holdings (Riyadh) - are investing greatly in its future in a bid to ease airport congestion problems elsewhere in southern England.

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THE owners of a relatively small airport in south-east England are investing greatly in its future in a bid to ease airport congestion problems elsewhere in southern England. The aim is to transform the airport into one capable of handling two million passengers a year by 2014 as well as growing industry/business and attracting tourists from elsewhere in the United Kingdom and abroad to the area. More than 15 million pounds has been spent on upgrading London Ashford Airport at Lydd in Kent. FAL Holdings (Riyadh) has embarked on a major redevelopment to change Lydd into a modern regional airport and create up to 4,000 jobs in the process.

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