

Kratos Forms Strategic Partnership with Korean Industry Leader to Advance Manned-Unmanned Teaming

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SAN DIEGO, Oct. 27, 2025 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) – Kratos Defense & Security Solutions, Inc. (Nasdaq: KTOS), a leading technology company in the defense, national security, and global markets, today announced the formation of a strategic partnership with Korea Aerospace Industries (KAI), a major Korean defense organization to advance Manned-Unmanned Teaming (MUM-T) technologies and capabilities.

The collaboration builds on Kratos' deep experience in affordable, high-performance tactical unmanned aerial systems—including the XQ-58A Valkyrie, Mako, and Tactical Firejet—and KAI's aerospace technologies. Together, the organizations will work to integrate complementary systems and expertise to accelerate the development of interoperable, next-generation MUM-T solutions that enhance joint force readiness and operational flexibility.

"This partnership represents the next step in evolving how crewed and uncrewed aircraft operate together in contested environments," said Steve Fendley, President of Kratos' Unmanned Systems Division. "By combining Kratos' proven autonomous jet systems with KAI's advanced technologies, we are expanding the boundaries of affordable mass and collaborative combat capability for U.S. and allied forces."

"Kratos has long believed that strategic international partnerships are key to ensuring readiness and deterrence through innovation," said Eric DeMarco, President and CEO of

Kratos. “Our collaboration with KAI, a world-class Korean organization, underscores our shared commitment to developing advanced, interoperable defense technologies that strengthen allied capability, resilience, and industrial cooperation.”

The strategic partnership will focus on joint research, system integration, and evolution of scalable MUM-T applications, including autonomous loyal wingmen, distributed sensing, and collaborative strike missions, all focused on affordable mass. Kratos and KAI will also evaluate opportunities for technology co-development, production, and export in alignment with U.S. and allied defense requirements.