

# Introduction to Axiom Space

Rex Walheim TRISMAC 2024



• As the ISS approaches retirement, Axiom Space builds humanity's next era-defining structure, a commercial destination off the planet that will continue to empower the advancement of civilization on Earth and beyond.



# Mission

Vision

Improve life on Earth and foster possibilities beyond it by building and operating the world's first commercial space station A thriving home in space that benefits every human, everywhere



Expand access to LEO through Private Astronaut Missions and R&D on orbit Build Axiom Station while connected to the International Space Station (ISS) Detach from ISS and operate as an independent platform for breakthrough research & innovation



AX-1 LAUNCHED APR 8, 2022





Larry Connor Ax-1 Pilot USA



Q

Eytan Stibbe



-

Ax-1 Mission Specia



LAUNCHED MAY 21, 2023



Peggy Whitson Ax-2 Commander





Ali Alqarni Ax-2 Mission Specialist Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



Rayyanah Barnawi Ax-2 Mission Specialist Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



-















Marcus Wandt

Sweden



## PHASE 01: PRIVATE ASTRONAUT MISSIONS AX-1 Mission Launched April 8, 2022

- The Ax-1 mission was a pivotal first step along the journey toward Axiom Station.
- Axiom Space and NASA's successful collaboration on the first-ever private astronaut mission to the International Space Station was an historic achievement in expanding access to low-Earth orbit (LEO).
- The Ax-1 mission was a research and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Math) outreachfocused mission with the goal of setting the standard for future private astronaut missions.
- The success of the Ax-1 mission, which included significant scientific research and discovery, increased the return on NASA's investment in the International Space Station and the emerging LEO economy.























SPACE

# Ax-2 Mission Launched May 21, 2023

21

- The Ax-2 mission was Axiom Space's second all-private astronaut mission to the ISS, marking another pivotal step toward Axiom Station, the world's first commercial space station and successor to the ISS.
- The four-person Axiom Space crew flew to space to work and live on the orbiting laboratory, implementing a full manifest of science, outreach, and commercial activities.
- Axiom Space's Director of Human Spaceflight Peggy Whitson, a former NASA astronaut and ISS commander, led the mission. Aviator John Shoffner of Knoxville, Tennessee, served as pilot. The two mission specialists were Ali Algarni and Rayyanah Barnawi from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA).







22

## PHASE 01: PRIVATE ASTRONAUT MISSIONS Ax-2 Science

- The four-person multinational astronaut crew conducted more than 20 STEAM outreach events while aboard the space station, made possible by Axiom Space's full-service integration into the NASA process for science and technology activities onboard the ISS.
- Data collected in-flight will impact understanding of human physiology on Earth and on-orbit, as well as establish the utility of novel technologies that could be used for future human spaceflight pursuits and humankind on Earth.
- Axiom Space's partnerships offer the opportunity to expand the commercial space economy and support commercial innovations and manufacturing of biomedical products and advanced materials in LEO.

NOIXN

### BUILDING A BETTER LIFE ON EARTH



## PHASE 01: PRIVATE ASTRONAUT MISSIONS AX-3 Mission Launched January 18, 2024

- Broke down historical, institutional barriers and redefines access to space for an entire region as the first all-European commercial astronaut mission to the ISS.
- Three countries Italy, Türkiye, Sweden along with the European Space Agency (ESA), had united for the mission, boldly positioning their governments and space agencies as future leaders and customers in low-Earth orbit.
- Set off a transformative effect on international collaboration in space, with the potential to foster partnerships and position European nations as pioneers of the emerging commercial space industry.





BUILDING THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE



# Building the World's First Commercial Space Station

Axiom Space won a full and open competition to connect Axiom Station modules to ISS, as it readies to become the first commercial space station by the time the ISS retires.

## AxH1

Axiom Hab One with crew quarters and manufacturing capabilities

## AxH2

Axiom Hab Two with expanded crew quarters and research capacity

### AxRMF

Axiom Research and Manufacturing Facility is a state-of-the-art research and manufacturing modulo Axiom Power Thermal Module with an expanded environmental, life support, storage and payload capabilities

AxPTM

## Axiom Station

Axiom Station is a self-sustaining orbital platform that has pressurized and unpressurized payload capacity comparable to the ISS

#### PHASE 02: BUILDING AXIOM STATION





PHASE 02: BUILDING AXIOM STATION

# Module Construction is Underway



PHASE 02: BUILDING AXIOM STATION

Module Construction is Underway



#### PHASE 03: FREE-FLYING AXIOM STATION

# Independent Free-Flying Commercial Space Station to Support Customers Around the World

- Prior to the planned decommissioning of the ISS by 2031, the Axiom Station segment will detach from the ISS and form the first-ever, free-flying independent commercial space station.
- The Axiom Station will sustain and expand life and work on orbit for international governments, private industries, and individuals around the world.
- The Axiom Space platform will offer opportunities to support microgravity research and manufacturing in LEO.

BUILDING PROSPERITY THROUGH OPPORTUNITY



6

# Lunar and LEO Spacesuits

- Axiom Space is building two spacesuits in parallel: one supporting the Artemis III lunar mission, and one supporting spacewalking in LEO for the ISS and the future Axiom Station.
- The new spacesuits by Axiom Space are being built from a single, foundational architecture that will provide astronauts with advanced capabilities for space exploration and provide NASA commercially developed human systems needed to access, live, and work in microgravity as well as on and around the Moon.
- These next-generation evolvable spacesuits will replace the forty-plus year-old suits currently in use on the ISS, with innovative solutions that will also provide capabilities to enable astronaut use for future spacewalking in LEO and surface activities on the lunar surface.
- Axiom Space's AxEMU spacesuits accommodate a wide range of crew members. Building off NASA's xEMU spacesuit design, the Axiom Space suits are built to provide increased flexibility and incorporate specialized tools to accomplish exploration needs and expand scientific opportunities in space.

## AXEMU: THE NEXT-GENERATION SPACESUIT AXEMU Spacesuit Highlights

### In-Helmet Radio & Communications +

Various communication devices and redundant UHF radios are used to make sure astronauts always have communication with each other and teams on the ground.

### Portable Life Support System

The PLSS backpack provides everything needed to keep astronauts alive during EVAs. The PLSS contains many items such as batteries, water pumps, oxygen tanks, fans, and many other components.

### Axiom EVA Gloves

The gloves enable the astronaut to use many EVA tools, endure extreme temperatures, and incorporate many new innovative features including the ability to customize the glove fit to each astronaut.

### Helmet and Visor

The AxEMU visor provides protection against the sun's harmful UV rays. The helmet provides impact protection and has attached lights and HD video cameras that transmit exactly what the astronauts see during their EVA back to Mission Control.

### Spacesuit Cover Layers

Custom made cover layers are used for any on-ground exhibits or appearances to protect the spacesuits and Axiom Space's intellectual property integrated within the spacesuit.\*

## - AxEMU Moon Boots

The AxEMU boots are specifically designed for walking on the lunar surface, which can be as cold as -288°C (-397°F). These boots have advanced insulation and inserts that help keep astronauts' feet warm and comfortable.

\*Current design by Esther Marquis, Costume Designer for 'For All Mankind', 'Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings', and much more



#### AXEMU: THE NEXT-GENERATION SPACESUIT



BUILDING FOR BEYOND



