Drag-reducing laminar flow is receiving increasing attention as designers strive to meet aggressive emissions-reduction targets for next-generation aircraft. Carmaker Honda will get a jump on the rest when it begins certification testing of the HondaJet light business jet this year. The HondaJet wing features a natural laminar-flow aerofoil and smooth machined surfaces to minimize drag. The aircraft also has a uniquely shaped nose designed to promote laminar airflow and offset extra drag from the fuselage, which is wider than in other light jets. NASA, meanwhile, is stepping up laminar-flow technology development under its new Environmentally Responsible Aviation program.