

### EDITORIAL NOTE

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The Airbus A320's evolution into a family of four aircraft sizes is a testament to the success and accomplishments of this aircraft since its origin in 1984. Throughout the past 25 years, the A320 family have witnessed a history of constant enhancements to incorporate the most advanced and state of the art technologies on board.

With 78t MTOW offered today, the Airbus A320 enjoys additional range of 150nm or 1 tonne increased payload over longer ranges. In addition, from late 2012 "Sharklets" will be available, saving up to 3.5% in fuel burn.

The first customer for the A320 aircraft with sharklets is the Air New Zealand, while Air Arabia will be the first customer in the Middle East. In

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-  **Emirates Airbus A380 fleet achieve 98% reliability**
-  **Air Arabia chooses 'Sharklets' for its A320 fleet to be delivered in 2013 onwards**
-  **Qatar Airways enters next phase of global expansion with Aleppo as 100<sup>th</sup> destination and first service to Canada from June 2011**
-  **Cathay Pacific Airways takes A330-300 order tally to 500**

### Airline Spotlight: Air Arabia

Air Arabia (PJSC), listed on the Dubai Financial Market, is the Middle East and North Africa's first and largest low-cost carrier (LCC). Commencing operations in October 2003, Air Arabia currently operates a fleet of 27 new Airbus A320 aircraft, serving 67 routes from three hubs in the UAE, Morocco and Egypt.



In 2010, Air Arabia served 4.45 million passengers with a seat load factor – or passengers carried as a percentage of available seats – reaching 83 per cent. By 2016, following the delivery of 44 new Airbus A320s, Air Arabia's total operating fleet will have more than doubled in size.

The airline operates one aircraft type, the Airbus A320 which are all configured with a single class cabin and offer customers with a spacious 32" pitch seating.

Air Arabia was named 'Best Low-Cost Airline' at the Middle East World Travel Awards in 2010 for the third consecutive year, highlighting its ability to consistently deliver best-value services without compromising on quality, despite the tough economic climate.



For his role in setting up the Middle East and North Africa's first low-cost carrier, Air Arabia's CEO, Adel Ali has been awarded the title of world's Low Cost Airline "CEO of the year" every year since 2007.

With an ever-expanding network of destinations and aircraft, Air Arabia is not only one of the largest in the low cost industry in the MENA region, but also among the most efficient and reliable. As a result Air Arabia have won several Airbus awards for operation efficiency and excellence.

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### Aircraft Spotlight: Airbus A320

Since its launch in 1984, Airbus A320 has evolved into a success story of a family of four single aisle aircraft sizes to serve multiple market segments around the world. With over 4,500 aircraft in service world-wide, and over 7,000 sold, the Airbus A320 aircraft has proven to be the most popular passenger aircraft in its class.

The A320 introduced complete fly by wire flight controls, centralized maintenance capability, advanced navigational technology, flight operational commonality with wide-body aircraft and furthered the use of composite materials

With the widest fuselage in its category, the A320 offers business and economy class customers wide-body comfort levels in a single aisle, or allows airlines to use a wider aisle for faster turnarounds. The A320 is also the only single aisle aircraft that has a containerized cargo capability. The A320 today offers airlines the lowest fuel burn and maintenance cost. This is set to be enhanced with the introduction of optional sharklets from

late 2012 and will increase range and reduce fuel burn by up to 3.5%.

Sharklets, together with the 78t MTOW option currently available will offer 200nm more range compared to today's A320.

#### A320 MENA facts:

- Over 360 units sold
- 306 in service
- Flying with 37 airlines

Since 1986 and with the first A320 order in the Middle East by Royal Jordanian, over 360 aircraft of this family have been sold to date.

There are currently over 300 Airbus A320 family aircraft operating with 37 carriers across the MENA region to be joined by additional 200 plus new deliveries as of today.

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