

EDITORIAL NOTE

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Another great Dubai Airshow! Airbus' order intake was the second best we've ever had at Dubai Airshow. No doubt the A320neo has again been the star of the show with strong market demand for fuel-efficient aircraft.

Dubai Airshow coincided with the regional release of our latest Global Market Forecast which re-confirmed the Middle East as one of the most robust aviation regions. It will require 1,921 new passenger and freighter aircraft between 2011 and 2030 at a value of US\$347.4 billion.

Based on this forecast and being uniquely placed with more than 85 per cent of the world's population within reach of a direct flight, the Middle East's fleet will almost treble over the coming 18 years. This is creating pressure to further develop talent base that will manage future growth. Amongst a talent base development initiative, Airbus developed the Future's Day which took place for the first time at this year's Dubai Airshow. Students visited Airbus to find out about exciting career opportunities; keeping in mind that Airbus will recruit at least 3,000 people in 2011, 30 percent of which will be graduates.

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Dubai Airshow boosts A320neo orders and commitments to 1,420

This year, Dubai Airshow was once again the centre stage for the aviation industry in our region. The show succeeded in bringing more than \$63 billion of business in aircraft orders, maintenance services, and flight training programmes. For Airbus, the show also proved to be a success story with orders and commitments amounting to \$20.5 billion for 211 new aircraft including firm orders for 130 A320neo and five (5) A380s.



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CUSTOMER	UNITS	VALUE
QATAR AIRWAYS	50 A320neo (firm order) + (30 options)	\$6.4 billion
	5 A380 (firm order) + (3 options)	
ALAFICO	50 A320neo (firm order) + (30 options)	\$7.3 billion
AVIATION CAPITAL GROUP	30 A320neo (firm order)	
SPIRIT AIRLINES	45 A320neo (committed)	\$6.7 billion
	30 A320 Sharklets (committed)	
COMLUX	1 ACJ321 (committed)	\$100 million
TOTAL		\$20.5 billion

Airbus Global Market Forecast 2011-2030: Middle East requires over 1,920 aircraft worth over US\$347 billion

According to Airbus' latest Global Market forecast (GMF) carriers in the Middle East will require 1,921 new passenger and freighter aircraft (above 100 seats) between 2011 and 2030 valued at US\$347.4 billion. Of these, 1,882 are passenger aircraft (US\$336.3 billion) and 39 are freighter aircraft (US\$11.1 billion).

The main drivers of the continued strong demand for new aircraft include fleet expansion and replacement, greater urbanisation, an increasing number of mega cities and the overall ongoing expansion of the region as a geographical hub and tourist destination.

These factors are driving an above average passenger demand growth rate of 6.4 per cent per year which is well above the world average 4.8 per cent over the next 20 years. This above average growth rate will result in the almost trebling of the regions fleet from over 800 aircraft today to some 2,260 by 2030.

Middle Eastern carriers are increasingly choosing larger aircraft due to the growing

number of global hubs in the region, and particularly within aircraft families for the reduced training and maintenance costs, reduced fuel burn and environmental benefits they bring.

The region's new passenger aircraft requirement includes: 779 single-aisle aircraft, valued at US\$57.3 billion; 801 twin-aisle aircraft valued at US\$179.8 billion and 302 very large aircraft (VLA) such as the A380 valued at US\$99.2 billion. Of these 1,442 aircraft will be necessary for growth and 440 for replacing ageing aircraft with newer more eco-efficient models.

To read the Airbus Global Market Forecast 2011-2030 in full, [click here](#) or visit www.airbus.com/company/market/forecast/