

EDITORIAL NOTE

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The last issue of Asfaar brought to you an African summary from Airbus Global Market Forecast. In this issue, we highlight the North African region which is set to require some 600 aircraft in the coming two decades. Despite the turbulences caused in 2011 by the Arab Spring, North Africa's GDP will continue to grow. This will eventually require development and restructuring on the aviation side to provide a strong infrastructure to North African economies. It's also important to note the great aeronautical development in such markets particularly in Tunisia and Morocco where Airbus and its parent company, EADS, have invested and partnered with the local industrial community for so many years.

Egypt and its flagship carrier are also a key player and contributor to the aviation industry in North Africa and the Arab world. This year Egypt Air celebrates its 80th anniversary, and for that we are proud to feature its success story in this issue.

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Airline Spotlight

EGYPTAIR celebrates 80 years of bringing the riches of Pyramids to the world

If not as old as the legendary 'Bennu bird' of the ancient Egypt, but to call EGYPTAIR as 'one of the longest running airlines' is certainly not an overstatement. The national flag carrier of Egypt, is said to be the first airline in the Middle East and Africa and 7th established airline in the world. It was born in 1932 with initial flights from Cairo to Alexandria using Spartan Cruiser airplanes.

Throughout the past eight decades of operations, and in support of its network expansion, EGYPTAIR has been continuously developing its fleet with modern passenger and cargo aircraft.



EGYPTAIR's strong relations with Airbus goes back to 1979 with its purchase of three A300 aircraft in that year, making it one of our early customers in the region. Today after over three decades, the carrier is flying a fleet of 79 aircraft including 34 Airbus aircraft from three families of single aisle and wide-body. One more A330-300 aircraft is expected to join the EGYPTAIR fleet.



Presently, EGYPTAIR as a member of the Star Alliance group, is continuing to expand its network far and wide that serves more than 70 destinations in 4 continents around the world.

To read more about EGYPTAIR, visit

Airbus GMF: In the next 20 years, North Africa is market for nearly 600 aircraft valued at \$65 billion

The Airbus Global Market Forecast this year sheds new lights on North Africa's air transportation industry and the projected growth associated with this region. With the expected GDP growth rate of 5% between now and 2016, North Africa will be the third fastest growing region. In line with that, and considering the 9% annual growth rate of the past decade, Airbus forecasts North Africa's air traffic to triple by 2030 in RPK terms, and

reach 205 billions per year.

In summary, the above projections would certainly translate into a more lucrative air travel market for this region and increase in demand for commercial aircraft over the next two decades.

In total, North Africa will require nearly 600 new passenger and freighter aircraft* by 2030.

Market value of \$65 billion



439 single-aisle aircraft

49% by business value

123 twin-aisle aircraft





40% by business value

24 very large aircraft

1% by business value

* Passenger aircraft (≥ 100 seats) and jet freight aircraft (>10 tons)



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