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As we celebrated this summer Emirates' five years of A380 service, this aircraft continues to dominate the Very Large Aircraft (VLA) market with a forecasted requirement for 1,334 VLA passenger aircraft as per Airbus Global Market Forecast (GMF).

Aviation is becoming increasingly accessible in all parts of the world and air traffic is growing at 4.7 per cent annually indicating that by 2032, the worldwide fleet will double to nearly 36,560 aircraft to handle such growth.

Larger aircraft like the A380 combined with higher load factors make the most efficient use of limited slots and contribute to rising passenger numbers without additional flights as announced by London's Heathrow Airport.

Watch this space for more on Airbus GMF in the next issue.

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✪ Airbus CEO Fabrice Brégier gets first-hand experience of A350 XWB



✪ Qatar Airways' first A380 takes off for its maiden flight

✪ Deliveries this month: (August and September)

- 2 Air Arabia A320s
- 2 Emirates A380s
- Nasair A320

SPOTLIGHT

Emirates celebrates five years of A380 service



This year Emirates is celebrating 5 years service of its A380 fleet. It was the summer of 2008 in which the double-decker Airbus aircraft made its first flight with Emirates.

Since then, the airline has made significant achievements utilising the A380 aircraft. While

carrying nearly 19 million passengers, by this year, Emirates has been taking delivery of a new A380 approximately every 52 days on average. In addition, The Dubai based carrier is due to receive another 53 units of this aircraft, making it the world's largest A380 customer.

Today Emirates is operating 37 of the Airbus A380 aircraft to 21 destinations around the world and as far as Sydney, Australia covering a distance of over 7,000 nm.

We proudly congratulate Emirates on their 5th anniversary of A380 service while awaiting for many more successes to come with the new Queen of the Skies, the Airbus A380.

Sharklet 'hat-trick' is complete with the first A321 Sharklets delivery

After having delivered the A319, and A320 aircraft with Sharklets, last week was the time for the A321 aircraft with Sharklets to complete the hat-trick with delivery of the latest of the fuel saving single aisle family.

On September 6th, Finnish national carrier and A321 Sharklets launch customer, Finnair, was the first to receive this aircraft type.

Deliveries of the A320ceo with Sharklets began in December 2012 with the first aircraft handover to AirAsia – the largest low-cost carrier in Asia and the biggest A320 Family airline customer.

The Sharklets bring four per cent savings in overall fuel consumption on long route sectors to A320 aircraft, while also improving takeoff performance and increasing payload by as much as 450 kg – allowing for additional range or more passengers to be carried.

In our region, currently Air Arabia, Etihad Airways, and Nasair are the carriers operating the A320 with Sharklets (soon to be joined by Qatar Airways) and we expect more of

our customers to take advantage of this fuel saving development.

The A321 is the largest member of the best-selling single aisle A320 Family. The Family has the lowest seat mile costs of any single aisle aircraft and with the widest cabin in its sector, it has wider seats and/or wider aisle, more personal space and better comfort in all classes.



To date, more than 9,800 aircraft from the Family have been ordered and over 5,700 have been delivered to more than 390 customers and operators worldwide.

Currently, our customers in MENA have ordered a total of 513 A320 family aircraft, have taken delivery of 347 (incl. new leased), and 228 more to be delivered. As of now, there are more than 340 A320 family aircraft serving the airlines which are based in the MENA region.