

## Press Release

## Philippine Airlines selects Airbus Flight Hour Services maintenance solution for its A350-900 fleet

- Airbus' FHS reaffirms its leading position on the A350 XWB both globally and in the Asia-Pacific region.
- FHS contract to support PAL's long-haul services to North America and Europe.

**Manila, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018** – Philippine Airlines (PAL) has selected Airbus Flight Hour Services (FHS) to support the maintenance requirements of the Philippine flag carrier's A350-900 aircraft with the signing of an FHS-Components Maintenance contract, the first comprehensive maintenance solution in the Asia-Pacific region exclusive to PAL's fleet of six A350-900s.

The Airbus FHS, powered by Skywise, provides the highest reliability for operators of the A350. Under the agreement, Airbus will handle component services, repair, warehousing and transportation for PAL, supported by Airbus FHS pools in Hong-Kong. It will allow for a proactive component engineering, with strong engineering focus that enables operators to predict in-service issues. This will lead to an improvement in operations by reducing delays, and help to simplify troubleshooting.

The Airbus FHS will be strengthened by Airbus' data platform Skywise, taking advantage of state-of-the-art data hosting and analytics to optimise the airline fleet utilisation. This new service will harness 'big data' to greatly enhance levels of operational performance, compared with current industry technologies.

PAL will receive the first of six A350-900 in July 2018. The FHS contract will support the airline in its operations to New York and other long-haul service to North America and Europe.

Airbus FHS' scope encompasses fully integrated component services, aircraft engineering and maintenance management, to enable the highest levels of aircraft availability and dispatch performance. Through FHS, airlines can leverage Airbus' wide and flexible portfolio of products and services, supported by its global team of aerospace professionals.

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