

## Cathay Group orders the A330neo

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**Toulouse, 7 August 2024** - Hong Kong's Cathay Group has placed a firm order with Airbus for 30 A330-900 widebody aircraft. The order follows a thorough evaluation by the airline under its mid-size widebody fleet renewal programme.

The newly-ordered aircraft will gradually replace the carrier's earlier generation A330-300 fleet and will be operated on high capacity regional routes. The range capability of the aircraft would also offer flexibility to serve long haul destinations. As with all A330neo aircraft, the fleet will be powered by the latest generation Rolls-Royce Trent 7000 engines.

Cathay Group Chief Executive Officer Ronald Lam said: "As Cathay enters the final stretch of our rebuilding journey, we are firmly turning the page to future growth, both in terms of scope and quality. We are delighted to announce this new order for state-of-the-art A330neo aircraft. This substantial investment reflects not only our immense confidence in Hong Kong's leading international aviation hub status, but also represents our commitment to fostering our home city's ongoing development."

"The A330 is an aircraft model that has been serving Cathay Pacific well over the years. These new aircraft will principally serve our regional destinations in Asia, while also providing the flexibility to serve longer-haul destinations at a later stage. The improved fuel and cost efficiencies of these A330neos, together with their high standards of comfort and safety, will enable us to further elevate the experience we provide for our customers while also contributing towards our goal of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050."

Benoît de Saint-Exupéry, EVP Sales Airbus Commercial Aircraft said: "This latest order from Cathay, one of the world's most experienced A330 operators, is a major endorsement of the A330neo. It is the natural successor for existing A330 fleets, offering the highest levels of technical and operational commonality and bringing significant reductions in fuel consumption and carbon emissions."

"At Cathay, the A330neo will become the backbone of its regional widebody operations. Together with its A320 Family and A350 fleets, the airline will be able to take full benefit from the unique synergies of the latest generation Airbus product line."

The A330-900 is capable of flying 7,200 nm / 13,330 km non-stop and features the award-winning Airspace cabin offering a superior flight experience. As with all Airbus aircraft,

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the A330neo is already able to operate with up to 50% Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), with aim to increase this to 100% by 2030.

At the end of July, the A330 Family had won 1,805 firm orders from more than 130 customers worldwide, with 1,469 aircraft in service on long, medium and short haul routes around the world.

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