

Press Release

Saudi Arabian Airlines to boost A320neo Family fleet up to 100

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Le Bourget, 18 June 2019 – Saudi Arabian Airlines, the national flag carrier of Saudi Arabia, has decided to expand its existing A320neo Family order from 35 to as many as 100 NEO aircraft including 35 options. The additional firm order takes SAUDIA's order of A320neo Family aircraft to 65 of which 15 are A321XLRs.

The agreement was announced at the Paris Air Show by His Excellency Eng. Saleh bin Nasser Al-Jasser, Director General of Saudi Arabian Airlines Corporation and Christian Scherer, Airbus Chief Commercial Officer.

Passenger demand in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is experiencing strong growth on domestic, regional and international routes. The additional aircraft will be deployed to support the national carrier's plan to boost capacity. Airbus and SAUDIA have also agreed to further expand their partnership with the development of technical training, maintenance and other services.

SAUDIA is the biggest Airbus operator in the Kingdom and currently operates a portfolio of 100 Airbus aircraft comprising A320neo Family and A330neo. This latest purchase is in line with the Group's Transformation Program, which includes the establishment and growth of a dual-brand strategy of operating airlines catering to the different customer segments in the Kingdom, the region and beyond.

The A320neo and its derivative aircraft Family members are the world's best-selling single aisle aircraft with over 6,500 orders from more than 100 customers. It incorporates an industry-leading cabin design and latest generation engines, delivering 20% fuel savings alone. The A320neo also offers also a 50% reduction in noise footprint compared to previous generation aircraft.

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About Saudia

Saudi Arabian Airlines (SAUDIA) is the national carrier of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Currently in its 74th year of operations, the airline is a member of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and the Arab Air Carriers Organization (AACO). At the 2017 Skytrax Awards held at the Paris Air Show, SAUDIA was awarded "World's Most Improved Airline" of the year. The award recognizes an airline's growth and improvement across a number of categories, in a single year. SAUDIA joined the SkyTeam alliance in 2012 and is one of 19 member airlines. The airline has 12 codeshare partners including: Czech Airlines, Garuda Indonesia, China Southern Airlines, Air France, Royal Air Maroc, Alitalia, Korean Airlines, KLM, Middle East Airlines, Aeroflot, Air Europa and Oman Air.

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