

ACJ display points way to future of business aviation

Echoes trend toward more spacious cabins

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4th December 2018 – Airbus Corporate Jets (ACJ) is exhibiting an ACJ319 at the MEBA show¹, highlighting the comfort and space on offer, and echoing the trend towards larger cabins in new-generation business jets.

Operated by Acropolis Aviation of the UK, which is upgrading to an ACJ320neo to benefit from improved fuel efficiency and range, the aircraft is offered for VVIP charter flights.

“What you get in the cabin, and being able to fly when and where you want, is the bedrock of business aviation, and being able to stand upright and move around freely – a trademark feature of Airbus corporate jets – makes a huge difference to enjoyment and productivity,” says ACJ President Benoit Defforge.

Airbus ACJ320 Family aircraft have the widest and tallest cabins of any large business-jet, while being about the same size and delivering similar operating costs.

New members of the family, such as the ACJ319neo and ACJ320neo, feature new engines and wingtip-mounted Sharklets, enabling even longer intercontinental flights in the best comfort and space that money can buy - as well as saving fuel and reducing operating costs.

The first of these new aircraft, an ACJ320neo for Acropolis Aviation, successfully completed flight trials in November, and will be delivered for outfitting in the coming weeks. It will join more than 500 A320neo Family aircraft that are already in widespread airline service.

A total of 11 ACJ320neo Family aircraft have been ordered to date, from customers that include Acropolis Aviation, Comlux, K5 Aviation and undisclosed customers.

Continuous improvements mean that the ACJ319neo can fly eight passengers 6,750 nm/12,500 km or more than 15 hours, while the ACJ320neo can transport 25 passengers 6,000 nm/11,100 km or more than 13 hours.

The Middle East is one of the biggest business-jet markets in the world, and was where Airbus sold its first corporate jet in the mid-Eighties. Around 60 ACJs are currently flying in the Middle East, comprising about 40 ACJ320 Family aircraft and some 20 VIP widebodies.

It is thus a key market for Airbus' VIP widebodies - such as the new ACJ330neo and ACJ350 XWB - which can carry even more passengers and fly nonstop to the world.

More than 190 ACJs are in service today, delivering the robust reliability and worldwide support that comes from their airliner heritage, plus services tailored to corporate jet needs.

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¹ Middle East Business Aviation Association show in Dubai from 10 to 12th December

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About the A320neo Family

The A320neo Family is the world's best-selling single aisle aircraft with over 6,200 orders from more than 100 customers since its launch in 2010. It incorporates latest technologies including new generation engines and Sharklet wing tip devices, which together deliver more than 15 percent in fuel savings from day one and 20 percent by 2020 with further cabin innovations. The A320neo also offers significant environmental performance with nearly 50 percent reduction in noise footprint compared to previous generation aircraft.

About Airbus Corporate Jets

Airbus Corporate Jets (ACJ) creates the world's most rewarding flying experiences for customers by providing them with unique expertise, the finest service, best technology and highest standards of care in corporate aviation. All Airbus corporate jets come from the most modern aircraft family on the market, derived from Airbus' successful market-leading jetliners.

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About Airbus

Airbus is a global leader in aeronautics, space and related services. In 2017 it generated revenues of € 59 billion restated for IFRS 15 and employed a workforce of around 129,000. Airbus offers the most comprehensive range of passenger airliners from 100 to more than 600 seats. Airbus is also a European leader providing tanker, combat, transport and mission aircraft, as well as one of the world's leading space companies. In helicopters, Airbus provides the most efficient civil and military rotorcraft solutions worldwide.

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