

Media Release



AWAS delivers first of six A330-300 aircraft to Singapore Airlines

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Dublin based lessor, AWAS, delivered the first of six A330-300 aircraft to Singapore Airlines today. The ceremony which took place in Toulouse was attended by senior level representatives from AWAS, Airbus and Singapore Airlines.

Powered by Rolls-Royce Trent 700 engines, the A330 fleet will be operated by the carrier on regional and medium haul routes, initially linking Singapore with destinations in Australia and Japan. The airline is configuring its A330s in a high comfort layout seating 285 passengers in two classes, with accommodation for 30 in Business Class and 255 in Economy. This is the first aircraft of this type Singapore Airlines will operate in their fleet.

"The delivery of the A330s continues the ongoing process of renewal of our fleet," said Mak Swee Wah, Executive Vice President, Operations and Services at Singapore Airlines. "These aircraft also help fill capacity gaps in the regional and medium haul fleet prior to the delivery of the next generation of wide-body airplanes, such as the A350, in future years."

"The delivery of these new aircraft also provides us the opportunity to enhance our product offering to customers on regional and medium haul routes. This reaffirms our commitment to constant innovation of the products and services we offer to customers, tailored around their needs on particular flights", he added.

Frank Pray, President & Chief Executive Officer at AWAS said: "This is the first of six A330 aircraft that AWAS will deliver to Singapore Airlines over the next year. This significant delivery marks the beginning of our goal to further diversify our aircraft portfolio and broaden the appeal to our airline customers. We are delighted to add Singapore Airlines, a premium global carrier to our list of valued customers".

"This delivery marks another milestone in the long partnership between Singapore Airlines and Airbus," said Tom Enders, President & Chief Executive Officer at Airbus, "With the super-efficient A330 in its fleet the airline will be able to take full advantage of the aircraft's proven passenger appeal and low operating costs, while also benefiting from its high level of commonality with the A380 and A340."

Mr Enders added: "Today's delivery also strengthens our relationship with AWAS, whose confidence in the A330 underscores the attractiveness of the aircraft within the financial community as a strong asset offering excellent returns on investment and high residual values."

About AWAS

Headquartered in Dublin, with offices in New York, Miami, and Singapore, AWAS is one of the largest aircraft leasing companies in the world. The company is managed by a highly experienced team of commercial aviation industry professionals serving markets in The Americas, Europe, Middle East, and Asia/Pacific.

AWAS owns a portfolio of more than 215 modern aircraft with a further 132 aircraft on order from Airbus and Boeing including a number of next generation aircraft. The aircraft portfolio is on lease to over 90 airline customers in 45 countries. The AWAS fleet features a full range of aircraft types and the company became one of the first lessors to order both the Boeing 787 and the Airbus A350XWB.

Through the order of up to 50 new Boeing aircraft and up to 100 Airbus aircraft in 2007, AWAS now offers new fuel-efficient and environmentally friendly aircraft to their customers.

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