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Saudi Arabian Airlines, the national carrier of Saudi Arabia will become the first airline in the world to operate the new Airbus A330-300 Regional.
These popular fuel-efficient Airbus widebody and single-aisle aircraft will join Saudi Arabian Airlines existing Airbus fleet of twelve A330-300s and 50 A320 Family.
Passenger demand in Saudi Arabia is experiencing high growth both on domestic and regional routes. The new A330-300 Regional variant, specially designed for regional and domestic operations, is Airbus solution for markets with large populations and fast growing, concentrated air traffic flows. The A330-300 Regional is set to boost capacity on several of Saudi Arabian Airlines most in-demand routes, enabling the airline to better serve the Saudi Arabian and regional travelling public.
Saleh bin Nasser Al-Jasser, Director General Saudi Arabian Airlines, said: "The A330-300 Regionals unique flexibility, high capacity and operational capabilities will enable us to expand our domestic and regional network and better absorb growing passenger traffic. Introducing the A330-300 Regional in our current fleet is an ideal choice and follows our previous commitment to a family of aircraft which already successfully helped us achieve our ambitions," he added.
"We salute Saudi Arabian Airlines for becoming the launch operator of the A330-300 Regional. We see a significant market opportunity for this exceptional aircraft, which is part of Airbus best-selling widebody Family. The A330 features a unique combination of unbeatable economics and fuel efficiency. Undoubtedly the A330-300 Regional will support Saudi Arabian Airlines to expand its network in the region in the most efficient way by offering increased capacity and world-class comfort," said John Leahy, Airbus Chief Operating Officer, Customers.
The A330-300 Regional is optimized to seat up to 400 passengers in Airbus best in class 18 inch wide economy seat comfort on missions up to 3,000 nm and offers significant cost savings through a reduced operational weight of around 200 tonnes. The reduction in fuel burn per seat and maintenance costs will result in an overall cost reduction by up to 26% compared with the todays long-range A330-300. In addition, the A330 Regional benefits from the latest A350 XWB and A380 technologies.
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In addition to the A330-300 Regional, Saudi Arabian Airlines has also chosen to grow its A320 Family fleet with more of the worlds most flexible, productive and comfortable single aisle aircraft on the market.
The A320 Family
The A320 Family is the worlds best-selling single aisle product line with more than 11,700 orders to date and more than 6,500 aircraft delivered. Thanks to its widest cabin, all members of the A320 Family offer the industrys best level of comfort in all classes and Airbus 18 wide seats in economy as standard.
The A330 Family
Being member of the Airbus leading widebody family, and reflecting the markets continued demand for high efficiency, comfort and reliability, the A330 Family has won more than 1,500 firm orders from over 100 customers worldwide and has more than 1,100 aircraft in operation.
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