

### **ETIHAD AIRWAYS ORDERS FIRST AIRBUS A380 AND BOEING 787 FULL FLIGHT SIMULATORS**

Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, has purchased seven state-of-the-art full flight simulators (FFS) which will be based at the airline's world class training academy in Abu Dhabi.

The deal with Canadian manufacturer CAE, worth more than US\$ 200m at list prices, will see Etihad Airways take delivery of its first Airbus A380 and Boeing 787 FFS, and will support the airline's growing training requirements.

In total Etihad Airways has ordered three Boeing 787 FFS, one Airbus A380 FFS, one Airbus A350 FFS, and two Airbus A320 FFS. All are CAE 7000 Series models. The airline currently has four CAE FFS: one Boeing 777, one Airbus A320 and two Airbus A330/340s.

A multimillion dollar extension project is currently being undertaken at the training academy and is due for completion in early November 2013, with the first of the new FFS, an A320, scheduled for delivery later that month. The remaining FFS will arrive during the following 12 months.

James Hogan, Etihad Airways' President and Chief Executive, said: "The pilot training requirements for Etihad Airways, as well as members of our equity alliance, continue to grow and these new full flight simulators will ensure we are ideally placed for the next phase in our expansion.

"We place great emphasis on the efficiency of our operations and the safety of our passengers and this deal means we will be using the most advanced training technologies for the broadest range of aircraft types. The construction work at the training academy will double its size and eventually house 11 full flight simulators and be among the best in the world."

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The deal with CAE includes update services for the FFS and an exclusive 10-year agreement for training equipment and services. The flight training devices include CAE Simfinity Airbus Pilot Transition trainers and CAE Simfinity Integrated Procedures Trainers.

CAE will continue to update Etihad Airways' existing four CAE-built FFS to the latest aircraft configurations and technology. The technology includes the latest generation CAE Tropos 6000 XR visual system.

H.E. Arif Lalani, Canada's Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, said: "This long term agreement between Etihad Airways and CAE demonstrates the economic opportunities that result from the strong and innovative commercial relationships that exist between our two countries.

"I am proud that Canadian simulation and training technology and expertise from CAE will continue to be one of the cornerstones supporting the rapidly growing pilot training requirements of Etihad Airways."

Nick Leontidis, CAE's Group President, Civil Simulation Products, Training and Services, said: "We are delighted to continue growing our relationship with Etihad Airways, one of the world's fastest growing airlines, and to support the airline with its growing pilot training needs.

"The sophistication of the full flight simulators and software technology is breathtaking and will serve the airline, and its partners, very well over the coming decade."

Etihad Airways currently has a fleet of 77 Airbus and Boeing narrow and wide body aircraft, and more than 90 aircraft on firm order, including 41 Boeing 787-9 Dreamliners and 10 Airbus 380s, the world's largest passenger aircraft.

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## **About Etihad Airways**

Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, began operations in 2003, and in 2012 carried 10.3 million passengers. From its hub at Abu Dhabi International Airport, Etihad Airways serves 94 passenger and cargo destinations in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia and the Americas, with a fleet of 77 Airbus and Boeing aircraft, and over 90 aircraft on firm order, including 41 Boeing 787-9 Dreamliners and 10 Airbus A380s, the world's largest passenger aircraft. Etihad Airways also holds equity investments in airberlin, Air Seychelles, Virgin Australia, Aer Lingus and, subject to regulatory approval, will acquire 24 per cent of India's Jet Airways. For more information, please visit: [www.etihad.com](http://www.etihad.com)

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CAE (NYSE: CAE; TSX: CAE) is a global leader in modeling, simulation and training for civil aviation and defense. The company employs approximately 8,000 people at more than 100 sites and training locations in approximately 30 countries. CAE offers civil aviation, military, and helicopter training services in more than 45 locations worldwide and trains approximately 100,000 crewmembers yearly. In addition, the CAE Oxford Aviation Academy offers training to aspiring pilot cadets in 11 CAE-operated flight schools. CAE's business is diversified, ranging from the sale of simulation products to providing comprehensive services such as training and aviation services, integrated enterprise solutions, in-service support and crew sourcing. The company applies simulation expertise and operational experience to help customers enhance safety, improve efficiency, maintain readiness and solve challenging problems. CAE is leveraging its simulation capabilities in new markets such as healthcare and mining.

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