

Saudia expands fleet, modernizes products

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Dhaka: Saudia, the national flag carrier of Saudi Arabia, is embarking on an ambitious phase of growth with significant fleet expansion and modernization initiatives, designed to elevate the airline's global stature and enhance its guests' travel experience.

The airline has announced a major fleet expansion with agreements to acquire 49 Boeing 787 Dreamliners and 54 Airbus A321neo aircraft. The Boeing 787s will enhance long-haul capabilities for global expansion, while the Airbus A321neos offer modern amenities, comfort, and environmental efficiency, said a release.

These new aircraft support Saudia's growth objectives, aligning with Saudi Vision 2030 to boost passenger capacity, expand global destinations, and increase Hajj and Umrah pilgrim numbers.

Saudia has partnered with Collins Aerospace to install newly designed Business and Economy Class seats on its incoming Boeing 787 fleet,

beginning in early 2026. This partnership includes a comprehensive retrofit program for the airline's Airbus A330 and Boeing 777 fleet, set to commence in late 2025 and conclude by 2027.

All wide-body aircraft will feature private Business Class suites, delivering an increased level of comfort and privacy, further mentioned the release.

Additionally, Saudia has signed a major agreement with Panasonic Avionics to install its state-of-the-art Astrova in Saudia, equipping up to 30 aircraft with its cutting-edge Astrova in-flight entertainment and connectivity (IFEC) system.

This advanced solution will feature ultra-HD 4K OLED screens and personalized entertainment options, elevating the passenger experience to new heights.

The agreement includes installations on 12 Airbus A330s and 18 Boeing 777s, showcasing Saudia's commitment to redefining digital experiences onboard.

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