Emirates Group hits new half-year profit record for 2025-26

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Dubai, UAE, 06 November 2025: The Emirates Group comprising Emirates airline, dnata and other concerns today announced a new record half-year financial performance, posting a profit before tax of US$ 3.3 billion for the first six months of 2025-26 (between 1 April and 30 September 2025), making this the fourth consecutive year of record profitability for the half-year reporting period.

After accounting for income tax charges, the Group's profit after tax is US$ 2.9 billion, up 13% from last year. Illustrating its strong operating performance, the Group maintained a robust EBITDA of US$ 5.7 billion, 3% higher than reported for the same period last year. Group revenue was US$ 20.6 billion for the first six months of 2025-26, up 4% from last year.

Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, Chairman and Chief Executive, Emirates Airline and Group said: “This performance was primarily driven by the unflagging demand and growing customer preference for our product and services, which drove revenue growth and profitability.”

Sheikh Ahmed added: “Global demand for air transport and travel services has been buoyant, despite geo-political events and economic concerns in some markets. We expect this demand resilience to continue for the rest of 2025-26 and look forward to increasing our capacity to grow revenues as new A350 aircraft join the Emirates fleet, and new facilities come online at dnata.”

Cementing its position as the world’s most profitable airline for the half year reporting period, Emirates airline’s profit before tax for the first half of 2025-26 hit a new record of US$ 3.1 billion, compared to US$ 2.6 billion last year. Emirates profit after tax is US$ 2.7 billion, up 13% from last year. Emirates revenue, including other operating income, of US$ 17.9 billion was up 6% compared to the same period last year. Emirates’ cargo transportation division- SkyCargo transported 1.25 million tonnes in the first six months of the year, up by 4% compared to the same period last year.

The other major concer of the Group- dnata saw strong growth in the first six months of 2025-26, as it continued to ramp up operations across its cargo and ground handling, catering and retail, and travel services businesses. dnata achieved a new record half-year revenue, crossing the US$ 3.0 billion mark for the first time for this reporting period. dnata’s revenue, including other operating income, of US$ 3.2 billion increased by 13% compared to the same period last year. Overall profit before tax for dnata is US$ 230 million, up by 17% from the same period last year. dnata’s profit after tax is US$ 190 million, up 22% from last year.

Currently, the Emirates Group’s employee base, compared to 31 March 2025, grew 3% to an overall count of 124,927 on 30 September 2025. Both Emirates and dnata have ongoing recruitment drives to support their future requirements.

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