

Qatar Airways orders 20 more Boeing 777-9s

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Farnborough, UK: Qatar Airways has expanded its order of Boeing 777X aircraft to include 20 Boeing 777-9s.

The airline placed the order on the second day of the Farnborough International Airshow.

The new order is in addition to the airline's existing order of 40 Boeing 777-9 commercial aircraft, bringing the total to 94 commercial and cargo Boeing 777X aircraft. The announcement also includes a commitment for 40 additional GE9X engines and spare engines, as well as a long-term services agreement.

"Qatar Airways is proud to announce an expansion to the existing Boeing 777X aircraft order with an additional 20, totaling 94 Boeing 777X aircraft. We are an industry leader and operate one of the youngest fleets, offering unparalleled innovation and quality. Keeping an eye on the future, we continue to ensure that all Qatar Airways passengers are only met with the best products and services available in the industry," Qatar Airways group CEO Engr. Badr Mohammed Al-Meer said.

"Qatar Airways is a leader in our industry, and we are honored the airline added 20 more 777-9 jets to its large Boeing order book. We appreciate their confidence that Boeing's market-leading widebody

family will provide outstanding fuel efficiency and a superior passenger experience for its global operations,” added Boeing Commercial Airplanes president and CEO Stephanie Pope.

On the first day of the airshow, Qatar Airways showcased Qsuite Next Gen, the latest version of its business class, which will be featured on the 20 additional Boeing 777-9 aircraft, amongst other aircraft. The Qsuite Next Gen includes updated features such as movable monitors with Bluetooth connectivity, companion suits with window views, larger lie-flat and double beds, lockable drawers, touchscreen passenger control units and more.

In addition to the 777X family, Qatar Airways has 12 787 Dreamliner and 25 737 MAX aircraft on order.

Boeing’s 2024 Commercial Market Outlook forecasts that twin-aisle jets such as its 777X and 787 Dreamliner will make up 44pc of the region’s fleet across Middle Eastern operators over the next 20 years.

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