



# RYANAIR INTERESTED IN EXTRA BOEING 737 JETS IF ORDERS CANCELED

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**Ryanair Holdings Plc could snap up more Boeing Co. 737s should other carriers shy away from orders amid softening demand, Chief Executive Office Michael O'Leary said.**

**Ryanair is interested in sourcing extra single-aisle planes, even though it has 115 current generation 737-800s due for delivery over the next few years followed by 100 updated 737 Max 200s arriving from 2019, and is also exploring a further Max order.**

**“If additional slots became available in 2017 or 2018 we'd happily take them,” O'Leary said in an interview in London. “If Boeing have more cancellations and all of a sudden instead of having oversold their order book they now have unplaced aircraft, I'm sure they'll come back to us.”**

The additional planes would replace some of Ryanair's older 737-800s, the CEO said, adding that the carrier struck a similar deal for 15 surplus -800s earlier this decade, taking delivery in 2014 and 2015. Boeing doesn't comment on client discussions, spokesman Doug Alder said by e-mail.

Ryanair is meanwhile continuing talks with Boeing over exercising options for 100 more Max 200s, a higher density upgrade of the 737-800 for which the Dublin-based company is the launch

customer. A final decision on a follow-on order doesn't need to be taken until 2018, O'Leary said.

With Boeing and Airbus Group SE each accelerating production of their single-aisle jets to about 60 a month by the end of the decade from 42 now, Ryanair could expect to get hefty discounts if deferrals and cancellations increase.

"It all depends on the price; if we could get them for free we would take a huge amount," O'Leary quipped.



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