



THAI SMARTLYNX RECEIVES MAIDEN AIRCRAFT DELIVERY

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Thai SmartLynx reached a major milestone with the arrival of its first Airbus A320-200 at Don Mueang International Airport on Friday, 22 August 2025. The aircraft delivery represents the final step in the airline's application process for an Air Operator Certificate from the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand. Thai SmartLynx will provide flexible fleet management solutions through its ACMI business model, designed to support Thailand's seasonal aircraft capacity needs.

Martynas Grigas, Chairman of Thai SmartLynx commented: "Today's aircraft delivery represents more than just a proud moment for the company, it is a powerful symbol of our commitment to supporting Thailand's aviation and tourism sector. ACMI provides a turnkey solution by delivering not only the aircraft but also crew, maintenance, and insurance. This allows our client airlines to scale operations during peak demand or cover grounded aircraft without the need for significant investment or long-term commitments."

According to IATA, aviation-driven tourism contributes [USD22.2 billion](#) to Thailand's GDP and employs 3.2 million people. The introduction of ACMI solutions in Thailand comes at a timely moment, aligning with the Tourism Authority of Thailand's [strategy](#) to diversify tourism offerings and encourage foreign tourists to explore destinations beyond Thailand's major tourist cities.

The aircraft arrival coincides with the opening of Thai SmartLynx's new operations office at Don Mueang International Airport (DMK), reinforcing the airline's commitment to establishing a strong base in Thailand. Stationing its operations office at DMK allows the company to respond quickly to

customer requirements, improve operational efficiency, and foster closer collaboration with airline partners.

Renowned for its versatility, fuel efficiency and reliability, the Airbus A320 will serve as the cornerstone of Thai SmartLynx's fleet. The airline plans to gradually expand its fleet with additional A320 aircraft to provide cost-effective ACMI solutions for both Thai and regional carriers. These will provide airlines with the capability to trial new routes, add temporary capacity, or optimise networks without heavy upfront capital expenditure.

With certification under way, Thai SmartLynx is set to play an important role in supporting airlines during peak demand and strengthening connectivity in the region. The airline looks ahead to expanding its fleet and delivering reliable ACMI solutions that contribute to the growth of Thailand's aviation sector.

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