



# ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES PREPARES TO LAUNCH PRIVATE JET SERVICE

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**Ethiopian Airlines is preparing to launch private jet services for passengers traveling between the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa and other African cities.** The scheduled operator, which is part of the Star Alliance, is currently working on a feasibility study for a new division called ET Executive. It has yet to specify which aircraft types it would use for the flights, but CEO Tewolde Gebremariam told AIN that he expects to have a requirement for jets seating between 10 and 20 passengers.

Also still to be determined are the terms under which the flights would be offered and whether they would operate on a scheduled or ad hoc charter basis. “We hope to finalize the business plan in the near future,” Gebremariam said.

Addis Ababa is the headquarters for the African Union, which is a significant generator of airline traffic. Ethiopian Airlines currently has a fleet of 76 aircraft, most of them Boeings. It has 42 more aircraft on order, among them 14 Airbus A350-900s.

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