LUFTHANSA TECHNIK MALTA COMPLETES ITS FIRST BOEING 787 CABIN MODIFICATION

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Lufthansa Technik successfully completed its first Boeing 787 Dreamliner cabin modification at its European Center of Excellence for widebody Base Maintenance Services in Malta. This strategic achievement marks an important step for Lufthansa Technik Malta's growing widebody service portfolio. The comprehensive modification included the removal and installation of a new seating configuration and a full upgrade of cabin monuments designed to enhance comfort, efficiency, and passenger experience.

The program is carried out in close collaboration with the aircraft manufacturer Boeing, which contracted and supported the modification package, as well as with the operator Lufthansa. It featured significant technical complexity, including the conversion of a bay in Malta to accommodate increased space requirements, and involved substantial logistical efforts due to the replacement of an existing cabin with a new one. A further six cabin modifications of this type are

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scheduled to be completed in Malta until the end of the year.

Marcus Motschenbacher, Vice President and Chief Operations Officer Aircraft Maintenance Services at Lufthansa Technik commented: “Completing our first Boeing 787 cabin modification is a proud moment for the entire team. This program showcases our technical capabilities, our reliability, and the dedication of our workforce. The 787 platform requires deep expertise, and our ability to deliver this project with precision and on time clearly demonstrates that we are ready to support even more widebody projects in the future.”

Lindsey Douglas, Vice President, Cabin, Modifications, Maintenance & Digital Services at Boeing stated: “This collaboration between Boeing and Lufthansa Technik helps to expand post-delivery retrofit options for the 787 Dreamliner fleet. As a Boeing Licensed Service Center, Lufthansa Technik will add vital capacity to deliver tailored cabin modifications that meet the unique needs of the flying fleet.”

“I am very pleased that Lufthansa Technik and Boeing teamed up to bring new technology aircraft more quickly into our operations,” said Thomas Spriesterbach, Accountable Manager Part-145 & NPCA at Lufthansa Airlines Technical Fleet Management. “Especially the new Allegris cabin installed here in Malta is the game changer for our passengers. A big thank you to the Lufthansa Technik team, who made the installation seamless.”

Lufthansa Technik Malta is expanding its location and capacities: From the end of 2026, a new 6,400-square-meter hangar will be used to carry out Base Maintenance Services, particularly cabin modifications on 787 Dreamliner aircraft. The modern new building will provide space for one widebody aircraft. Additionally, three parking spots for narrowbody aircraft will be established. With the addition of a new hangar, which will be attached to the existing buildings, Lufthansa

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Technik Malta will have a total of four hangars capable of carrying out MRO on nearly all commercial Airbus aircraft – except the A380 – as well as on the Boeing 787 Dreamliner.

In 2024, Boeing and Lufthansa Technik announced the agreement to designate Lufthansa Technik as the first Boeing licensed Service Center for cabin modifications on 787 Dreamliner aircraft, bringing additional choice and capacity to the market. As a BLSC for 787 cabin modifications, Lufthansa Technik can design a new cabin interior, provide the associated engineering and perform the integration in accordance with the customer's wishes. Along with the license granted by Boeing, Lufthansa Technik can cover certification of the modification projects. The cabin modifications on the popular long-haul widebody are performed at Lufthansa Technik Malta.

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