STARLUX TAKES DELIVERY OF FIRST AIRBUS A350-1000

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STARLUX Airlines of Taiwan has taken delivery of its first of 18 A350-1000s, becoming the 11th global operator of the largest version of the A350. The new A350-1000 will join a fleet of 10 A350-900s already in service with the airline, deployed on premier long-haul services from Taipei to Europe and North America, as well as selected destinations within the Asia-Pacific region.

To mark the arrival of its newest fleet member, STARLUX has unveiled a striking livery that reflects both innovation and identity. The design integrates the airline's signature visual elements with a carbon-fibre motif, representing the advanced composite materials integral to the aircraft's construction. The prominent '1000' emblazoned on the fuselage highlights the aircraft’s designation as the largest in-production Airbus model, now serving as the airline's new flagship.

STARLUX currently operates an all-Airbus fleet comprising the A321neo, the A330-900, and the A350-900 aircraft. The new A350-1000 will seamlessly complement the airline’s existing fleet. Furthermore, the airline has ordered 10 A350F freighters to develop its future cargo network.

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The A350 is the world’s most modern widebody aircraft and has set new standards for intercontinental travel. The A350’s all-new design includes state-of-the-art technologies and aerodynamics delivering unmatched standards of operational efficiency and passenger comfort. Its new generation engines and use of lightweight materials bring a 25 per cent advantage in fuel burn, operating costs and carbon dioxide (CO?) emissions, compared to previous generation competitor aircraft. The A350 is equipped with a comfortable and spacious Airspace cabin, wide seats, high ceilings and alluring ambient lighting.

As with all Airbus aircraft, the A350 aircraft is already able to operate with up to 50% Sustainable Aviation Fuel. Airbus is targeting to have its aircraft up to 100% SAF capable by 2030. At the end of November 2025, the A350 had won nearly 1,500 orders from 66 customers worldwide.

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