



# CATHAY GROUP ORDERS TWO MORE AIRBUS A350F FREIGHTERS

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Cathay Group has placed a firm order with Airbus for two additional Airbus A350F freighters. This will bring the airline's total order to eight of the new-generation cargo aircraft. The A350F will be operated by the airline's cargo division, Cathay Cargo, bringing new levels of efficiency across its extensive network. Designed to be the world's most advanced cargo aircraft, [A350F](#) meets the evolving demands of the global air freight market. Thanks to a range capability of up to 8,700 kilometres with a payload of up to 111 tonnes, it will allow operators to deploy it on international long-haul routes. Made from over 70% advanced materials, the A350F is 46 tonnes lighter than competitor aircraft.

Ronald Lam, Chief Executive of the Cathay Group commented: "We are pleased to further strengthen our fleet with these additional A350F freighters that will provide greater connectivity at our home hub and more choices for our customers. This strategic, future-ready investment reflects our resolute confidence in our long-term growth prospects and supports Cathay Cargo's goal of

being the world's best air cargo carrier.”

Benoît de Saint-Exupéry, Airbus EVP Sales of the Commercial Aircraft business stated: “Cathay's continued endorsement of the A350F is another powerful signal that the A350F brings a new generation of freighter capacity and efficiency. The A350F will fit seamlessly into the airline's existing Airbus fleet with unrivalled operational and technical commonality, while accelerating the airline's decarbonisation journey. We could not be more excited to grow this partnership.”

Powered by the latest Rolls-Royce Trent XWB-97 engines, the aircraft will bring a reduction in fuel consumption and carbon emissions of up to 20% when compared to previous generation aircraft with a similar payload-range capability. It is the only new freighter fully meeting ICAO's 2027 CO<sub>2</sub> emission standards. The A350F is able to operate with up to 50% [Sustainable Aviation Fuel](#) at entry-to-service, with the aim for up to 100% capability by 2030, as with all Airbus aircraft.

As part of the world's most modern widebody aircraft family, the A350F also offers a high level of commonality with A350 passenger aircraft, bringing added benefits to carriers already flying models from the family. At the end of April 2026, the A350F freighter had registered 101 firm orders from 14 customers worldwide.

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