



ETIHAD ENGINEERING DELIVERS ETIHAD AIRWAYS A380 FOR RE-ENTRY TO SERVICE

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Etihad Engineering completed a six-year heavy maintenance check on the first in a series of Airbus A380 aircraft for its return to service after a period of secure ground storage. Preparing the A380 for its return to service at its state-of-the-art aviation MRO facility in Abu Dhabi, Etihad Engineering carried out removal, inspection and installation of the full aircraft cabin which features The Residence, 9 First Apartments and 70 Business Studios on the upper deck as well as 405 Economy Smart Seats.

The scope of the comprehensive check included rear spar modifications, frame modifications, removal, inspection and installation of all four engines, and the inspection and servicing of a wide range of sophisticated components at the facility's dedicated workshops onsite. The Etihad Engineering team worked collaboratively with Etihad, Airbus and other key suppliers to ensure that the aircraft was delivered to the highest standards.

Haytham Nasir, Senior Vice President - Airframe Services, Etihad Engineering, commented: "The Etihad Engineering team has built formidable experience and expertise over the years on the A380 platform, having carried out the world's first 12-year check on an A380 as well as complex

structural modifications, landing gear changes, cabin refurbishment and numerous heavy maintenance programmes for customers from Asia, Europe, Australia, the Middle East and the Far East."

David Doherty, Vice President - Commercial, said: "The Etihad Airways A380 fleet features one of the most luxurious, award-winning guest experiences and we are as excited as the airline in bringing the aircraft back to the skies this summer. We have delivered the first A380 of the Etihad Airways re-entry into service programme and work has begun on the next input in the nose-to-tail project at our facility."

The Etihad Engineering facility, located adjacent to Abu Dhabi International Airport, is the largest commercial aviation MRO facility in the Middle East spread across a total site area of 550,000 sqm. It can currently accommodate up to 40 widebody and narrowbody aircraft and two additional widebody hangars are being built onsite to serve the company's expanding portfolio of airlines, lessors and aircraft owners from around the world.

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