AIRBUS SIGNS LETTER OF INTENT WITH THAI TO RETROFIT A350 FLEET

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Airbus and Thai Airways International have signed a Letter of Intent to retrofit the airline's A350s, enhancing passenger comfort and operational efficiency, with state-of-the-art cabin upgrades. The retrofit programme will be overseen by Airbus. During the exercise, THAI's fleet of A350-900 aircraft will be equipped with the latest cabin innovations, ensuring a premium travel experience for passengers on long-haul routes.

The upgrades will include modernised and elevated 'Royal Silk' Business Class seats, new Premium Economy Class Seats and Economy Class seats, as well as an improved in-flight entertainment system that offer a seamless travel experience across THAI's network.

The cabin modernisation is expected to start from 2028. The retrofitted aircraft are expected to re-enter service in phases, ensuring minimal impact to THAI's flight operations.

Balinda Zhang, Airbus Head of Commercial Services APAC, commented: "Airbus is pleased to support THAI in this significant investment in their fleet, ensuring that their A350 aircraft continue

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to offer passengers an exceptional flying experience. This retrofit aligns with our shared vision of delivering enhanced comfort and efficiency for airlines and their customers.”

This agreement reaffirms Airbus’ long-standing partnership with THAI and its commitment to supporting the airline’s fleet modernisation strategy. As a long-range leader, the A350 remains a key pillar of THAI’s network, and the retrofit will further enhance its appeal for premium and economy passengers alike.

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