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Emirates, the flag carrier of United Arab Emirates, took delivery of its second Boeing 777-300 on lease from Singapore Aircraft Leasing Enterprise (S.A.L.E.). In November, after taking delivery of its first 777-300 Singapore-based aircraft leasing company, Emirates took center stage at the sixth Dubai Air Show - "Dubai 2000" - by showcasing its new airplane in the carrier's new livery.

The newly accepted 777-300 will join Emirates' fleet of 28 airplanes - 10 of which are Boeing airplanes: three 777-200s, six 777-200ERs (Extended Range), and one 777-300. Emirate's Boeing fleet flies routes from the airline's base in the United Arab Emirates to Europe, Africa, the Indian sub-continent, Far East and Australia.

"The Boeing 777 family has proven to be a popular choice with airlines around the world because of its range capability and capacity," said Robert Martin, managing director - S.A.L.E. We are pleased to have enabled Emirates to introduce a new variant of the Boeing 777 into their fleet."

Powered by Rolls-Royce Trent 892 engines, Emirates configured its newest 777-300 in a two-class configuration to carry 434 passengers - 49 in business class and 385 in the economy section. This particular configuration provides Emirates with the highest passenger capacity in its fleet.

Passengers selected the Boeing 777 as the most-preferred airplane in its class. A survey of nearly 6,000 European and Middle Eastern airline passengers found the 777 twin-aisle jetliner was preferred by more than three out of four passengers over other competing airplanes. Since its launch in October 1990, the 777 has been the market leader in its category.

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