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Airline to take two additional airplanes on direct purchase and two from CIT Aerospace on lease

Boeing [NYSE: BA] and Royal Jordanian, the country's national carrier, today signed an order for two additional 787 Dreamliners at the Dubai Air Show. The airline also has announced an agreement to take two more 787s on lease from CIT Aerospace.

Royal Jordanian announced an initial order for two 787s, and its intention to acquire a total of 12 787s, at the World Economic Forum held on Jordan's Dead Sea this past May. With today's announcement, Royal Jordanian has a total of four airplanes on order with Boeing. The two additional 787s will be added to Boeing's Orders & Deliveries Web site at the next regular scheduled update.

Lee Monson, Boeing Commercial Airplanes vice president of Sales for the Middle East and Africa, and Royal Jordanian President and CEO Samer A. Majali were on hand to announce the order for the additional 787s. Royal Jordanian was the first Middle East carrier to order Boeing's fast-selling 787.

"We value our relationship with Boeing and are pleased to have taken another major step towards achieving our fleet replacement goals with the 787," said Majali.

"Royal Jordanian's confidence in the 787 is based on a sound strategy of updating its long-haul fleet with an airplane that will provide great efficiency and superb economics," said Monson. "We value our relationship with Royal Jordanian and will continue to meet its expectations as we work together on the airline's fleet transition."

With Royal Jordanian's order for Boeing's 787, 51 customers around the world have ordered a total of 738 Dreamliners, further extending Boeing's record-breaking pace of orders for the launch of a commercial airplane program.

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