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Air Aruba and Aserca Airlines of Venezuela each took delivery of a Boeing MD-90 today, representing the latest of many deliveries of Boeing jetliners this year to carriers in Latin America.

On lease from Hwa-Hsia Leasing Ltd. of Taiwan, today's delivery to Aserca also marks the introduction of the MD-90 in Latin America and the first new aircraft delivery to a Venezuelan airline in more than a decade. Hwa-Hsia has purchased a total of three MD-90s with its third airplane scheduled for a later delivery to Air Aruba.

"Today is a historic occasion for The Boeing Company and our airline customers, Air Aruba and Aserca, as well as our new commercial leasing customer, Hwa-Hsia Leasing Ltd.," said John Feren, Commercial Airplanes vice president - the Americas. "I am pleased to say that by acquiring this MD-90, Aserca continues to operate as an all-Boeing customer, which is something of which we are very proud. As for Air Aruba, their new MD-90 will allow them to augment vital commercial operations to and from North America."

The MD-90 can carry up to 155 passengers and is considered the quietest commercial jetliner in the skies. With its refined internal avionics systems and its short take-off ability, the MD-90 offers airlines increased operational flexibility. It also provides greater individual seating space and more passenger comfort.

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