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Royal Air Maroc today took delivery of a new Boeing [NYSE: BA] 737-800. The Morocco-based carrier continues to develop its routes to destinations in Europe, Africa and the Middle East with the new medium-range airplane. This delivery marks the first of 20 additional 737s the carrier will receive.

"These new 737s will allow us to increase capacity while complementing the country's forecast for growth in tourism to the region," said Mohamed Berrada, Royal Air Maroc chairman and chief executive officer. "We are very pleased to operate the 737, one of the most cost efficient and reliable airplanes in the market."

Morocco's flag-carrier operates scheduled passenger and cargo services from Casablanca to points in Morocco, North and West Africa, Europe and the Middle East, as well as New York. Royal Air Maroc operates a fleet of 30 Boeing airplanes that include 737s, 757s, 767s and 747s.

"Providing reliable and durable products like the 737 will help Royal Air Maroc exceed passenger expectations," said Doug Groseclose, Boeing Commercial Airplanes vice president of International Sales. "We look forward to being a part of the growth of Royal Air Maroc."

The digitally designed 737-600s/-700s/-800s/-900s are the newest and most technologically advanced airplanes in the single-aisle market. Outfitted with a new wing and more powerful engines, the new 737s can fly higher, faster and farther than previous models and its nearest competitor.

In addition, the new 737's flight deck features the latest liquid-crystal flat-panel displays and is designed to accommodate new communications and flight management capabilities that promise to reduce flight delays and enhance flight-crew efficiency.

Recently the 737's pre-eminence as the world's most popular and reliable commercial jet transport was further established when All Nippon Airways finalized an agreement to purchase 45 Boeing 737-700 airplanes. AirTran Airways -- the Orlando, Florida-based airline also recently confirmed an order to expand its existing fleet with 28 737 airplanes with options for 50 more.

Royal Air Maroc, based in Casablanca, Morocco, is known for applying the highest standards to ensure passenger safety and comfort.

Since its inception, 215 airlines have purchased more than 5,200 737s, making it the best-selling commercial airplane in history.

For more information on Royal Air Maroc: <http://www.royalairmaroc.com>

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