Boeing, LATAM Airlines Group Celebrate Delivery of Airline's First 787-9 Dreamliner

First Latin American operator of the 787 becomes the first Latin American operator of both the 787-8 and 787-9

EVERETT, Wash., Feb. 5, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Boeing (NYSE:BA) and LATAM Airlines Group celebrated the delivery of the airline's first 787-9 Dreamliner. LATAM Airlines Group is leasing the new airplane from Amsterdam-based lessor AerCap.

LATAM Airlines Group will become Latin America's first operator of both the 787-8 and 787-9 variants of the Dreamliner family when the airline group launches 787-9 services on South American routes in April.

With this delivery, LATAM Airlines Group will have 11 787s in its fleet, the most in Latin America. The company is building a fleet of 32 787 Dreamliners, including 10 787-9s, over the next several years.

The 787-9 complements and extends the 787 family. With the fuselage stretched by 20 feet (6 meters) over the 787-8, the 787-9 will fly up to 40 more passengers an additional 450 nautical miles (830 kilometers) with the same exceptional environmental performance – 20 percent less fuel use and 20 percent fewer emissions than the airplanes it replaces.

The 787-9 leverages the visionary design of the 787-8, offering passenger-pleasing features such as large windows, large stow bins, modern LED lighting, higher humidity, a lower cabin altitude, cleaner air and a smoother ride.

Fifty-eight customers from around the world have ordered more than 1,070 787s, with more than 200 airplanes delivered.

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