



LATAM Airlines' new Airbus 350 XWB touches down at Milan Malpensa, Italy

The South American company's new aircraft arrived at Milan Malpensa airport yesterday and is set to enhance the service they provide to the Italian market.



Milan, 22 September 2016 – It was a day to remember yesterday for LATAM Airlines, which proudly unveiled its new **Airbus 350 XWB** aircraft on arrival at Milan Malpensa intercontinental airport. The aircraft is now officially in operation on the Milan – São Paulo route. The step is all the more significant given that LATAM Airlines is the first airline from America – and just the fourth in the world – to have enhanced its fleet with this type of aircraft.

LATAM's Italy and the Middle East commercial director João Múrias was there to give his reaction to the event: *"We're particularly proud of this new development as it will primarily affect the Italian market, where the company has identified excellent potential for growth. Moreover, the introduction of the new Airbus 350 XWB is testament to LATAM Airlines' unerring commitment to modernising its fleet for the benefit of its customers. The characteristics of the aircraft mean that passengers will be able to enjoy an unforgettable travel experience."*

Also there to witness the unveiling was **SEA Aviation Business Development Director Andrea Tucci**: *"We're delighted that LATAM is continuing to invest in Milan Malpensa from a capacity and service quality perspective. The introduction of the B787 last year generated excellent results and it is no coincidence that LATAM is the leading intercontinental airline for passenger growth this year, with a year-to-date increase (JAN-AUG) of 23%. This is partly thanks to their ability to make the most of the network of connecting flights departing from São Paulo. LATAM's decision to operate the new A350 in and out of Milan Malpensa is a particularly proud moment, because it will be the first regular route being flown by this kind of aircraft. The fact that the airline is once again placing Malpensa at the heart of its strategy is indicative of the common ground between SEA and LATAM: we never stop striving for quality and client satisfaction and the constant investment our airport is receiving is a clear illustration of that."*

The characteristics of the new Airbus 350 make it an exceptional mode of transport. The aircraft uses state-of-the-art composite materials, including some of the **most lightweight, efficient and economical** around. Indeed, over 70% of the structural weight of the A350 XWB is composed of cutting-edge materials including composite materials, titanium and advanced aluminium alloys, making for a lighter and more productive aircraft. All of the materials used are also resistant to **corrosion** and **wear**. But that's not all: the wings – which are 32 metres long – were inspired by the aerodynamic quality of birds' wings and can adapt their shape to suit the external air pressure, thus optimising flight.

As well as being a lighter aircraft, the **A350 XWB** is also a bigger aircraft. **The cabin is a full six metres wider** than the previous version, guaranteeing passengers a more comfortable flight. Passengers will also be able to enjoy a more pleasant on-board environment, thanks to the **brand-new air renewal system** installed in the cabin. This is activated every two or three minutes, maintaining a constant and agreeable temperature. Even the lighting is specially designed to make every journey more enjoyable and reduce the effects of jet lag.

The A350's new features don't just stop with the aircraft's livery, complete with LATAM logo: the brand-new **Economy Plus** class includes seats with 15% more legroom than Economy Class. From now on, all LATAM A350-900s will have **339 seats**, divided into 30 Premium Business seats, 63 Economy Plus seats and 246 Economy class seats.

In Economy Class, where there are nine seats per row, passengers will enjoy increased legroom, panoramic windows and spacious overhead compartments for storing hand luggage.

Best of all, this mix of aerodynamics, design and the latest technology generates a **decrease in operating costs of up to 25%** (including fuel consumption). Moreover, the Airbus 350 XWB emits **up to 25% less greenhouse gas** than another aircraft used for long-haul flights.

To view photos and videos on the aircraft, click [here](#).

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LATAM is the new brand adopted by the airlines comprising LATAM Airlines Group and has begun to be used in physical locations and on aircraft. The group will continue to gradually implement the LATAM and LATAM Airlines brand across its products and services as part of a wider integration plan set to last approximately three years.

In the meantime, all of the various airlines will operate in parallel, maintaining their respective identities and brands. For any further requirements, please visit www.latam.com. More information can be found at www.latamairlinesgroup.net.

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