

Maldivian orders its first ATR aircraft

- **The National Airline of the Maldives acquires two ATR 72-600 and one ATR 42-600 to replace their ageing turboprop fleet**
- **These aircraft will be equipped with the new PW127XT engines, offering improved fuel efficiency, contributing to lower emissions, and reduced maintenance costs**

Toulouse, January 18, 2022 – The national airline of the Maldives, Island Aviation Services Ltd (dba. *Maldivian*), and ATR are pleased to announce the signing of a contract for the purchase of the airline's first ATR aircraft: two ATR 72-600 and one ATR 42-600. The three aircraft will be delivered in 2022.

The ATR 72-600 and ATR 42-600 will benefit from the new PW127XT engines, offering 3% reduction in fuel consumption and a 20% reduction in maintenance costs, along with the ability to use sustainable aviation fuels (SAF). Just as it is for the aircraft manufacturer, sustainable development is a major concern for the airline. ATR aircraft already boast the lowest fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions of all the regional aircraft with ATR 72-600 aircraft consuming up to 40% less fuel than similarly-sized regional jets.

Maldivian is joining forces with ATR to contribute to the economic development of the archipelago. This initiative will complement the Government of Maldives' air mobility policy and allow *Maldivian* to offer enhanced connectivity across the Maldives.

Mohamed Mihad, Managing Director of *Maldivian*, said: "We are pleased to take this next step in our expansion plans with ATR. We believe the new generation of ATR aircraft with the XT engines offer something we have been looking for in our fleet modernization, taking a step towards sustainability while keeping an eye on the operating costs as well as enhancing the cabin modernity and passenger comfort."

Stefano Bortoli, ATR's Chief Executive Officer, stated: "Despite the current pandemic, operators are looking to the future, and this contract is a strong symbol of the resilience of the aviation sector. Our aircraft have proven their reliability by linking up the islands of many archipelagos for almost four decades; we welcome *Maldivian* as a new customer and we are proud to contribute sustainably to the modernisation and expansion of the flag carrier of the Maldives."

About Maldivian

Maldivian is the national airline of the Maldives. It was established in 2000 and currently operates international flights in addition to inter-island services. Maldivian operates out of its main base at Velana International Airport (MLE). Its current fleet consists of one A320, one A321, two Dash-8 Q200s, eight Dash-8 Q300s and 11 DHC-6-300 Twin Otter aircraft.

About ATR

ATR is the world number one regional aircraft manufacturer with its ATR 42 and 72 aircraft the best-selling aircraft in the less than 90-seat market segment. The unifying vision of the company's employees is to help everyone, no matter where they are in the world, to connect and develop in a responsible manner. Thanks to the efficiency of turboprop technology and the benefits of the company's focus on continuous innovation, ATR aircraft open more than 100 new routes on average every year, burn up to 40% less fuel and emit up to 40% less CO₂ than regional jets. For all of these reasons, ATR aircraft have been chosen by some 200 companies in 100 countries around the world. ATR is a joint-venture between Airbus and Leonardo. For more information, please visit www.atr-aircraft.com.



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