

# Cebu Pacific firms up A330neo order

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Cebu Pacific, the second-largest carrier in the Philippines, has signed a firm order with Airbus for 16 A330-900 aircraft.

The order firms up the widebody portion of a previously announced memorandum of understanding, which also included commitments for 10 A321XLRs and five A320neo aircraft.

Cebu Pacific is the first airline to order the high-capacity variant of the A330neo, which seats up to 460 passengers in a single-class configuration.

Cebu Pacific plans to operate the aircraft on trunk routes within the Philippines and the rest of Asia, as well as on longer-range services to Australia and the Middle East.

The Manila-based budget carrier currently operates eight A330-300s – two owned, three on lease from Avolon, two from Voyager Aviation and one from Macquarie Airfinance.

An all-Airbus operator, mainline Cebu Pacific also operates 45 A320-family aircraft, including four A320neos and three A321neos, a review of *Airfinance Journal's* Fleet Tracker data shows.

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