

# Avolon prepares new lease deal in Uzbekistan

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Global leasing heavyweight Avolon welcomed the Centrum Air team to its Dublin offices this week following the recent signing of a letter of intent (LOI) for an Airbus A320 lease.

The Centrum Air delegation was led by airline chairman Abdulaziz Abdurakhmanov and hosted by Avolon chief commercial officer Paul Geaney.

This is the first deal between Avolon and Uzbekistan-based Centrum Air, Airfinance Global's Aircraft Intelligence shows.

Last month, AFG reported that privately held Centrum Air had added a sixth Airbus aircraft to its fleet, an older A320 sourced from AerCap.

That was the fourth older A320 for the airline, joining four 21-year-old owned units.

However, Centrum Air also operates two leased A321neos, a second-hand seven-year-old aircraft from Air Lease (ALC) and a brand new A321neo [from CDB Aviation](#).

In October 2024, Centrum Air confirmed that starting from next year it would also induct an additional A321neo, two A320neos and three widebody A330-300s.

AFG noted that Uzbekistan and the wider Central Asia region is shaping up to become a major Airbus Neo market.

In Uzbekistan alone, there are currently 21 Neos in service, including many more on order split between flag carrier Uzbekistan Airways, Qanot Sharq, Centrum Air and Air Samarkand.

On the widebody front, Qanot Sharq currently leases two A330-200s from ALC, while Air Samarkand has an A330-300 from Minsheng.

Flag carrier Uzbekistan Airways operates 787 aircraft on its longer and higher-capacity routes, with more on order.

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