

Myanmar Airways International grows Airbus fleet

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Myanmar Airways International (MAI) has added an Airbus A319 to its fleet, the flag carrier's 11th aircraft in its mainline fleet.

The A319 was sourced from the FTAI Aviation portfolio and was previously operated by China Southern Airlines.

The CFM56-powered A319 was manufactured in July 2009, according to Airfinance Global's Aircraft Intelligence, with FTAI acquiring it from China Southern earlier this year, the data shows.

This is MAI's sixth A319. The remainder of the airline's fleet comprises two A320s, two E190s and an ATR72-600.

The fleet is predominantly leased, the AFG data shows, including from DAE, CDB Aviation and Carlyle Aviation.

MAI is based in Yangon and Mandalay and operates flights to 41 cities across Myanmar, ASEAN, Northeast Asia and the Middle East.

MAI associate Mingalar Airlines recently acquired three ATR72-600 aircraft, bringing the group's total fleet to 14 aircraft.

"This aircraft arrival is a significant step in MAI's strategy to expand its network. It will increase our passenger capacity for the upcoming tourist season and expand our regional routes faster. It will support our commitment to providing direct connections and reliable flights in line with international standards to meet the needs of Myanmar's aviation transport sector," MAI's chief executive officer, Tanes Kumar, said.

As part of its network growth, MAI is planning additional routes and frequencies between Yangon and cities in China, Vietnam and India.

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