

Mandarin Airlines expands fleet with 6 ATR 72-600

Le Bourget, 20 June 2023 – Mandarin Airlines, the regional subsidiary of Taiwan flag carrier China Airlines, and the world's number one regional aircraft manufacturer ATR, today announced the signature of a firm order for six [ATR 72-600](#) to be delivered from end 2023 through to 2025. The turboprops will join the airline's existing fleet of nine ATR 72-600 to serve the demand of the Taiwanese market.

With its main base in the Taipei Songshan airport, Mandarin Airlines operates a domestic network and provides essential connectivity to eight destinations, including the islands of Kinmen, Magong, and more recently Matsu. Mandarin Airlines also serves regional destinations in Asia and China.

“Expanding our ATR fleet will enable us to add capacity on existing routes and create new services to continue stimulating the local economy and tourism across Taiwan with the lowest emission regional aircraft”, said Kao Shing-Hwang, Chairman of Mandarin Airlines. “The unbeatable fuel efficiency of the ATR 72-600, further reinforced by the new PW127XT engine certified for 50% SAF blend, along with its versatility and comfort, make it possible for us to offer our passengers comfortable, reliable, affordable and responsible air services.”

Nathalie Tarnaud Laude, Chief Executive Officer of ATR, added: “Since they introduced ATRs in their fleet in 2017, Mandarin Airlines have been able to increase flight frequencies on existing routes, opening up new opportunities for their communities affordably and responsibly. The airline's renewed confidence is the most gratifying testimony of the value that our aircraft bring to their operations and a great sign of rebound of the Asian market.”

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About Mandarin Airlines

Mandarin Airlines was established on June 1, 1991. Mandarin Airlines' parent company, China Airlines, the flag carrier of the Republic of China owns 96.96% of Mandarin Airlines. At the moment, Mandarin Airlines serves a domestic network of major cities and outlying islands as Taipei-Sungshan, Taichung, Kaohsiung, Kinmen, Matsu, Penghu, Taitung and Hualien. In addition to this, Mandarin also serves destinations in Asia and China by leasing China Airlines' narrow-body jets.

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 140 new routes on average every year, burn 45% less fuel and emit 45% 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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