Qatar Airways Selects CFM56-5B to power A320ceos

- Becomes CFM's newest customer

LE BOURGET — 17 June 2015 — Doha-based Qatar Airways has selected CFM International's CFM56-5B engines to power eight new Airbus A320ceo (current engine option) aircraft. The firm engine order is valued at $174 million U.S. at list price and the airline began taking delivery earlier in 2015.

"We are obviously pleased to welcome Qatar Airways to the CFM family," said Jean-Paul Ebanga, president and CEO of CFM International. "This airline continues to set new standards of excellence in the Middle East and throughout the world, and we are honored to be part of the team. This is the beginning of what will surely become a great relationship."
The CFM56-5B is the engine of choice for the Airbus A320ceo (current engine option) family and is popular with major airlines, low-cost carriers, and leasing companies alike, having been selected to power 55 percent of all aircraft currently in service or on order. More than 6,800 CFM56-5B engines have been delivered to date to operators around the globe. Primary factors behind the engine’s broad-based acceptance include its industry’s best reliability, durability, low cost of ownership, and world-class customer and product support. The CFM56-5B is the only engine that can power every model of the A320 family, from the small A318 up to the A321, with the same bill of materials.

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About CFM International

The CFM56 and LEAP engines are products of CFM International, a 50/50 joint company between Snecma (Safran) and GE. CFM is the world’s leading supplier of commercial aircraft engines, with more than 27,200 delivered as of December 31, 2014 to more than 530 operators around the globe. The company CFM officially launched the LEAP engine, which is its first all-new centerline engine in nearly 40 years, in 2008.

The LEAP engine promises to bring double-digit improvements in fuel efficiency, emissions and noise, while the legendary reliability and low cost of ownership of its predecessor, the ubiquitous maintaining CFM56 engine family. The LEAP-1A is an engine as an option on the A320neo family; and the LEAP-1C engine is the sole Western powerplant for the COMAC C919; and the LEAP-1B is the sole powerplant for Boeing’s new 737 MAX. For more information, visit us at www.cfmaeroengines.com or follow us on Twitter @CFM_engines.

About Qatar Airways

Qatar Airways, the national carrier of the State of Qatar, is one of the fastest growing airlines operating one of the youngest fleets in the world. Now in its 18th year of operations, Qatar Airways has a modern fleet of 158 aircraft flying to 146 key business and leisure destinations across six continents.