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Air Arabia extends its partnership with Lufthansa Technik to engine MRO

Today at the Dubai Airshow, Air Arabia and Lufthansa Technik have signed a contract on the long-term provisioning of comprehensive engine MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul) services for the CFM56-5Bs powering the airline's 43-aircraft-strong Airbus A320ceo family fleet. Until 2033, the Middle East and North Africa's first and largest budget carrier operator will send these engines to Lufthansa Technik's specialized workshop in Hamburg, Germany, which has already welcomed the first one.

In addition to the engine services, a recently signed agreement with the airline will see Lufthansa Technik Middle East (LTME) continue to provide comprehensive repairs for nose radomes for another five years. These highly specialized services from the company's Airframe Related Components (ARC) portfolio cover Air Arabia's existing and future fleet and fully leverage LTME's capabilities and expertise with composite material inspection and repair.

"Being a true pioneer for the low-fares business model in the region, Air Arabia has written a remarkable success story here in the Middle East, and we feel honored to be part of it for already ten years now," said Tim Butzmann, Senior Director Corporate Sales Middle East and Africa at Lufthansa Technik. "The addition of comprehensive engine services, however, goes far beyond a simple continuation of Air Arabia's customer journey with us. It significantly broadens our level of collaboration and thus writes a whole new chapter."

"Our collaboration with Air Arabia reflects the value we bring to our customers," said Ziad Al-Hazmi, Chief Executive Officer at Lufthansa Technik Middle East. "It is truly a testament to their trust and confidence in our services and a significant step forward for us in the right direction. We take pride in providing the very best to our customers while also increasing our capacity and spares in the region."

The successful business relationship between Air Arabia and Lufthansa Technik began almost exactly a decade ago, when – also at the Dubai Airshow – both partners signed their first ARC services contract, which has been extended several times since then. In 2024, the two companies have already broadened their field of cooperation to a great extent when Lufthansa Technik granted Air Arabia access to its global aircraft parts pool via a multi-year Total Component Services contract.

About Air Arabia:

Air Arabia is the Middle East and North Africa's leading budget carrier operator. Air Arabia commenced operations in October 2003 and currently operates a total fleet of 92 modern Airbus A320 and A321 aircraft, serving over 200 routes from six strategic hubs in the UAE (Sharjah, Ras Al Khaimah, Abu Dhabi), Morocco, Egypt, and Pakistan (Fly Jinnah). Air Arabia Group is an award-winning airline operator that focuses on offering comfort, reliability, and value-for-money air travel. For further information, please visit: www.airarabia.com.

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About Lufthansa Technik Middle East:

Lufthansa Technik Middle East (LTME) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Lufthansa Technik Group. LTME started operations in the Aviation District of Dubai South, a master-planned city centered on the vision of the Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and the Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum. With LTME's startup in 2017 and the overwhelming support of the Dubai South team, it has grown quite rapidly over the years with expansions in capabilities ranging from Airframe Related Component (ARC) and Aircraft On Ground (AOG) support, Quick Engine Change (QEC) events, and engine wash services to a local material support desk and warehousing.

About Lufthansa Technik:

The Lufthansa Technik Group is one of the leading providers of technical aircraft services in the world. Certified internationally as maintenance, production and design organization, the company employs more than 22,000 people in dozens of locations around the globe. Lufthansa Technik offers the full range of services for commercial, VIP and special mission aircraft. The portfolio includes maintenance, repair, overhaul and modification of airframes, engines, components and landing gears, as well as the manufacture of innovative cabin products and digital fleet support.