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### **Bombardier lands orders for 249 aircraft and delivers 245 in 2011**

Bombardier Aerospace said that it put in a solid performance last year despite “a volatile economic environment”.

During the year the manufacturer received 249 orders, not including cancellations, compared to 201 orders received the previous year. Deliveries totalled 245 aircraft, slightly down on the 2011 figure of 256, but roughly in line with the forecast of 240.

Guy C. Hachey, President and CEO commented “The recurring fluctuations in the world economies in 2011 created a mood of caution in many sectors, and the resulting uncertainty continued to challenge the civil aviation industry”.

### **Airbus increases average list prices by nearly four per cent**

Airbus has announced that it has increased its average list prices for its range of aircraft by 3.9 per cent. The A320neo family price however, has risen by an average of 6.1 per cent.

“Our new pricing reflects the strong demand for our modern, eco-efficient aircraft families,” said John Leahy, Airbus CEO, Customers “With competition amongst carriers heating up, any tool that helps cut their costs will pay handsome dividends. The A320neo offers a 15 per cent fuel cost savings, making it the blue chip single aisle aircraft investment by anyone’s standards.”

### **CFM posts record year**

CFM International has become the latest company to post a record year, logging 1,500 orders and commitments during 2011. Their combined value amounted to \$51.7 billion at list prices.

CFM International, a joint venture between of Snecma and GE, produces the CFM56 engine family and is also developing a new engine family, under the brand name LEAP,

which will enter service in 2016.

“2011 was an outstanding year for CFM across the board,” said Jean-Paul Ebanga, president and CEO of CFM International. “By year end, we had solid orders for 1,500 CFM56 engines, which would make 2011 a good year in its own right. But we also received a significant number of LEAP orders in the last six months of the year. We are expecting additional A320neo, 737 MAX, and C919 announcements in the next couple of months, so 2012 is already off to a very good start”.

#### **UTair signs five year leasing contract for B737s**

UTair has agreed five year leases on seven B737s, two -800s and five -500s, with Sberbank Leasing. The deal is estimated to worth \$100 million. A spokesman for the lessor said “The Company's development strategy aims at diversifying the order book and gain priority competencies in the aviation market”. The UTair Group operates the largest fleet in Russia, consisting of more than 200 aircraft, including 25 B737-500s, nine B737-800s, six B737-400s and four B757-200s.

#### **FAA downgrades safety ratings of Curaçao and Sint Maarten**

The U.S Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has announced that Curaçao and Sint Maarten have been assigned an International Aviation Safety Assessment (IASA) Category 2 rating. “With a Category 2 rating” explained the FAA “Curaçao and Sint Maarten air carriers will not be allowed to establish new service to the United States, but can continue existing service. Both countries were previously part of the Netherlands Antilles, which had a Category 1 rating”. The Administration said the decision for the downgrade was due to the countries not complying with ICAO’s international safety standards, based on an assessment of their respective civil aviation authorities.

#### **Piece of Aviation History for January 24**

No notable anniversaries

#### **Quote of the Day**

To try to be better is to be better. Charlotte Cushman, (1816 - 1876)

#### **A Bit of Light Relief**

My father's hearing aid occasionally emits a brief high-pitched squeal that can be heard by anyone near him. One day my little niece was sitting on his lap when the device started to beep. Surprised, my niece looked up at him. "Grandpa," she said, "you've got mail."