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Luxair marks fleet renewal milestone with arrival of its first two company-owned Boeing 737-8 aircraft

The aircraft form part of Luxair's overall fleet renewal programme, representing an investment of more than €1 billion.

Luxair today marked another major milestone in its ambitious fleet renewal programme following the arrival of its first two company-owned Boeing 737-8 aircraft. The milestone was celebrated during a dedicated event at Luxair's maintenance hangar at Luxembourg Airport, in the presence of Yuriko Backes, Minister for Mobility and Public Works, Boeing representatives, as well as distinguished guests from Luxembourg's institutions and aviation community.

These first two company-owned Boeing 737-8 aircraft mark the start of the commercial introduction of Luxair's own new-generation Boeing 737 fleet. They form part of the airline's broader Boeing renewal, which will see Luxair progressively introduce new-generation 737 family aircraft over the coming years. In total, the programme covers twelve new-generation 737 family aircraft, complemented by two additional options.

Gilles Feith, CEO of Luxair, said: "The arrival of our first two company-owned Boeing 737-8 aircraft is an important milestone in our fleet renewal and in our long-standing partnership with Boeing. We are making a significant investment in a new generation of aircraft that will allow us to operate more efficiently, significantly reduce our noise footprint, strengthen our offering and prepare Luxair for the future. At the same time, we remain committed to what makes Luxair distinctive: our full-service model, our people, our strong roots in Luxembourg and the quality of the travel experience we offer our customers."

Yuriko Backes, Minister for Mobility and Public Works, said: "This latest step in Luxair's fleet renewal underlines the airline's important role in strengthening Luxembourg's connectivity and preparing for future growth. This investment supports strong air links tailored to the needs of both the national economy and passengers. It reflects a commitment to combining operational performance and environmental progress through more efficient aircraft that offer greater energy efficiency and a reduced noise footprint. This new fleet will help maintain the high quality of service that passengers expect from Luxair, while further reinforcing the airline's contribution to Luxembourg's attractiveness. Beyond its economic importance, Luxair plays a vital role in connecting people and supporting the multicultural character of our society."

A new generation of aircraft for Luxair

Configured with up to 186 seats, the Boeing 737-8 is particularly well suited to routes with higher passenger demand. Its range of up to 5,740 kilometres also provides the flexibility required to operate both established European destinations and some of Luxair's longer routes. Compared with the aircraft they replace, the Boeing 737-8 offers around 20% lower fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions and a 50% smaller noise footprint, contributing to improved environmental performance and reduced noise exposure for communities around airports.

Passenger comfort is also an important element of the fleet renewal. The aircraft feature the Boeing Sky Interior, including larger windows, increased overhead-bin capacity and customisable LED cabin lighting. Luxair continues to apply its 30-inch seat-pitch philosophy across the fleet, offering seating comfort above the industry average.

Jonas Degerth, Sales Director Europe at Boeing, said: "We are pleased to celebrate an important step in Luxair's fleet modernization and growth strategy with the delivery of two new company-owned 737-8 aircraft. Luxair's purchase of these two 737-8s underscores its commitment to delivering an exceptional passenger experience while building a more efficient and sustainable operation. We value our partnership with Luxair and are honoured they continue to place their trust in Boeing. Our teams remain committed to supporting Luxair through aircraft delivery, integration, and ongoing operational support to help them achieve their goals for service quality, connectivity, and sustainability."

A partnership spanning nearly five decades

The event also highlighted the long-standing relationship between Luxair and Boeing. In 2027, the two companies will celebrate 50 years of partnership, dating back to the arrival of Luxair's first Boeing aircraft, a Boeing 737-200, in 1977.

Over the decades, successive generations of Boeing 737 aircraft have played an important role in Luxair's operations, including the Boeing 737-400, 737-500, 737-700 and 737-800. In 2023, as part of its fleet development, Luxair placed new orders with Boeing and introduced two leased 737-8 aircraft to provide additional capacity while awaiting the arrival of its own aircraft.

The two newly arrived aircraft are the first Boeing 737-8s owned by Luxair as part of the current fleet renewal programme.

Investing in Luxair's future

The introduction of the new Boeing 737 aircraft forms part of Luxair's comprehensive fleet renewal programme, with an overall investment of over €1 billion. Together with the Embraer E2s, these new-generation aircraft will contribute to a younger and more efficient fleet, while greater commonality within each aircraft family will support efficiency across training, maintenance and day-to-day operations. This approach will also allow Luxair to better match the right aircraft to the different needs of its route portfolio.

Significant steps have already been taken in 2026. During the first half of the year, Luxair took delivery of four Embraer E195-E2 aircraft, followed by the arrival of its first two company-owned Boeing 737-8 aircraft. Further new-generation aircraft will progressively join the fleet over the coming years, while older-generation aircraft are phased out. The overall renewal is currently planned to be completed by the mid-2030s.

Luxair's new fleet will strengthen operational efficiency and reliability, provide additional capacity where demand supports it and enable the airline to further develop its connectivity from Luxembourg, while continuing to enhance the passenger experience and environmental performance.

Throughout this transition, Luxair is committed to remaining one of Europe's few regional full-service airlines. Passengers will continue to benefit from the travel experience that defines Luxair, built first and foremost on safety, and combining comfort, personal service and hospitality, with cabin baggage and high-quality onboard meals and drinks included at no additional charge.

Pictures of the event can be downloaded by [clicking here](#).

Luxair Boeing 737-8 renderings can be downloaded by [clicking here](#).