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Airbus in Indonesia

The relationship between Airbus and Indonesia dates back to February 1979, when Garuda Indonesia placed an order for nine of the original Airbus A300B4s – the world's first wide-body twin engine aircraft.

As part of Airbus' philosophy of working closely with its customers on the refinement of its products, Garuda Indonesia was subsequently involved in the development of the "forward-facing" cockpit designed for operation by two pilots and without the need for an additional flight engineer. With the delivery of its first A300 in 1982, officially designated the A300FFCC, Garuda Indonesia thus became the first airline in the world to operate a wide-body aircraft with a two pilot crew.

Following seven years of extremely successful service with the A300, Garuda Indonesia became one of the early customers for the new generation A330, when it placed an order for nine at the end of 1989. The first aircraft was delivered in 1996.

In recent years Garuda Indonesia has once again selected the A330 to play a key role in its fleet modernization plan, currently operating 16 A330-300 aircraft from its repeat order for an additional 17 A330-300s and three A330-200s. Prior to delivery of the recently ordered A330 aircraft, the airline had already introduced eight A330-200s into service on its longer-range routes, featuring the airline's new premium long haul cabin products. In April 2016, the flag carrier confirmed an order with Airbus for the purchase of 14 A330-900neo, the new re-engined version of the best-selling A330 widebody airliner. Today, the airline operates a total of 24 aircraft from the A330 family.

In August 2011 Garuda Indonesia also finalised an order with Airbus for the purchase of 15 A320 Family aircraft. The order made Garuda Indonesia a new A320 Family customer and covered seven A320ceo and eight A320neo aircraft for operation by the carrier's low cost unit Citilink. This was followed at the end of 2012 by the first direct order to be placed by Citilink with Airbus, for another 25 A320neo. In advance of the delivery of the ordered aircraft, Citilink began operating leased A320s in 2011, and is now flying 39 aircraft on its domestic network.

Indonesia AirAsia (IAA), the Jakarta-based branch of the low cost carrier AirAsia Group, became a new A320 operator in 2008. The fast-growing Indonesian affiliate of AirAsia now operates a fleet of 22 A320s on its domestic and regional network, enabling more people to fly in comfort and at less cost.

March 2013 saw the addition of a new Indonesian customer when the fast-growing low-cost carrier Lion Air placed a major order for 234 A320 Family aircraft with Airbus. This first order included 118 A320neo, 65 A321neo and 51 A320ceo. Today, 20 A320ceos are operated by Lion Group's full service unit, Batik Air. Earlier in 2015, Lion Air also finalized an order with Airbus for the purchase of three A330 Family aircraft. Lion Air took the delivery of its first Airbus A330-300 in October 2015 and currently operates three A330-300s.

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In addition to these substantial orders, in March 2014 Airbus and the Lion Group announced the commitment to partner on a Training Centre Services Agreement to develop flight training programmes for Lion Group carriers.

Under the terms of the agreement Airbus will provide its expert personnel as well as the syllabi and tools necessary for training courses for Airbus aircraft, to be conducted at Lion Group's Angkasa Aviation Academy. The facility which currently has simulators for existing aircraft types operated by Lion Group including two A320, and two on order, will offer the newest flight simulator technology in conjunction with the industry's most experienced instructors.

In the manufacturing sector, PT Dirgantara Indonesia is engaged as an indirect supplier to Airbus on a variety of Airbus programmes. These include manufacture of parts for the nose and engine pylons for the A320 family, nose and fixed leading edge parts for the wings on the A380 and a contract to produce fixed leading edge parts for the wing of the new A350 XWB. The company was also recently selected for a work package covering the engineering of the structural metallic frames for the Airbus A350-1000 nose section.
