

## Airbus forecasts Asia-Pacific aviation services market to reach US\$138.7 Billion by 2044

**Singapore, 5 February 2026** – In its latest Global Services Forecast (GSF) for Asia-Pacific (including China and India), Airbus anticipates that total services demand in the region will grow at a 5.2% compound annual growth rate (CAGR) through 2044, reaching an estimated market value of US\$138.7 billion.

This sustained growth will be underpinned by expanding air traffic and fleet growth. Over the next 20 years, Asia-Pacific will require 19,560 new passenger aircraft, accounting for 46% of total global demand during the forecast period. The region is also expected to remain the world's fastest-growing air travel market, with passenger traffic rising at 4.4% annually, well above the global average of 3.6%.

The Airbus GSF identifies five key services segments that will drive this growth across Asia-Pacific:

- Off-Wing Maintenance (2025: US\$37.1 billion; 2044: US\$100 billion) – Demand is increasing rapidly as fleets grow and age. However, the segment faces significant constraints stemming from supply chain challenges and labour shortages.
- On-Wing Maintenance (2025: US\$6 billion; 2044: US\$14 billion) – Substantial capital investment is flowing into MRO infrastructure, with new base maintenance hangars under construction in key markets including India, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines, strengthening regional maintenance capabilities.
- Modifications & Upgrades (2025: US\$3.8 billion; 2044: US\$6.2 billion) – Airlines are undertaking increasingly complex retrofits on ageing aircraft, driving strong demand for cabin modernisation. These programmes are being leveraged to introduce premium cabin products and In-Flight Connectivity (IFC) to meet evolving passenger expectations.
- Digital & Connectivity (2025: US\$2.9 billion; 2044: US\$11.2 billion) – Airlines and MROs are accelerating the adoption of AI and data analytics to enhance efficiency. These technologies support predictive maintenance, optimise operations and help mitigate labour shortages through automation.
- Training (2025: US\$3.2 billion; 2044: US\$7.7 billion) – The region is rapidly transitioning towards Competency-Based Training and Assessment (CBTA). To support growth, more than 1.06 million new aviation professionals will be required by 2044, including 282,000 pilots, 302,000 technicians and 473,000 cabin crew.

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In addition, the latest GSF highlights two further services segments that are increasingly critical to airline and MRO performance:

- Maintenance Operations Support – Encompassing engineering services, technical records, inventory management and fleet-wide planning, this segment is a key operational enabler for both operators and MROs. Demand in Asia-Pacific is expected to reach US\$46.4 billion by 2044.
- Ground Operations – A vital link between airside efficiency and aircraft turnaround performance, this segment is being reshaped by automation and digitalisation to drive higher operational efficiency. The Asia-Pacific ground operations market is forecast to reach US\$31 billion by 2044.

As the aviation ecosystem continues to evolve, growth in services demand is increasingly concentrated in Asia-Pacific. Although mature markets will continue to provide scale, Asia-Pacific, driven by South Asia and China, will define the next phase of global aviation services growth, reshaping capacity, capabilities and investment priorities worldwide.

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