

## AWAS delivers one A319 on lease to new customer Bangkok Airways

Recent publicly-listed Thai airline expanding to serve volume growth and new routes

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AWAS announced today that it has agreed to lease one A319 passenger aircraft to new customer Bangkok Airways in Thailand. This aircraft comes from AWAS' existing portfolio, was delivered to the airline and will be used on Bangkok Airways network operating from Suvarnabhumi International Airport in Bangkok, Thailand.

Puttipong Prasarttong-Osoth, President Bangkok Airways commented on the deal and delivery, "We are an established pan-Asian boutique airline and select only the highest quality aircraft to enter into our growing fleet. Bangkok Airways would like to thank AWAS for their ability to provide this modern and highly capable aircraft which is important for us to fully support our various stakeholders and codeshare partners"

Ray Sisson, President & CEO AWAS stated, "AWAS greatly appreciates Bangkok Airways for the trust they have placed in us to deliver this solution to them....we welcome them as a new customer and look to the future together for growth opportunities given the region's explosive aviation sector expansion."

Bangkok Airways officially began its operations in 1986 as one of the country's first privately-owned domestic airlines; initially offering scheduled flights from Bangkok to Krabi, Korat, and Surin. In 2014, Bangkok Airways was announced by Skytrax as "WORLD'S BEST REGIONAL AIRLINE" and "BEST REGIONAL AIRLINE ASIA" at the Farnborough Airshow 2014, London.

Currently, Bangkok Airways covers eleven scheduled domestic destinations: Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai, Lampang, Sukhothai, Pattaya (U-Tapao), Trat, Phuket, Samui, Krabi and Udon Thani, and thirteen scheduled international routes: Hong Kong, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Luang Prabang, Vientiane, Phnom Penh, Siem Reap, Maldives, Dhaka, Mumbai, Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw.

Bangkok Airways' fleet consists of 27 aircraft (nine ATR72s, eight A320s, and ten A319s). Bangkok Airways has also invested in building and maintaining its own privately-operated airports at Samui, Sukhothai, and Trat. These developments provide Thailand with more air transportation hubs to in order to facilitate increasing air traffic volume.

## **About AWAS**

AWAS is one of the world's leading aircraft leasing companies. Our team of industry professionals serves every major and developing commercial aviation market around the globe from our Dublin headquarters and offices in New York, Miami, and Singapore.

AWAS owns a portfolio of more than 300 modern aircraft with 20+ aircraft on order from Airbus and Boeing including a number of next generation aircraft. The aircraft portfolio is on lease to over 110 airline customers in 50 countries. The AWAS fleet features a full range of the most popular aircraft types which includes both narrow-bodied and wide-body aircraft.

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