

MALAYSIA SKS AIRWAYS SELECTS EMBRAER E195-E2 TO DRIVE GROWTH

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Malaysia SKS Airways has chosen the Embraer E195-E2 to drive its growth plans for the region. The E195-E2s will form the core of SKS Airways' expansion plans and will be based at Kuala Lumpur's city airport, Subang, from 2024. The E195-E2 jet has a range of 2,600nm, the equivalent of about seven hours of flight. The aircraft will be comfortably configured with 136 seats. SKS Airways will be the first E195-E2 operator in the Southeast Asian region, growing Embraer's E-Jets presence in the broader Asia Pacific region which currently stands close to 200.

Dato' Rohman Ahmad, Director of SKS Airways, commented: "This is a significant day for the future of aviation in Malaysia. We are delighted to announce the successful signing of these agreements with leading industry players like Embraer and Azorra who share our vision for the future of air travel. With these strategic partnerships, we are excited to embark on a new phase of growth, with a fleet of Embraer's Jets operating out of Subang. The prevalence of the E-Jets at city airports around the world and the low noise emissions of the E195-E2 makes the aircraft a perfect fit for flights in and out of Subang Airport – supporting the Government's aim to establish Subang Airport as Malaysia's premium city airport and aviation hub."

Martyn Holmes, Chief Commercial Officer, Embraer Commercial Aviation, said: "The E2 is the aircraft family of choice for airlines around the world seeking to develop their regional routes. As the most modern and efficient single-aisle aircraft, the E195-E2 will deliver a step change for our first Malaysian operator, SKS Airways, as it grows regional connectivity within Malaysia and beyond. We welcome SKS Airways to the Embraer family and we look forward to growing our collaboration and partnerships in Malaysia as the country continues to develop as a major aerospace hub."

"We are pleased to partner with SKS Airways on this unique opportunity to be a part of the future expansion of Subang Airport. We believe Embraer's new technology E2 is the perfect fit for a redeveloped, premier aviation hub near the heart of Kuala Lumpur, reducing travel times and improving connectivity in the region. The E2's fuel efficiency, carbon footprint and low noise emissions offer a transformative, environmentally conscious jet solution for the city, the region, and its residents", said John Evans, Azorra's CEO.

In February 2023, the Malaysian government announced the Subang Airport Regeneration Plan (SARP), A transformational plan for Subang Airport to be developed into a premium city airport and regional aviation hub.

The E-Jets family of aircraft: a city airport specialist

Airlines have deployed the E-Jets on routes to and from city airports around the world such as London City Airport, New York's LaGuardia Airport and Rio de Janeiro's Santos Dumont Airport. The E-Jets represent 86% of total flights operating in London City Airport. Airlines operating E-Jets into and out of London City Airport include British Airways, Helvetic Airways (operating for SWISS) and KLM.

The E190-E2 and the E195-E2 was designed using the 20 million hours of experience the first generation of E-Jets accrued, ensuring that the E2 aircraft are modern and advanced, yet retain the maturity and reliability of the previous generation aircraft. The first-generation E-Jets is one of the most successful commercial jets in the industry and continue to operate across the globe with more than 80 airlines across 50 countries and more than 1,700 units delivered.

The E-Jets E2 family which includes the E195-E2 have the longest maintenance intervals in the single-aisle jet category – with 10,000 flight hours for basic checks and no calendar limit for typical E-Jet operations. This enables the aircraft to be operated with minimal downtime. In addition, the technology in the aircraft allows for predictive maintenance tools that generate data for airlines to anticipate their maintenance needs.

Embraer is committed to developing products, solutions, and technologies to contribute to the aviation industry's goal of achieving net zero emissions by 2050. Embraer aims to be carbon neutral by 2040 and achieve carbon neutral growth from 2022. It plans to implement 25%

sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) use in its operations by 2040 and 100% renewable energy sources by 2030.

In June 2022, having already been certified for operations using sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) blends of up to 50%, the E195-E2, successfully completed a test flight using 100% SAF, further reinforcing Embraer's commitment to emissions reduction and sustainable aviation. The E195-E2 is the largest aircraft of the E-Jets E2 family.

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