

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Safran signs with Gulf Air to supply wheels and brakes for its new fleet of Boeing 787-9 and Airbus A320neo.**

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Gulf Air, the national carrier of the Kingdom of Bahrain and a long-time partner of Safran, has signed an agreement to equip the airline's new incoming fleet of 10 Boeing 787-9 Dreamliners and 12 Airbus A320neo with Safran Landing Systems wheels and brakes.

Commenting on the agreement Gulf Air Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Captain Waleed Abdulhameed Al Alawi said: "We have selected Safran Landing Systems for their high dispatch reliability, simplified maintenance, as well as their weight advantage resulting in lower fuel burn. Safran Landing Systems is a reliable partner of Gulf Air and we are pleased with our choice towards a wheels and brakes technology of renowned quality to equip our new fleet of Boeing 787-9 Dreamliners and Airbus A320neo that will enter into service in 2018."

Vincent Mascré, Safran Landing Systems CEO, commented on this signature: "Our carbon brake technology is an ideal choice with regard to the requirements of cost, efficiency and expected performance. We are delighted and proud to have earned the trust of Gulf Air and we are fully committed to supporting the entry into service of their 787-9 and A320neo fleets."

***Safran** is an international high-technology group and tier-1 supplier of systems and equipment in the Aerospace and Defense markets. Operating worldwide, Safran has nearly 58,000 employees and generated sales of 15.8 billion euros in 2016. Safran is listed on the Euronext Paris stock exchange, and its share is part of the CAC 40 and Euro Stoxx 50 indices.*

***Safran Landing Systems** is the world leader in aircraft landing and braking systems. As a trusted partner to 30 major commercial, military, business and regional aircraft manufacturers, the company supports more than 27,000 aircraft making over 54,000 landings a day.*

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**About Gulf Air**

Gulf Air, the national carrier of the Kingdom of Bahrain, commenced operations in 1950, becoming one of the first commercial airlines established in the Middle East. Today, Gulf Air is a major international carrier serving 42 cities in 25 countries spanning three continents.

The airline operates double daily flights or more to 10 regional cities, in addition to select destinations in the Indian Subcontinent and Europe, from its hub at Bahrain International Airport. Gulf Air currently serves all its destinations with a combination wide and narrow body fleet totalling 28 modern aircraft with orders for 39 new Boeing and Airbus aircraft due for delivery commencing in early 2018. The modern fleet will herald a new era for Gulf Air as it continues to enhance its product and service offering. Renowned for its traditional Arabian hospitality, evidenced by the airline's signature family and business friendly products, Gulf Air is committed to being an industry leader and developing products and services that reflect the evolving needs and aspirations of its passengers.

Gulf Air connects Bahrain to the world and, as such, is a key national infrastructure asset, serving as a powerful driver for the economy and supporting the Kingdom's on-going economic growth.

Gulf Air has been the Title Sponsor of the FORMULA 1 GULF AIR BAHRAIN GRAND PRIX ever since it made history as the first Formula 1 Grand Prix to be held in the Middle East in 2004. In addition, the airline has been Official Carrier of the biennial Bahrain International Airshow since it was first held in 2010.

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