

Airbus inaugurates new Training Centre in Chile

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Santiago, 09 November, 2021 – Airbus, in the company of SKY, officially celebrated the inauguration of its newest training centre located in Santiago, Chile, becoming the fourth training centre in Latin America. The Airbus Chile Training Centre (ACTC) is located within the facilities of Airbus Chile, in the Tobaraba Airfield in Santiago.

The 1,700-square-meter facility offers training to Airbus operators in Chile and houses a full-suite of A320 pilot training equipment and has the capacity for 1,800 trainees a year. SKY, an all-Airbus low cost carrier based in Chile and Peru, selected Airbus in 2019 as its flight training provider, with the aim of delivering the best safety conditions for its passengers.

The centre was inaugurated with the presence of the Chilean Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, Gloria Hutt, SKY's Executive President, Holger Paulmann and Arturo Barreira, President of Airbus Latin America and the Caribbean.

The A320 Family is the world's most popular single-aisle aircraft family as it is the preferred choice with airlines, from the low cost carriers, to new business models taking benefits of new levels of performance and comfort, and with passengers. As air traffic in Latin America is progressively ramping up, Airbus predicts that this will call for more than 5,500 pilots to be trained over the next few years in the region, so the new training center will support the actual and the future growth of Airbus customers.

The ACTC is part of the Airbus global flight training network, which has 20 training locations around the world. This extensive and growing global network enables Airbus to offer a complete flight training package, allowing its customers to benefit from its training expertise closer to their home base.

Airbus has sold over 1,100 aircraft and has a backlog of close to 430 and more than 685 in operation throughout Latin America and the Caribbean, representing almost 60% market share of the in-service fleet. Since 1994, Airbus has secured approximately 70 percent of net orders in the region.

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