



LUFTHANSA TECHNIK PARTNERS WITH KM MALTA AIRLINES FOR CFM LEAP SERVICES

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With KM Malta Airlines, the newly founded national airline of the Maltese Islands, Lufthansa Technik welcomes another customer for LEAP-1A services. Over the next 9.5 years, the MRO provider will perform the repair and overhaul of this engine type operated by the Maltese airline on its Airbus A320neo fleet. Lufthansa Technik is currently undertaking two quick turns for KM Malta Airlines.

Since the LEAP-1A engines are still at the beginning of their life cycle and most do not yet require an overhaul, so-called quick turns are performed. These shop visits address specific technical reasons for early removals, for example by changing the stage 1 blades or shrouds of the high-pressure turbine. This allows the engine to be returned to the aircraft quickly, thereby maintaining its operation until the scheduled overhaul.

Zeljko Pejovic, Director of Technical Operations at KM Malta Airlines commented: “We are excited to enter into this long-term partnership with Lufthansa Technik, a trusted name in aviation maintenance. Their expertise with LEAP-1A engines ensures not only the safety and reliability of our fleet but also supports our commitment to operational excellence. Together, we look forward to

building a strong and lasting relationship that will help us maintain the highest standards of safety for our passengers.”

Kai-Stefan Roepke, Senior Vice President Corporate Sales Europe, Middle East, and Africa at Lufthansa Technik, said: “Thanks to KM Malta Airlines for choosing us as their trusted partner for LEAP-1A engine repairs and overhauls. As the first MRO provider worldwide, we not only hold the CFM Branded Service Agreement for both the LEAP-1A and LEAP-1B engines, but we have also built extensive experience with these engines over the past years, from which KM Malta Airlines will benefit.”

Lufthansa Technik has already completed more than 60 LEAP-1A and LEAP-1B events, including the world's first Performance Restoration of a LEAP-1A engine.

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