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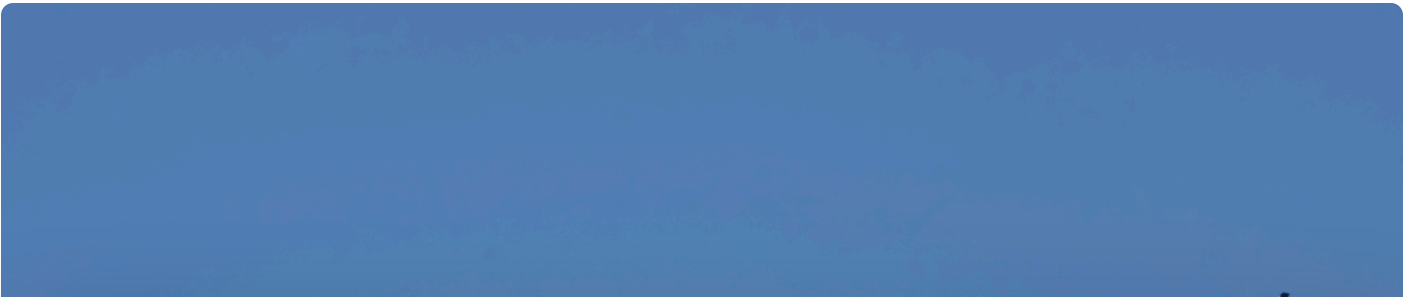
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737 MAX family aircraft

Panama-based Copa Airlines has placed a major new order for up to 60 additional [Boeing 737 MAX family](#) aircraft in a deal valued at approximately \$13.5 billion at list prices.

An agreement between the airline, Boeing, and GE Aerospace was signed on 28 April, marking the next phase in the airline's growth strategy and fleet modernisation programme.



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family.

According to data obtained from Planespotters.net, Copa Airlines currently operates an all-Boeing 737 fleet that includes 18 Boeing 737 MAX 8s and 32 Boeing 737 MAX 9s, alongside older Next Generation aircraft such as nine 737-700s and 57 737-800s. This latest order represents the largest ever placed by the airline for new aircraft.

As reported by Reuters, the order provides a degree of latitude for the airline to select the exact variant of the Boeing 737 MAX, nearer to the delivery date, with the 737 MAX 8, MAX 9, and MAX 10 all in contention. This aspect of the deal provides Copa with the flexibility it needs to adapt its fleet to future operational requirements.

This flexibility is described as particularly important for Copa, whose route network includes both short-



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supporting the economic development of Panama and the region, generating new jobs and growth in the tourism sector,” Heilbron added.

The new aircraft are needed for further expansion

Copa Airlines currently links 88 destinations in 32 countries across North, Central and South America, and the Caribbean. The carrier expects to transport 20.9 million passengers in 2026, growing to over 27 million by decade's end.

According to [Boeing's Commercial Market Outlook](#), airlines throughout the Latin American and Caribbean markets will need more than 2,300 new aircraft over the next 20 years, with single-aisle jets



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Order represents another big 'win' for Boeing

With the Copa Airlines deal confirmed, the order marks another significant development in the history of the Boeing 737 MAX family. Having initially struggled against the Airbus A320neo family due to the widely publicised early safety issues and later the quality production issues with the MAX family, the type is now managing to compete more strongly with its European rival.

Since the quality control issues were resolved, the US-based planemaker has been working towards



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Now bolster the airline's confidence about the prospects for future growth.

The MAX 10 is yet to be certified and has suffered from repeated delays throughout its development programme. The most current expectation is that the Boeing 737 MAX 10 will likely be certified later in the third quarter of 2026, with deliveries beginning in 2027. Boeing has previously said the program is in the "final phases" of certification and flight testing.

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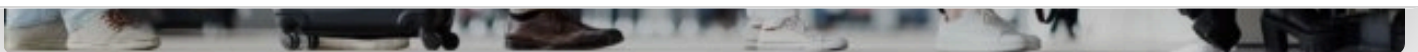
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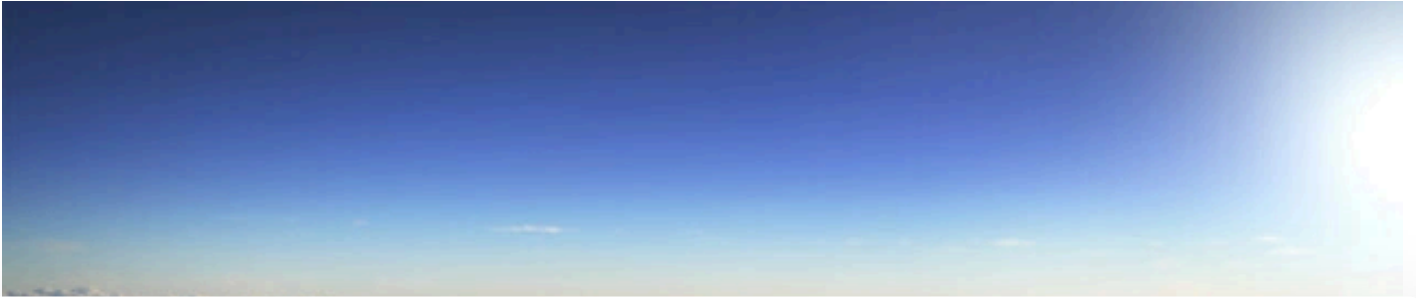
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