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Airbus / EADS

- **Airbus:** aims to raise production by 40-45% in the next years – current backlog of 3,700 aircraft translates into around six years' production.
- **China:** Airbus China Limited and Harbin Aircraft Industry Group Company Limited (HAIG) enter into a contract for a Joint Venture in China to produce aircraft composite material parts and components.
- **Socata:** EADS and DAHER announce the opening of exclusive negotiations for the acquisition of a majority interest in Socata - the French concern recently partnered with EADS Socata to bid for work on the A350.
- **EADS:** is reportedly close to sealing two deals, with Diehl/Thales for the Laupheim site and British GKN for Filton.

Boeing

- **US tanker contract:** Boeing has the opportunity to re-bid after the US government announces its decision to reopen the tender - the Pentagon is expected to decide by the end of the year.
- **787:** while confirming the revised schedule, Boeing says its margin for error to achieve first flight in the fourth quarter is shrinking owing to problems with the aircraft's brake control system and other supplier issues.
- **Deliveries:** Boeing delivers 11% more aircraft in the second quarter as it boosts 737 production - shipments reached 126 planes, including 100 of the 737.
- **New helicopter:** Boeing and SkyHook International announce an agreement to develop the JHL-40 (Jess Heavy Lifter), a new commercial heavy-lift rotorcraft.
- **777:** the 777 Freighter makes its maiden flight on 14 July.

Orders

- **First six months of 2008:** Airbus won a net 487 orders, 12 more than Boeing – deliveries were 245 for Airbus and 241 for Boeing.
- **Farnborough** main orders:
 - **Airbus** says it has reached its 2008 target – orders included an **100** aircraft order from DAE Capital (30 A350s, 70 A320s) and **30 A350s** for Asian, while AerCap became launch customer for the **A321 Freighter** with 30 in order.
 - **Boeing** sells **35 787s** and **10 777-300ER** to Etihad, **50 737s** to FlyDubai and **18 freighters** (747s and 777s) to DAE - Arik Air announces its intent to purchase the Boeing 747-8 Intercontinental.
 - **Bombardier:** launches **CSeries 130** with "letter of intent" from Lufthansa for **30** plus 30 options.
 - **Sukhoi** sells **40 Superjets 100** to AviaLeasing and another **25** to Western customers (20 to an undisclosed client and 5 to Switzerland's AMA).

Other Manufacturers

- **GE and Safran:** will establish a joint venture to develop a nacelle for the successor to the 737/A320 – development to take about 5 years.
- **Sukhoi:** confirms a one-year delay for its Superjet 100, delivery now expected in the second half of 2009.

- **Antonov:** responding to “strong market demand”, launches a stretched version of the An-148 regional aircraft that would seat 99 passengers and enter into use in 2010.
- **CFM International:** launches LEAP-X engine programme for 737/A320 successor, targeting 16% lower fuel consumption.
- **Bombardier:** partners with AVIC I for CSeries fuselage.
- **Mitsubishi:** final design of the MRJ regional jet should be completed by next year with first flight targeted in 2011.

Airlines

- **Air Berlin:** merger with Condor is cancelled after discussions with the German competition regulator.
- **Iberia:** Spanish low-cost airline Vueling has agreed to a merger with rival Clickair - the merger would give Iberia a tighter grasp on the country's low-cost segment, dominated by Ryanair and easyJet.
- **Lufthansa:** after a strike that led to the cancellation of more than 640 flights, German services union Ver.di is prepared to call for new strikes starting on July 25.

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