A BUSY YEAR FOR AIRCRAFT DELIVERIES

- 2016 is scheduled to be a busy year for aircraft manufacturers, with approximately 1,800 new aircraft booked for delivery (an increase of more than 12% from 2015). As noted in the latest Airlines Financial Monitor released earlier this week (link), 161 new aircraft were delivered in June – the highest seen in a single month since December 2014. Today we take a closer look at the latest aircraft delivery schedule by region for 2016.

- The data clearly show the largest number of deliveries are expected for the Asia-Pacific region in 2016, with almost 700 new aircraft scheduled. Asia-Pac also leads on each of the three aircraft types shown – widebody, narrowbody and turboprops. Within Asia-Pac, deliveries to China account for around 40% of the total for this year.

- It is also interesting to note the different composition of aircraft type in the current delivery schedule. In this regard, the stand out is the Middle East where the share of widebody aircraft in total deliveries is much higher than in the other regions. Unsurprising when you think about the main airline business model employed in that region.

- In part, the absolute number of deliveries is a function of the size of the respective regional markets, so the proportion of 2016 deliveries compared with the total fleet sizes at 31 December 2015 is shown in the table under the chart. Of note is the strong increase in the number of widebody aircraft to Africa in 2016 – equivalent to 6.3% of the total widebody fleet at the end of last year. In the Middle East, the double-digit share of total for 2016 turboprop deliveries is largely a function of the very small fleet of such aircraft in the region.

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