Middle East Airlines takes Panasonic eX1 and connectivity

<u>Panasonic Avionics</u> has been selected by <u>Middle East Airlines</u>-Air Liban (MEA) to provide inflight entertainment and connectivity solutions for 15 of its A321s.

First deliveries started this month. Nine A321neos will become the first connected aircraft to join MEA's fleet. They will be line-fitted with Panasonic's eX1 seatback IFE solution, designed for narrowbody aircraft.

The eX1 has full HD seatback monitors, with touch displays and handsets, and a personalized interface. Passengers will have access to USB and laptop charging power points at every seat.

MEA's A321neos will also be fitted with Panasonic's inflight Wi-Fi service, with a host of next generation connectivity benefits from fast Internet to video streaming, all powered by its new satellite modem which offers bandwidth up to twenty times greater than previously available.

"We are delighted to be partnering with Middle East Airlines to enhance the passenger experience on their A321 family aircraft with our world-class inflight entertainment and connectivity," said Ken Sain, Chief Executive Officer of Panasonic Avionics. "The Middle East is a dynamic and strategically important region for Panasonic Avionics."

Mohamad El Hout, Chairman – Director General of MEA, added; "We are happy to partner again with Panasonic Avionics. MEA's new aircraft is equipped with its state-of-the-art inflight entertainment systems including WiFi connectivity for the first time, reflecting the company's ambition to provide customers with the best products the industry has to offer."