
Etihad Airways Engineering takes on A350 maintenance capabilities

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[Etihad Airways Engineering](#) has added A350 maintenance capabilities to its in-house portfolio.

Etihad Airways Engineering is part of the Airbus MRO Alliance and has supported the A380 fleets of [Etihad Airways](#) and third-party customers in the Middle East, Asia, Europe and Australia. The company has now received the landmark approval for A350 maintenance, awarded by the UAE General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA).

The first A350 aircraft to arrive for maintenance in Abu Dhabi comes from [LATAM Airlines group](#), one of the company's long-term clients. The aircraft will undergo a heavy maintenance check and modifications as part of its routine maintenance program, to be followed by full stripping and painting of the aircraft in LATAM's livery. Over the course of the year, the airline group is due to send additional A350 aircraft for scheduled maintenance in Abu Dhabi,

Etihad Airways Engineering Chief Executive Officer Abdul Khaliq Saeed said in a statement from the company: "Building on our position as a center of excellence for the Boeing 787 and the Airbus A380, we are now ready to support the A350 fleets of our customers from around the world. Our A350 capability demonstrates our commitment to providing comprehensive aircraft maintenance and engineering solutions for all major aircraft types under one roof.

"Our investment in developing A350 maintenance capability recognizes the growing global demand for service on this aircraft type forecast over the coming years. It is also a reflection of the trust and confidence that valued customers such as LATAM place in the expertise and workmanship of our multinational team at Etihad Airways Engineering."