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[Air India](#) has welcomed the first of 20 A350-900 aircraft, registered VT-JRA, to its fleet. Featuring its updated livery, consistent with its rebrand, the aircraft arrived at New Delhi ([DEL](#)) from the Airbus facility in Toulouse, France.

“This moment marks a red-letter day for all of us at Air India. The A350 is not just metal and engines; it’s the flying embodiment of the relentless efforts of all Air India employees towards our airline’s continuing transformation and of our commitment to setting new benchmarks. It is also, in many ways, a declaration of Indian aviation’s resurgence on the world stage,” said Campbell Wilson, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, Air India.

“As a symbol of the new age of flying, the A350 promises a world-class, long-haul travel experience on our non-stop routes, providing an unparalleled level of comfort. Its excellent flight economics and state-of-the-art technology underscore our dedication to commercially successful operations and to achieving our sustainability goals,” Wilson added.

Air India’s A350 enters commercial service this month, initially operating domestically for crew familiarization, the press release said. Longer-haul flights to destinations across continents will follow.

The A350-900 aircraft comes in a three-class cabin configuration with 316 seats designed by Collins Aerospace. There are 28 private Business Class suites with lie-flat beds, 24 Premium Economy seats with extra legroom and 264 spacious Economy Class seats.

All seats on the aircraft feature the latest-generation [Panasonic eX3 in-flight entertainment](#) system and HD screens to elevate the passenger experience. The aircraft is the first of Air India’s A350-900 on order, with five more scheduled for deliveries through March.

The aircraft with bold livery joins the fleet as Air India continues with its rebranding, including its global digital brand identity featuring an updated website, new boarding pass designs and more.