
SilkAir 737 Max to get Thompson Aero Seating

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SilkAir has 32 737s on order. Photo by Venkat Mangudi

Singapore Airlines' regional carrier, [SilkAir](#), has selected [Thompson Aero Seating](#) for the upgrade of Business Class seats on its 737 MAX 8 fleet. The upgrades are a part of an investment program that will eventually see SilkAir merged into Singapore Airlines.

The upgrades will commence in May 2020 and will feature new lie-flat Business Class seats in a forward-facing staggered layout – in line with SIA's regional Business Class offering on its A350-900 medium-haul and 787-10 fleets.

SilkAir currently has five 737 MAX 8s in its fleet with another 32 on order. The new seats will be retrofitted onto aircraft already in the fleet, and installed at the time of arrival in Singapore for aircraft not yet delivered.

“Plans for the upgrades were announced in May 2018, as part of a move to more closely align SilkAir's products and services with those of SIA in preparation for its merger into SIA,” said a release from Singapore Airlines. “The merger will eventually encompass a full re-branding of SilkAir as SIA, with repainting of aircraft and adoption of SIA's service delivery.”

The upgrade program will also see the installation of new seat-back in-flight entertainment systems in both Business Class and Economy Class. Singapore Airlines said an announcement on the supplier for the systems will be made soon.

