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Air New Zealand has today announced plans to take delivery of two additional Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner aircraft.

The airline already has three of these revolutionary new aircraft in its fleet with a further seven on firm order.

These two additional aircraft are expected to be delivered in late 2017 and the latter half of 2018 respectively and will take the total number of Dreamliners in the fleet to 12. The airline has another six 787-9 purchase options still available.

Air New Zealand Chief Executive Officer Christopher Luxon announced the fleet investment at an event in Sydney today.

"This investment is possible as a result of our strong commercial results. As the airline's commercial performance continues to improve, we are focussed on reinvesting our profits directly back into the business on products, services and fleet to further enhance the customer experience and to ensure the business remains strong and competitive.

"Air New Zealand is very committed to the Boeing 787-9. The aircraft is a key component in our growth strategy. These new aircraft will provide us with additional flexibility as we move forward with our growth plans," says Mr Luxon.

Earlier this year Air New Zealand became the first airline in the world to take delivery of the Boeing 787-9. The airline first operated the aircraft to Sydney followed by scheduled services to Perth, Shanghai and most recently Tokyo.

"The entry into service programme has gone very smoothly and we've been incredibly pleased with the aircraft's performance. Feedback from customers has also been very positive with many commenting on the cabin fit out, our new inflight product and entertainment system," says Mr Luxon.

The aircraft is a game-changer for the airline with increased levels of fuel efficiency and passenger comfort through a raft of on board technologies.

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