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October 19, 2017. First flight of the A330neo powered by Trent 7000 engines.

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Fewer deliveries than last year but some new delivery records.

Airbus and Boeing both delivered fewer aircraft by the end of September than in the same period last year. Airbus has had eight fewer deliveries and Boeing has had nine fewer. Bombardier has delivered eight more CSeries jets. Given these figures, one would not expect any new delivery records but Airbus has delivered a record number of widebody aircraft for the first nine months of a year and Boeing has delivered a record number of single-aisles for that period.

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The number of aircraft without engine selections is slowly falling but at the end of September there were exactly 1,600 of these aircraft on firm backlog order and they will need a total of 3,260 engines. Most of these are single-aisle aircraft, all A320 Family, but there are also over 200 widebody aircraft on firm order without engine selections.

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The large commercial jet backlog dropped again in September and while the fall amounted to just five aircraft it was the seventh monthly backlog drop this year, fortunately not the seventh consecutive monthly drop. The single-aisle backlog is now 42 aircraft lower than at the start of the year and the widebody backlog is now 93 aircraft lower. Despite this, some aircraft programs have had fairly large backlog gains.

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The single-aisle order intake so far this year is the lowest for the Jan-Sept period in years but the widebody intake is larger than by the end of September last year. Boeing has so far sold 405 single-aisles, 10 more than in the same period last year, and 150 widebodies, 85 more than last year. The total intake is low because Airbus has sold far fewer single-aisles and widebodies than in previous years.

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There is a new Third Quarter delivery record. A total of 354 large commercial jets were delivered in Q3, beating the previous Q3 record set last year by one. Boeing had a record quarter with a total of 202 deliveries which included 145 single-aisles, the largest number ever delivered by the company in a single quarter. In fact, Boeing's September total of 57 single-aisle deliveries was also new company monthly record.

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