Middle East Commercial Aircraft Cabin Seating - Market Share Analysis, Industry Trends & Statistics, Growth Forecasts (2025 - 2030)

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The Middle East Commercial Aircraft Cabin Seating Market size is estimated at 372.7 million USD in 2025, and is expected to reach 503.8 million USD by 2030, growing at a CAGR of 6.22% during the forecast period (2025-2030).

Rising demand for widebody aircraft and airlines focusing on passenger comfort and privacy is expected to drive the demand for cabin seating in the Middle East

- The aviation industry in the Middle East has been steadily growing over the years, driven by increased tourism, economic development, and the expansion of airline fleets. One crucial aspect of this growth is the cabin seat market, which is pivotal in ensuring passenger comfort and airline profitability. As air travel continues to gain popularity in the Middle East, airlines constantly seek innovative ways to enhance passenger comfort and maximize seating capacity. The region's demand for cabin seating market is driven by new aircraft procured by various airlines. In terms of deliveries, widebody aircraft dominated the number of deliveries in the Middle East, with an overall share of 52% during 2017-2022.
- The adoption of narrowbody aircraft in the longer haul routes by the Middle East airlines has increased, aiding the deployment of ergonomic seats in narrowbody aircraft. The airlines such as Emirates have focused on increasing their business class seats and improving customer experience. The airlines in the region have started emphasizing the adoption of lighter seats.
- Around 543 narrowbody aircraft and 401 widebody aircraft are expected to be delivered in the region with major markets such as Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates during 2023-2030. The fleet expansion plans in the region are expected to aid the procurement of narrowbody and widebody aircraft. This will, in turn, be expected to drive the growth of the region's commercial aircraft cabin seating market during the forecast period by 8.30%.

The UAE is expected to witness a larger growth in the region because of huge aircraft orders placed by the countries' airlines

- Customer experience is always the top priority for airlines. Dissatisfied or disengaged customers inevitably result in fewer passengers and reduced profits for airlines. It is vital for passengers to have a positive experience whenever they travel. To provide the best experience, airlines in the Middle East are focused on modernized cabin seats that provide comfort and overall enjoyment to passengers during their travel. Airlines in the Middle East have started adopting lighter seats for a reduction in the overall weight of aircraft. This upgrade will also improve efficiency and promote better utilization of cabin spaces.
- The demand for the aircraft cabin seating market in the region is driven by aircraft orders that are being placed by various airlines as part of fleet renewal and the need for long-range, fuel-efficient aircraft. Some of the major airlines, such as Air Arabia, Emirates, Etihad, Qatar Airways, Saudia, Riyadh Air, and Flydubai, have ordered a total of 391 narrowbody and 413 widebody aircraft. Of these total aircraft ordered, the UAE's top airlines, such as Emirates, Etihad, and Flydubai, have ordered 361 aircraft. The UAE is expected to witness a larger growth driven by its huge aircraft orders. These ordered aircraft are expected to be delivered throughout the forecast period, and these aircraft orders are expected to drive the demand for aircraft seating market. The Middle East is expected to see enormous expansion over the next 20 years, requiring a fleet of around 3,400 jets to serve fast-growing passenger traffic, according to Boeing. Factors such as these are expected to drive the demand in the region's aircraft seat market by 8.30% during 2023-2030.

Middle East Commercial Aircraft Cabin Seating Market Trends

The main reasons for market growth are the expansion of the fleet and the increased demand for passenger air travel in Middle Eastern countries

- The aviation industry in the Middle East recovered from the COVID-19 pandemic faster and stronger than the rest of the world. In 2021, air passenger traffic in the Middle East reached 302 million, a growth of 249% compared to 2020 and 25% compared to 2019. The increase in air passenger traffic may eventually drive new aircraft procurements, boosting the cabin interior market in the region. Major airlines have adopted fleet expansion strategies.
- A total of 498 new aircraft were delivered in the region between 2017 and 2022. During 2023-2030, around 1,058 new aircraft are expected to be delivered in the region. During the forecast period, the majority of aircraft are expected to be narrowbody. In addition, the popularity of small and economical aircraft, the success of low-cost carriers, and the advent of narrowbodies with long ranges have contributed to this trend. Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates are the major countries accounting for a significant number of aircraft deliveries.
- New aircraft deliveries and backlogs are expected to generate demand for cabin interiors, as various airlines in the region are opting for advanced aircraft systems and components such as LED cabin lights, wireless lightweight IFES, comfortable, lightweight seats, and other cabin products. As of November 2022, major airlines, such as Emirates, Qatar Airways, Saudia Arabia Airlines, Etihad Airways, and FlyDubai Airlines, together had a backlog of over 1,013 aircraft, of which 589 were expected to be narrowbody jets. Factors such as these are expected to drive the cabin interior market positively during the forecast period.

Consistent growth in air travel is the driving factor for air passenger traffic in the Middle East

- The Middle East, a popular connection point for international travelers and trade, is also growing as a starting point and

destination for business and leisure passengers. In 2020, air passenger traffic in the Middle East dropped by 64% due to travel restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, in 2022, due to the rising vaccination rates and strong demand over the holiday season, air passenger traffic in the region reached 349.5 million, a growth of 16% compared to 2021, while the growth was at 45% compared to 2019. Major countries, such as the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia, accounted for 42% of the total air passenger traffic, generating higher demand for new aircraft compared to other Middle Eastern countries.
- In 2022, passenger capacity increased by 73.8%, and passenger load factor grew by 24.6% to 75.8% compared to 2021. Air travel recovery in the region continues to gather momentum, and air passenger traffic is expected to double within the next 20 years. Many major Middle Eastern international route areas in Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Iraq, Iran, Jordan, Yemen, and Qatar are already exceeding pre-COVID-19 levels. Such factors indicate that air travel has recovered and continues to gather momentum. Many major international routes, even within the Middle East, are already exceeding pre-COVID-19 levels. Tourism and the high willingness to travel continue to foster the industry's recovery in the Middle East & Africa. The air passenger traffic levels are expected to grow by 34% in 2030 compared to 2022.

Middle East Commercial Aircraft Cabin Seating Industry Overview

The Middle East Commercial Aircraft Cabin Seating Market is fairly consolidated, with the top five companies occupying 88.57%. The major players in this market are Adient Aerospace, Collins Aerospace, Expliseat, Recaro Group and Safran (sorted alphabetically).

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