



## BUILDING THE FUTURE TOGETHER

# Boeing Saudi Arabia

## Eight Decades of Partnership

Boeing enjoys a strong and long-standing relationship with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The partnership began on February 14, 1945, when U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt gifted a twin-engine DC-3 Dakota to King Abdulaziz Al Saud. This marked both the beginning of Boeing's relationship with Saudi Arabia and the birth of commercial air travel in the Kingdom.

Since then, Boeing's partnership with the Kingdom has strengthened and grown, with Boeing present in all sectors of aerospace in the country.

## OUR COMMITMENT AND PARTNERSHIP



## INVESTMENTS

Boeing investments have helped grow the local aerospace sector, creating jobs and driving innovation for mutual benefit.



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Boeing supports education, health, special needs, women's empowerment and other important causes through community partnerships.



# BOEING SAUDI ARABIA

## Boeing Commercial Airplanes

After World War II, Saudi Arabia began using the DC-3 to carry passengers and cargo between Jeddah, Riyadh and Dhahran. The service proved so successful that King Abdulaziz ordered the purchase of two more DC-3s. The DC-3 was the foundation of Saudi Arabian Airlines (Saudia).

In 1962, Saudi Arabian Airlines introduced 720Bs into service—becoming the first airline in the Middle East to operate commercial jets.

Over the years, Saudia has taken delivery of most Boeing airplane models, including the 707, 737, 747, 777, 787, MD-11F, DC-3, DC-4, DC-9 and MD-90.

In March 2023, Saudia and the Kingdom's new airline, Riyadh Air, announced their intent to purchase up to 121 787 Dreamliners, the fifth largest commercial order in value. Saudia ordered up to 49 Boeing 787 Dreamliners; and Riyadh Air will launch with a fleet of up to 72 787-9 Dreamliners.

The Saudi market also represents about 70% of Boeing Business Jet sales in the Arabian Gulf region. Different Boeing aircraft types in VIP configuration—including 727, 737, 747, 757, 767, 777 and 787—have been ordered or currently operate in the kingdom.

## Boeing Defense, Space & Security

Boeing's partnership with the Royal Saudi Air Force (RSAF) began in 1978, when the Kingdom selected the initial F-15C/D fleet. This decision cemented the F-15 jet fighter as the backbone of the RSAF's air defense.

Following the initial agreement, the 1980s brought the inclusion of the E-3 Sentry and AH-64 Apache attack helicopters into the RSAF's portfolio, further diversifying their defense capabilities. The RSAF's operational efficiency during Operation Desert Storm catalyzed an expansion of its fleet with additional F-15C/Ds and F-15S Strike Eagles.

The RSAF's fleet underwent a significant expansion in December 2011 following a landmark agreement with the U.S. The agreement, which is considered the largest in U.S. history, encompassed F-15SA fighters, AH-64E Apache attack helicopters, and AH-6 light attack/armed reconnaissance helicopters.

Further adding to the RSAF's capabilities are other Boeing defense products currently in operation within the Kingdom. These include E-3A AWACS aircraft and KC-3A cargo/tanker planes.

In August 2017, the Ministry of the National Guard of Saudi Arabia received its first AH-6 Little Bird, marking the Kingdom's maiden venture into operating light attack and reconnaissance helicopters. Simultaneously, Saudi Arabia was inducted as Boeing's 20th global Chinook operator. This followed a U.S. Army contract for eight heavy-lift helicopters tailored for the Kingdom. Subsequently, Saudi Arabia expressed a requirement for a total of 48 CH-47F Chinooks, with the first six delivered to date.

The Saudi Arabian Armed Forces and other public security entities also utilize several ScanEagle systems.

## Boeing Global Services

Boeing continues to expand its services in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and is committed to growing indigenous capabilities. Currently, more than 100 employees and partners support commercial and government customers in the Kingdom.

Boeing provides sustainment solutions to a number of defense platforms, including AH-6, AH-64, CH-47F, F-15, and the 707-based AWACS and Tankers. Boeing Saudi Arabia also supports the training for the F-15SA and 707 Boom operator training refueling arm system. The current Saudization rate for training programs in Boeing Saudi Arabia is 100%.

Commercial airlines supported in the country include Saudia and flynas. Boeing offers spare parts and supply chain solutions to maintain fleets; training services for airline personnel; engineering and modifications services to enhance commercial fleets; and a broad range of digital solutions for flight and maintenance operations.

## Industrial partnerships

In 1985, Boeing and local partners began a formal program to meet offset obligations by proposing a number of industrial projects to benefit the Kingdom. Four were eventually adopted for implementation: Alsalam Aircraft Company (AAI), Advanced Electronics Company, Aircraft Accessories & Components Company and International Systems Engineering Company.

In 2015, Boeing signed an agreement with Saudia Aerospace Engineering Industries and AAI to create the Saudi Rotorcraft Support Company (SRSC).

In 2018, in line with Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 objective to localize 50% of total military spending by 2030, Saudi Arabian Military Industries (SAMI) and Boeing signed a memorandum of agreement to develop a new joint venture aiming to localize more than 55% of the maintenance, repair and operations (MRO) services for fixed- and rotary-wing defense aircraft in Saudi Arabia.

In 2019, Boeing and the National Industrial Development Logistics Program signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to further the development of the aerospace industry to produce an aerospace-grade aluminum value chain in Saudi Arabia.

In 2022, Boeing and SAMI established a joint venture to provide maintenance, repair and overhaul and sustainment services for the military rotorcraft platforms operated in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The new joint venture is fully operational now.

The same year, Boeing signed a memorandum of understanding with the Saudi Ministry of Investment (MISA) and Tasnee to explore manufacturing capabilities in aviation-grade titanium alloy value chain in the Kingdom.

In 2024, Boeing Saudi Arabia and Bahri Logistics, a global leader in logistics and transportation, signed a strategic MoU to explore collaborative efforts in the areas of supply chain and distribution in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

## Commercial



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- Boeing aircraft types in VIP configuration ordered or currently operating in Saudi Arabia: 727, 737, 747, 757, 767, 777, 787
- Aramco Aviation (owned and operated fleet): 737-800 and 767-200

## Defense



- Royal Saudi Air Force: F-15C/D, F-15S, F-15SA, AWACS, Tanker
- Royal Saudi Land Force: AH-64D, AH-64E, CH-47F, ScanEagle (also operated by the Ministry of Interior)
- Ministry of National Guard: AH-64E, AH-6

## Services



- Defense and commercial sustainment solutions: supply chain, digital aviation, engineering, modifications, maintenance and training
- Saudia: Airplane Health Monitoring, Toolbox, Onboard Performance Tool, FliteDeck Pro, Crew Pairing and Rostering, Runway analysis and more
- flynas: Crew Pairing and Rostering, FliteDeck Pro, Flight Planning and more

## A HISTORY OF PARTNERSHIP

1945

U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt gifts a DC-3 Dakota airplane to King Abdulaziz Al Saud

1985

Boeing and local partners begin a formal program by proposing several industrial projects

2001

Boeing becomes a co-founder and member of the board of trustees of the Alfaizi University

2011

Saudi Arabia and the U.S. sign the largest Foreign Military Sales agreement in U.S. history

2014

Boeing opens a research and technology office at King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST)

Boeing and King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology (KACST) launch the Decision Support Center in Riyadh

2015

Boeing Saudi Arabia and Saudi partners reach an agreement to establish the Saudi Rotorcraft Support Company

2017

Defense and commercial agreements worth over \$50 billion are signed during the U.S. President's visit to Saudi Arabia

2019

Boeing and Saudi partners sign an MoU to further the development of the aerospace industry in Saudi Arabia

2022

Boeing and SAMI establish a Saudi Arabia-focused joint venture for rotorcraft support

Boeing signed an MoU with the Saudi MISA to explore manufacturing capabilities in aviation-grade titanium in the Kingdom

2023

Saudi Arabian carriers announced their intent to purchase up to 121 Boeing 787 Dreamliners