

# Vision, Innovation

# Earn Arab Bank Award

Strategy earns global praise

● Recognised for strategic execution

● Celebrated for financial strength

● Honoured for market expansion

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A bold mix of innovation, strategic agility and customer focus has earned Arab Bank the title of 'Best Bank in the Middle East 2025' from New York-based Global Finance magazine, reaffirming the bank's stature as a regional financial leader.

The award was announced following

extensive consultations with corporate financial executives, analysts and consultants worldwide. Evaluation criteria included asset growth, product innovation, geographical coverage and strategic partnerships. Arab Bank stood out for its

ability to adapt to change while sustaining profitability and expanding market presence.

**Building global credibility**

This recognition comes shortly after another major accolade, as The Banker magazine, pub-

lished by the Financial Times, named Arab Bank 'Bank of the Year in the Middle East 2024'. Together, the honours reinforce the bank's position as one of the region's most globally respected financial institutions.

Commenting on the Global

Finance award, Arab Bank CEO Randa Sadik said it reflected the bank's evolving brand and its forward-looking ethos. "This global recognition affirms the vision and commitments embedded in our refreshed brand identity," she said. "It reflects our unwavering commitment to customer-centricity, innovation and agility." She added that the bank remains focused on enabling both customers and communities to thrive in an increasingly dynamic world.

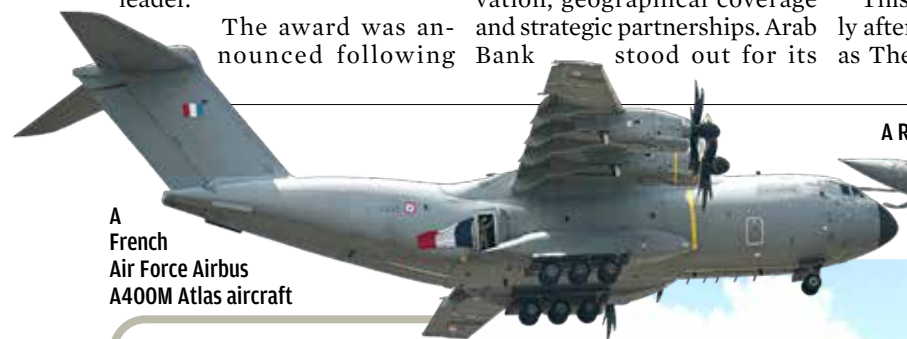
**Legacy and leadership**

Founded in 1930 and headquartered in Amman, Arab Bank today operates one of the world's largest Arab banking networks, with over 600 branches. Its footprint covers key global financial centres including London, Geneva, Paris, Singapore, Shanghai, Sydney, Dubai and Manama.



**Global Finance magazine** has been naming top banks for over 30 years and is widely followed by corporate financial leaders and analysts across more than 150 countries.

With awards now under its belt from both Global Finance and The Banker, Arab Bank has shown that its blend of legacy and innovation continues to resonate across markets and borders.



A French Air Force Airbus A400M Atlas aircraft

A Rafale fighter jet



A Dassault Aviation UCAS drone



## Vietnam's Vietjet orders 100 Airbus A321neo planes

AFP | Le Bourget, France

Vietnamese carrier Vietjet has ordered 100 single-aisle A321neo jets from Airbus, the European plane maker said Tuesday in the latest deal announced at the Paris Air Show.

The deal would be worth almost \$13 billion under 2018 catalogue prices.

It includes an option for Vietjet, Vietnam's largest private airline, to buy a further 50 of the jets at a later date.

"This new agreement marks a significant milestone in our strategic partnership with Airbus," said Vietjet chairwoman Nguyen Thi Phuong Thao.

"These modern and efficient aircraft have been instrumental in Vietjet's growth, helping us make air travel more accessible and affordable for millions, while strengthening our role as a connector for economic devel-



a C-17 aircraft of the 105th Airlift Wing (105 AW), a unit of the New York Air National Guard, on display during the Paris International Air Show



a military aircraft Embraer KC-390 Millennium of the Brazilian Air Force



An Airbus Helicopter VSR700



an Airbus Helicopter H225M



France's Turgis and Gaillard Group's collaborative long-range strike system Foudre



Leonardo and Baykar LBA Systems' Bayraktar Akıncı combat drone

opment, cultural exchange and global connectivity," she added.

Airbus executive vice president Benoit de Saint-Exupery noted the deal followed hot on the heels of a new order by Vietjet for 20 A330neo widebody aircraft.

"Together the A321neo and A330neo will be perfect partners for Vietjet to continue to spread its wings, efficiently matching capacity more closely to demand across its network,"

he said in a statement.

Vietjet operates a fleet of more than 100 Airbus aircraft.

As of the end of May, more than 7,000 A321neo aircraft -- the largest of Airbus' best-selling A320neo family -- have been ordered by over 90 customers worldwide, Airbus said.

The Vietjet deal came a day after Airbus announced orders for a total of more than 100 planes from Saudi companies

Riyadh Air and AviLease and Polish airline LOT.

Those deals were worth nearly \$20 billion at 2018 catalogue prices -- which Airbus has since phased out, as final sale prices vary according to contract terms and the version of an aircraft.

Airbus rival Boeing has meanwhile said its focus at the Paris Air Show is on "supporting customers" after the Air India crash last week.