

ACIA Aero Leasing Delivers an ATR 72-600 to Chingis Airlines Unity, Mongolia

Mongolia's newest airline selects the ATR for launch of operations.

Dublin, Ireland – March 18th, 2026 - ACIA Aero Leasing (“ACIA”), a leading provider of regional aircraft leasing and lease management services, announced today the delivery of an ATR 72-600 passenger aircraft on lease to Chingis Airlines Unity in Mongolia.

Chingis Airlines Unity are owned by the NOMIN Group, one of Mongolia’s largest and most diversified private companies. Founded in 1992 the NOMIN Group has grown into a major conglomerate with business subsidiaries across retail, trade & distribution, banking & insurance, construction & real estate, IT and now aviation. The group has a large footprint of retail outlets across Mongolia ranging from hypermarkets and supermarkets through to local bank branches and retail outlets. It employs over 6000 people and plays a key role in the growing Mongolian economy.

Chingis Airlines Unity has been established to improve regional connectivity across the vast geographical expanse of Mongolia where the population density is often thin and remote. In addition, they will utilise the exceptional performance capabilities of the ATR72-600 to operate into unpaved runways, particularly in support of the fast growing mining sector.

“We are delighted to add Chingis Airlines Unity to our growing portfolio of lessees, as they open regional connectivity across Mongolia. The services they will operate are in the best definition of true essential services and the ATR is the most economical solution to service this important mission. The country is also going through a rapid transformation, as its economy grows, not least through the expansion of the highly important, but largely untapped, mining sector,” stated **Mick Mooney, ACIA’s Chief Executive Officer**.

“The ATR72-600 is perfectly adapted for the rugged operations of Mongolia. The extreme weather conditions of the country, ranging from the coldest capital city on Earth (Ulaanbaatar), through to the hot and dry summers of the Gobi desert, require a resilient and reliable aircraft platform. Combine this with the flexibility to operate into both paved and unpaved strips and the ATR72 ticks all the boxes. We look forward to further developing our relationship with the airline as they grow their fleet and business” added **Mark Dunnachie ACIA’s SVP Commercial**.

“Previously, air services operated to 330 soums (towns/counties) across Mongolia. Today, that number has declined significantly, with flights serving only 8–9 destinations. We are committed to restoring and expanding regional air connectivity as part of our strategic priorities.” stated **Bayarsaikhan Shagdarsuren, Chairman of the Nomin Group**.

“The selected aircraft, the ATR72-600, offers a distinct advantage with its turboprop configuration, enabling operations on unpaved runways, an essential factor in expanding the reach of regional air services across Mongolia. We also plan to introduce a second aircraft in June of this year. This new initiative aims to stimulate the domestic aviation market by providing passengers with greater choice and more affordable travel options. Looking ahead, we are committed to expanding our operations, launching international routes, and establishing ourselves as a competitive and reputable airline in the regional market.” added **Ganbold Namsrajav, Chief Executive Officer Chingis Airlines Unity**

About Nomin Holding

In 1992, Nomin Holding was created as the official foundation for a private chain store as Mongolia began its transition to a market economy. Nomin Holding Co. Ltd with 45 subsidiaries and 6200 employees operating in 6 sectors today-banking and finance, information technology, construction & property management, sales and service, import, export and distribution, aviation, automotive and logistics—we are continuing to grow our business.

Nomin Holding has more than 1.5 million devoted customers, and we serve over 2 million customers each month. This demonstrates unequivocally that Nomin Holding's services are accessible to each and every home in Mongolia.

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About Chingis Airlines Unity

Chingis Airlines Unity is an aviation company established in 2025 with the investment support of Nomin Holding. The company was founded with the mission of contributing to the development and advancement of Mongolia's civil aviation sector.

Starting from May 2026, Chingis Airlines Unity plans to commence scheduled and charter flights on domestic routes across Mongolia. Through safe, reliable, and customer-oriented operations, the company aims to enhance regional connectivity and support economic growth.

Chingis Airlines Unity is committed to expanding its operation utilising a modern fleet of ATR 72-600, Chingis Airlines combines fuel efficiency, short-runway performance, and passenger comfort, making it ideally suited for Mongolia's unique geography and airport infrastructure. Our vision is to become one of the most reliable airlines in Central Asia, recognized for operational excellence, customer service, and strong partnerships with the tourism and mining industries.

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About ACIA Aero Leasing

Established in 2004, ACIA Aero Leasing ("ACIA"), a subsidiary of ACIA Aero Capital ("ACIA Group"), is a leading regional aircraft lessor headquartered in Ireland, with offices located in France, The United Kingdom and South Africa. ACIA manages a portfolio of over 50 regional passenger and freighter aircraft on lease to operators in over 22 countries globally. Through its strategic partnerships, ACIA provides airlines with turnkey leasing solutions from dry leasing through to charter operations.

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