



Leonardo supports Kuwait's Eurofighters

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Leonardo continues to consolidate its presence in the Middle East thanks to the extension of the support contract for the Kuwait Air Force's Eurofighter Typhoon fleet. The Kuwaiti Ministry of Defense has decided to exercise the option to extend the Integrated Logistic Support and Training services provided by Leonardo Aviation Services at the Salem Al Sabah airbase until December 2029.

A long-standing strategic relationship

The collaboration between Italy and Kuwait in the aeronautical field dates back to 2016, when the Gulf country ordered 28 Eurofighter Typhoon aircraft, produced in Italy and equipped with the most advanced production standard available at the time. Deliveries began at the end of 2021, and most of the fighters are now already operational.

The new contract does not involve the supply of additional aircraft but consolidates a strategic relationship that sees Leonardo not only as a manufacturer but also as a long-term partner for maintenance, training, and logistical management.

The role of Leonardo Aviation Services

The operational core of this partnership is Leonardo Aviation Services, a Kuwaiti company that acts as a local facilitator. Here, essential services are provided to ensure the efficiency and readiness of the Typhoons, including:

- **Engineering Support** for the updating and technical management of the aircraft;
- **Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul** (MRO) to maintain the full operational capability of the fleet;
- **Supply Chain Management** to ensure the constant availability of spare parts and components;
- **Advanced training** for flight and ground crews, crucial for maintaining high operational capabilities.

Thanks to this local structure, Kuwait can rely on personalized support tailored to its needs, reducing intervention times and maximizing the effectiveness of its air defense system.

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A pillar of Leonardo's global strategy

The provision of integrated support solutions is a central element in Leonardo's international strategy. The company does not just sell technologies but offers complete packages that accompany the customer throughout the entire product lifecycle. This approach not only ensures high performance but also strengthens industrial and political relations with foreign partners.

In the specific case of Kuwait, the support activities will allow maintaining the full operational capability of the Typhoon fleet, ensuring that the country can promptly respond to national air defense requirements.

The extension of the contract with Leonardo fits into a regional context characterized by strong tensions and the growing importance of air forces. The Persian Gulf remains one of the most sensitive areas in the world in terms of security, with the presence of conventional and asymmetric threats.

For Kuwait, ensuring the full efficiency of its Eurofighters means strengthening deterrence capabilities and maintaining an active role in the security dynamics of the Middle East. For Italy, it represents an opportunity to consolidate relations with a historic ally and strengthen its position in the international defense market.

Looking to the future, the Eurofighter program will continue to evolve with the introduction of technological updates and new operational capabilities. Leonardo, as the prime contractor of the consortium in Italy, will play a leading role in the development of these upgrades, which can also be applied to the Kuwaiti fleet.

The support contract until 2029 thus represents not only a guarantee of continuity but also the possibility of gradually integrating upcoming technological evolutions, ensuring that Kuwait's Typhoons remain competitive with international standards.

With this contract extension, Leonardo reaffirms its ability to offer complete and lasting solutions, going well beyond the mere sale of aircraft. The partnership with Kuwait, already solid, is thus projected towards a long-term horizon, benefiting regional security and the Italian presence in the global defense scenario.

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