



FORWARD STRETCH

The first 747-8 Intercontinental passed an important milestone last month with assembly at the Everett, Wash., factory of the 89-foot-long (27.2-meter) forward fuselage, including the upper-deck passenger cabin. The 747-8 is 18 feet 4 inches (5.6 meters) longer than the 747-400, with much of that added length in the forward fuselage, seen here with a 747-8 Freighter in the background. **TIM STAKE/BOEING**

Quotables

“Four jet-fighter simulators fit today in the space occupied by just one 20 years ago.”

– Rob Lechner, chief engineer for Training Technologies with Boeing Defense, Space & Security. To read more about advancements in simulator technology and what that means for Boeing, see story beginning on Page 16.

“I’ve been in Russia for 18 hours and I have already spoken with three customers who want to buy Boeing airplanes.”

– Jim Albaugh, president and chief executive officer, Boeing Commercial Airplanes, speaking on Sept. 17 at the International Investments Forum in Sochi, Russia. While there, Albaugh and the Russian state corporation Rostec signed an agreement that brings both parties one step closer to finalizing a deal for 50 Next-Generation 737s and rights to purchase 35 more.