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STELIA Aerospace redefines Premium comfort through industrial excellence and eco-design at AIX 2026

Renowned globally as a leader in cabin interiors and a key player in Premium passenger seating, STELIA Aerospace is looking forward to exhibiting at Aircraft Interiors Expo (AIX) 2026 in Hamburg, from 14 to 16 April. On an impressive 405 sq. metre stand (7A30, Hall B7), the brand will demonstrate its accelerated innovation strategy and its commitment to a sustainable aerospace industry.

OPERA® ESSENTIAL: performance through "Less is more"

Following a landmark year in 2025 marked by three prestigious awards and six new patent filings (including three already registered), OPERA® ESSENTIAL is coming back to the spotlight in a brand-new configuration featuring a refined Trim and Finish. Based on the "Fast Kinetic" principle - an entirely autonomous, fully self-reliant lie-flat seat - this configuration has now reached full industrial maturity after successfully passing its first dynamic tests (16G & 14G). It redefines efficiency through:

- **Less is more!** A confirmed **30% weight reduction** compared to the OPERA® Single-Aisle, yet providing a premium experience and a refined living space with extensive customisation possibilities.
- **Operational excellence:** A significant **reduction in maintenance costs** compared to traditional Business Class seats.
- **Industrial maturity:** Improved reliability and mechanical robustness, confirmed by successful dynamic tests.

A commitment to sustainable transformation

Going beyond product innovation, STELIA Aerospace acts as a strategic partner, delivering high-value, premium global solutions designed to elevate its customers' ambitions.

Building on its proven co-creation expertise, the brand guides airlines from the earliest concept stages in selecting sustainable materials and eco-design technologies. By acting as a solutions architect rather than a traditional supplier, STELIA Aerospace enables carriers to make informed, responsible choices that balance unrivalled premium passenger comfort with long-term environmental and operational performance.

"The future of the cabin isn't just about luxury; it's about 'smart' luxury. With OPERA® ESSENTIAL and, more broadly, our comprehensive strategic approach tailored to our customers' key stakes, we are redefining what it means to be a premium seating partner." says Thierry Kanengieser, VP Cabin Interior at STELIA Aerospace. *"We are no longer just delivering seats; we are providing high-tech, low-impact solutions that secure the long-term growth and sustainability of the world's leading airlines."*

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**Visit us at AIX 2026: Stand 7A30, hall B7
to discover how we shape the future of aircraft interiors,
combining innovation and luxury!**

About STELIA Aerospace: STELIA Aerospace is a brand of Airbus Atlantic, a global leader providing competitive and innovative solutions in aerostructures, pilot seats, and premium passenger seats, for a sustainable aerospace industry. STELIA Aerospace's inspiring range of luxurious and bespoke First class and Business class passenger seats is the first choice for over 50 prestige airlines worldwide. All STELIA Aerospace products have FAA and EASA approval and are qualified on their respective Boeing and Airbus platforms. STELIA Aerospace's passenger seats have received several Awards, including the Airbus « Excellent performance for customer support », the « Crystal Cabin Award » and are ranked "2023 Boeing Blue Rating Supplier". More info at: www.stelia-aerospace.com

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