

'INAIRVATION' leads Interior Design in the Sky

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New alliance develops innovative interiors and electronic solutions for executive, VVIP and first class airline cabins.



Four leading companies have teamed up to design the next generation aircraft interior environments for top-level business jets, VVIP aircraft and first class airline cabins. The "INAIRVATION" alliance was founded by the Innovation Business Unit of Lufthansa Technik AG, LIST components & furniture GmbH, DesignQ and Schott AG. The parties will act under the common brand "INAIRVATION", share their knowledge and assist each other in gaining access to new markets.

"We believe that the "INAIRVATION" alliance will revolutionise the way in which cabin systems are integrated into the interior," says Andrew Muirhead, Director of the Innovation Business Unit at Lufthansa Technik AG. "With the combined forces of Lufthansa Technik, LIST, DesignQ and Schott we will create a new dimension in cabin design which will drive innovation in this market."

"We trust in the pioneering spirit of the involved companies," says Helmut Wiesenberger, Director Business Development at LIST components & furniture GmbH. "We believe that the "INAIRVATION" alliance will allow us to bring cabin interior innovations and complete cabin solutions to the next level and generation."

"The "INAIRVATION" alliance offers a powerful opportunity to provide design-led solutions that integrate innovative technologies into the cabin," says Gary Doy, Director and co-founder of Design Q. "With a common belief in innovation and challenging convention there is no doubt that this team has the ability to generate class leading interior solutions for the cabin of the future."

"What makes us unique and valuable for our customers is the holistic integration of all competencies involved", Dr. Armin Plichta, General Manager Aviation at SCHOTT Lighting and Imaging states. "We look at the entire range of abilities right from the start. This enables us to simultaneously manage solutions which would not be possible when working in a more sequential style".

Lufthansa Technik

Lufthansa Technik founded the independent business unit Innovation to respond to an industry need for innovative solutions in the cabin. Initially, the unit supplied high-end CMS/IFE systems for VIP completions. Innovation is now offering its products to airframers, third-party OEMs, completion centers, modification centers, and airline customers.

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Design Q (www.designq.co.uk) is an award winning British design consultancy specializing in the design, engineering, and prototype construction of aircraft, automotive and marine interiors. Having worked on a number of VIP, business jet, and airline interiors, their client list includes some of the world's best known brands and high net worth individuals. With a strong background in prestige car design Design Q bring a unique perspective to the industry.

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LIST components & furniture (www.list.at) is an Austrian company specialist in the product development, product definition and production of cabinets and high-end cabin interior components for executive aircraft and private yachts and a competent interior refurbishment and retrofit house supporting several service and completion centres.

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SCHOTT Lighting and Imaging (www.schott.com/lightingimaging), a Business Unit of the international technology company SCHOTT AG, has been active in the area of cabin illumination since the early 1990s. Today, its product portfolio includes general illumination, ambient scenario and seat illumination solutions. Especially the technological expertise in the field of optical fibers combined with LED based light sources gives SCHOTT a competitive edge. Additionally, SCHOTT is market leader for pure LED based Reading Lights, which fulfil not just technical requirements but also more design related expectations.

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