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SPOTLIGHT

A350 XWB cabin interior showcased at the 2014 Aircraft Interiors Expo in Hamburg

Firstly, I am pleased to inform you that the A320neo has entered the Final Assembly Line on schedule for first flight this year; meanwhile, in preparation for the first commercial flight of the A350 XWB also taking place this year, Airbus has unveiled the cabin for this modern aircraft.

As passenger comfort has always been a major design consideration at Airbus, the A350 XWB sets new standards in cabin design and development. This is why the A350 XWB will bring an optimum travel experience across all cabin products. With more headroom, larger overhead storage and wider panoramic windows, the A350 XWB offers your passengers the highest level of comfort.

Lastly, as Air Traffic Management is becoming increasingly important as a result of the tremendous growth in the region, Airbus ProSky has set up its first permanent office in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, with the aim to work more closely with our customers and partners across the Middle East and North Africa.

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As part of the A350 XWB Customer Definition Centre opening event in Hamburg, Airbus unveiled the A350 XWB's first development cabin interior on board flight test aircraft MSN002.

Among the 1,450 test flight hours and 250 test flights already completed by the A350, MSN002 has completed 76 flight hours over a total of 12 flights. It is the first of two aircraft in the A350 XWB's development fleet to be fitted with a cabin – which is equipped with a medium flight test installation to be used for testing all cabin-related systems.



MSN002 will be the first A350 XWB to carry real passengers when it makes a series of "early long flights," during which the aircraft's cabin systems and features can be tested in

the air. It will soon be joined by the second cabin-equipped A350 XWB, MSN005, which is to perform a series of route-proving flights around the world.



The new interior showcases the widebody aircraft's extra wide 220-inch internal cabin cross-section, along with just some of the features that will characterise the in-service jetliner. The final aircraft is set to include the very latest inflight entertainment consoles, and will offer airlines exceptional flexibility and passenger comfort in all seat classes along with 18-inch seats in a nine-abreast economy configuration.

To learn more about Airbus cabin comfort please visit: www.airbus.com/aircraftfamilies/comfort

Airbus ProSky opens first regional headquarters in the UAE

Airbus ProSky, the Air Traffic Management (ATM) subsidiary of Airbus, has set up a new regional headquarters in the UAE, serving as the focal point for the Middle East and North Africa.

Airbus ProSky has been involved in many projects such as enhancing air traffic capacity, increasing flight efficiency and improving access to airports. On a worldwide scale, it is expected that modernising ATM systems will generate significant environmental benefits such as saving some 13 billion litres of fuel per year, reducing around 29 million tonnes of

CO2 emissions per year as well as four million hours of delays.



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