

## Press Release

### **Airbus and Zodiac Aerospace enter into a partnership for a new lower-deck passenger sleeping facilities**

- Sleeping berths would fit inside the aircraft's existing cargo compartments.
- Improving the passengers' experience while enabling airlines to differentiate.
- To be included in catalogue of certified solutions by 2020, initially on A330.

**AIX Expo 2018, Hamburg, 10<sup>th</sup> April** – Airbus and Zodiac Aerospace have partnered to develop and market lower-deck modules with passenger sleeping berths. The modules, which would fit inside the aircraft's cargo compartments, offer new opportunities for additional services to passengers, improving their experience while enabling airlines to differentiate and add value for their commercial operations. The new passenger modules will be easily interchangeable with regular cargo containers during a typical turnaround if required. Moreover, the aircraft's cargo floor and cargo loading system will not be affected at all, as the passenger module will sit directly on it.

Christophe Bernardini, Chief Executive Officer of Zodiac Aerospace Cabin Branch said: "We are delighted to work with Airbus on this new and innovative project, which reaffirms our expertise in lower-deck solutions. An improved passenger experience is today a key element of differentiation for airlines."

Geoff Pinner, Head of Airbus Cabin & Cargo Programme said: "This approach to commercial air travel is a step change towards passenger comfort. We have already received very positive feedback from several airlines on our first mock-ups. We are pleased to partner with Zodiac Aerospace on this project which will introduce a new passenger experience and add value for airlines."

Airlines will be initially be able to choose from a catalogue of certified solutions by 2020 on A330 for retrofit and line-fit markets. Offerability of sleeper compartments on the A350 XWB airliner is also being studied. The innovation builds on both Airbus' and Zodiac Aerospace's experience in producing and integrating lower-deck crew-rest facilities.

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