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Crystal Cabin Award 2017 Shortlist Announced



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APEX Insight: The shortlist has been announced for the 11th annual Crystal Cabin Award, which recognizes innovations in aircraft cabin design across eight categories. A 29-member jury will determine the finalists, and the winners will be awarded during the Aircraft Interiors Expo in April.

Today's announcement of the nominations for this year's greatest cinematic achievements follow yesterday's release of [the shortlist](#) for what many call the Oscars of the aircraft interiors industry. The Crystal Cabin Award recognizes innovations in aircraft cabin design by aircraft manufacturers, airlines, suppliers, engineering firms and universities.

With 85 applicants from 21 countries on this year's shortlist, the Crystal Cabin Award has reached a new record in its eleventh year. Delta Air Lines, United Airlines and Qantas have been recognized for their new business-class products: [Delta One Suite](#), [United Polaris](#) and [Qantas A330 Business Suite](#). The following innovations are also included on the shortlist: Vision Systems' aircraft window that doubles as a touch screen, Diehl Aerospace's wireless seat monitoring system that notifies crewmembers if a passenger's seatbelt is not fastened and Airbus' "Smart Cabin Reconfiguration" concept, which allows the seat pitch in the cabin to be adjusted based on flight reservation data.

The companies on the shortlist will compete for the top position the following categories:

1. Cabin Concepts

Previous winner (2016): Etihad Airways' First-Class Suite on Boeing 787

2. Cabin Systems

Previous winner (2016): B/E Aerospace's Viu Lighting System

3. Electronic Systems

Previous winner (2016): Lufthansa Systems' BoardConnect Portable Solution

4. Greener Cabin, Health, Safety and Environment

Previous winner (2016): Boeing's Clean Cabin Lavatory

5. Material and Components

Previous winner (2016): SEKISUI SPI's Infused Imaging

6. Passenger Comfort Hardware

Previous winner (2016): Rebel Aero's Booster Economy Seat Design

7. University

Previous winner (2016): Delft University of Technology

8. Visionary Concepts

Previous winner (2016): Zodiac Aerospace's Lifestyle Cabin

An international jury made up of 29 representatives from airlines, aircraft manufacturers, suppliers, universities, consulting firms and the press will decide which of the shortlisted concepts make it into the final round. The Crystal Cabin Award winners will be announced during the Aircraft Interiors Expo on April 4 at Hamburg's Hotel Atlantic Kempinski.