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Kid's Seats, 3D-Printed Plane Food Among Shortlisted To Airplanes Crystal Cabin Awards



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The aviation 'Oscar's' awards, Crystal Cabin Award has shortlisted 85 contenders from all over the world with pitches and products from the first garbage trolley to 3D-printing of in-flight meals. [According to its press release](#), this would be one of the award's biggest moments as manufacturers, airlines, suppliers, engineering firms and universities are competing for the title on the evening of the Aircraft Interiors Expo on April 4 to 6 in Hamburg.

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US very own Delta and United Airlines goes head to toe for their business class products with Delta offering business passengers their individual cabins sealed with screens, and United with their Polaris Business Class cabin configuration.

Seat pitches were seen as Canada's Bombardier sent its C-series designs saying, it offers "outstanding in-flight comfort to all passengers regardless of the seating arrangement." Airbus has its Smart Cabin Reconfiguration that adjusts the rows accordingly to the extra spaces.

F.LIST GmbH pitched its stone-flooring in airlines which competes with Mercedes-Benz cabins for private jets. Another American-based company, Kestrel, sees the conversion of Boeing 787 for exclusive private use.

Sustainable ideas in the aircraft industry were also introduced like the environmentally-friendly lavatory by Zodiac Aerospace. Airbus has another entry that introduces the garbage-sorting trolley that allows the crew to 'sort and compress garbage' when passing by the guests.

It seems like it has a competitor from Altran as it also develops a trolley that can serve passengers on its own. Diehl Aerospace's Wireless Seat System would embarrass you if they alert the crew that you have not fastened your seatbelt, and reports your little erring move.