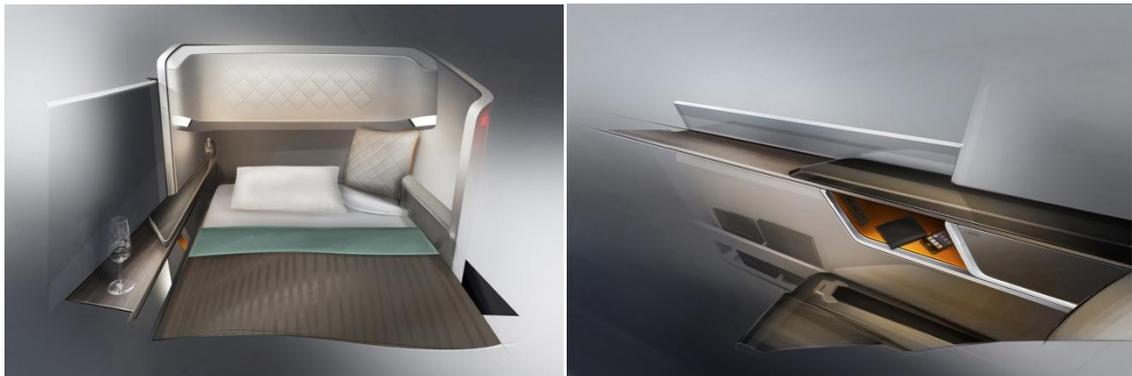


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New heights of luxury: DesignworksUSA brings a premium experience to airline passengers. Design of next-generation First Class seats for Singapore Airlines / Lounge ambience with comfort seats, premium materials and subtle colours.



Munich / Los Angeles / Singapore. BMW Group DesignworksUSA and Singapore Airlines are soaring to new heights. The task for BMW Group subsidiary DesignworksUSA was to deliver more luxury to Singapore Airline's First Class passengers – far from uncharted territory for the globally operating design consultancy. With its interior designs for Boeing Business Jets, Embraer and Dassault Aviation, DesignworksUSA has injected fresh impulses into the sector over recent years. On behalf of the high-profile Asian carrier and its discerning clientele, the designers have now endowed the First Class cabin with a new look along with an extra helping of comfort, space and privacy. The updated design for the seats and suites will make its debut this September on board the new Boeing 777-300ER on selected flights between Singapore and London.

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Luxury atmosphere in the stratosphere.

One of the top echelons of the design sector came up with a keen challenge for DesignworksUSA: to reconcile the aviation brief and its stringent safety standards with the luxury requirements of passengers. Tapping into the creativity of the BMW Group subsidiary, Singapore Airlines aimed to further enhance its First Class facilities and set new benchmarks for luxury-class comfort in the skies. The entire ambience has been redesigned to offer passengers not only raised luxury levels but also greater privacy and increased stowage space for luggage and travel accoutrements “In First Class the topics are luxury, infotainment and the service quality that is expressed by design. Efficiency and functionality have priority,” says Laurenz Schaffer, President of DesignworksUSA. “Our studios in Los Angeles, Shanghai and Munich worked very closely together on these projects. Our global locations and our long standing presence in Asia helped us to meet the demands of Singapore Airlines, as well as the expectations of international flight passengers,” Schaffer continues. DesignworksUSA draws on its expertise from many years of working with premium customers in various mobility sectors, among them BMW and Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, Intermarine and Zeydon Yachts.

The essence of luxury.

From the moment they board the aircraft, First Class passengers are pampered in their lounge-like islands. In order to shield these havens of peace visually and acoustically, the outer walls of the seating area have been extended and embrace the passenger like a protective arm. For sleeping, the luxury seat turns into a large bed comfortable enough for reclining on one’s side. At 35 inches in width and with an increased bed length from 80 to 82 inches, the seat is one of the most spacious First Class products in the sky. Both the design language and the colour and material concept signal maximum levels of comfort, taking their cue from automotive interior design when it comes to passenger comfort, spatial configuration and functionality. The design team has imbued these onboard spaces with an aura of tranquillity. Large surfaces and elegantly sweeping lines coupled with warm, modern shades of brown within the seating islands all evoke the ambience of a living room. Cooler grey and metallic tones on the outside, meanwhile, clearly demarcate the private zone from its surroundings – a colour concept that continues into the carpeting to accentuate the impression of a personal cocoon.

Only high-grade materials are permitted to fly First Class. The seat is lined with fine leather, while a new covering technique for the upholstery increases tension in the

material, which remains smooth and – even after hours of use – appears pristine. Atmospheric lighting has been discreetly assimilated into the design. Extensive tests were carried out to determine the optimal light colour and intensity. A range of personal storage cubbies in the front entertainment area add surprising touches with their striking interior colours. Elegant tables are integrated into the front of the seating area; they can be extended simply and quietly without the need for any folding mechanism.

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