

## Press Release

**Bestseller CL3710 to be delivered in May 2017**

### **More than 2,000 Recaro seats for China Southern's new A330-300**

**SCHWAEBISCH HALL, Germany and GUANGZHOU, China. China Southern, Asia's largest airline, is outfitting 10 new A330-300 aircraft with 2,200 lightweight CL3710 seats from Recaro Aircraft Seating. This award-winning economy class aircraft seat has already impressed countless airlines around the world and will be delivered by Recaro, the global market leader for economy seats, to China Southern as early as mid-May.**

“China Southern has been dedicated to offering its passengers an eco-friendly and comfortable travel experience. With the new long-haul A330 aircraft from Airbus and the innovative lightweight seats from Recaro, we offer the highest possible level of comfort, quality and safety on board our modern fleet. We look forward to our continued collaboration with Recaro and remain on a course for growth,” said Guo Jianye, Chief Service Director of China Southern Airlines.

China Southern Airlines, the largest Asian airline, has been a part of the SkyTeam airline alliance since 2007. It is expanding its fleet with 10 new A330-300 widebody aircraft from Airbus including 2,200 CL3710 aircraft seats for the economy class on board. Recaro

Aircraft Seating will deliver the first shipment of aircraft seats to China Southern by mid-May 2017.

With numerous orders from customers, this innovative long-haul seat for the economy class has taken off since its launch in 2013. Honored with the “German Design Award 2016” in gold, the CL3710 combines the German aircraft seat manufacturer’s concentrated expertise. This lightweight seat with less than 12 kilograms stands for one-of-a-kind quality and is a real trendsetter in the aviation industry. The modular design offers aircraft manufacturers and airlines a variety of configuration options and stands out with its flexible and six-way adjustable headrest, a newly developed footrest, a special cup holder, state-of-the-art in-flight entertainment systems and the greatest possible legroom for passengers.

“China Southern and Recaro enjoy a longstanding, trusting partnership and pursue the mutual goal of successfully using the enormous dynamics in the air traffic in the Asia-Pacific region. As strong and reliable brands, both companies are extremely well-positioned to meet this large demand,” said Dr. Mark Hiller, Chief Executive Officer and Shareholder of Recaro Aircraft Seating. “Insofar, our site in Qingdao, China, as well as our new hub in Asia with a sales and service center in Hong Kong are crucial.”



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## **About China Southern**

*China Southern is the largest airline in terms of aircraft fleet size, the flight route network and volume of passenger traffic in China and currently operates more than 700 passenger aircraft and freighters, ranking the first in Asia and the 4th in the world (Data : IATA, in terms of fleet size). China Southern operates more than 2,000 daily flights to 208 destinations in 40 countries and regions. Through close cooperation with its SkyTeam partners, China Southern's global route network spans 1,062 destinations to 177 countries and regions and nearly every major world metropolis. The airline is a significant GE customer with a fleet including Boeing 777s, 737s and Airbus A320s powered respectively by GE and CFM International (a 50/50 joint company of GE and Safran Aircraft Engines). The airline will deploy the new 787s for its expanding international routes.*

*Recaro Aircraft Seating is a global supplier of premium aircraft seats for the leading airlines worldwide. The company has close to 2,000 employees, including more than 1,000 working in Germany. It operates plants in Germany, Poland, South Africa, the U.S. and China as well as service centers in Europe, the Americas, the Middle East, Asia, and Australia. Based in Schwäbisch Hall, Germany, Recaro Aircraft Seating generated sales of 409 million euros in 2015. The company ranks among the world's top three aircraft seat manufacturers.*

*Recaro Aircraft Seating is part of the Recaro Group, which includes the Recaro Holding based in Stuttgart, as well as the independently operating Recaro Child Safety division (child car seats) in Marktleugast, Germany.*

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