

Press Release

RECARO Aircraft Seating welcomes Chris Buckner as Director of Product Management from Delta Air Lines

SCHWAEBISCH HALL, Germany, 11 February, 2019 – RECARO Aircraft Seating (RAS) announces the appointment of Chris Buckner, as the Director of Product Management. Chris joins RAS from Delta Air Lines where he held the position of Director of Onboard Product and comes very well equipped to help RAS continue its focus on further enhancing RAS' customer centricity and sustaining international momentum to help drive comfort in the sky to new heights.



Chris can build on more than 12 years of experience in the aviation industry, both on the airline and manufacturing side. Having worked at Delta Air Lines in various Commercial roles for the last 8.5 years, he combines a strong knowledge of the aviation industry with deep insights into customer needs. Prior to Delta, Chris held positions at Rockwell Collins as a Systems Engineering Lead in Government Systems and as an Engineer in Performance Engineering at Northwest Airlines.

As the Director of Product Management at RECARO Aircraft Seating Chris will play a pivotal role in leading the development new seating solutions by being responsible for the long-term

product strategy, the product roadmap and product lifecycle. Located in Schwäbisch Hall Germany, he reports to RECARO Aircraft Seating's CEO and Shareholder, Dr. Mark Hiller.

Dr. Mark Hiller, CEO and Shareholder of RECARO Aircraft Seating, on the new hire: "We are very happy to have Chris Buckner onboard. As a seasoned professional, he brings in a wealth of experience and knowledge. I'm convinced that our clients, as well as our team, will benefit greatly from his insights and from his innovative ideas that will help deliver high-impact strategic projects."

"Over the last couple of years, I've had a great experience working with RECARO as a partner and I've always admired how well the company has done," says Chris Buckner. "After almost a decade at Delta Air Lines, I was ready for a change and had a strong interest in diving into the supplier-side of the business. I am extremely pleased with the opportunity to join RECARO, a company I truly believe is an industry leader in aircraft seating and with a very bright future ahead."

Chris holds a Bachelor's in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Minnesota and a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Iowa. During his studies, he spent one year at the Technische Universität Hamburg (TUHH). Chris is originally from Minnesota and he and his wife, who is from Germany, recently relocated to Schwäbisch Hall with their daughter. Chris is also fluent in German.

About RECARO Aircraft Seating

RECARO Aircraft Seating (RAS) sees itself as a solution provider for its customers. As a global supplier of premium aircraft seats for airlines and OEMs, the company reported a growth averaging 10% over the past 15 years. RECARO employs 2300 people worldwide and exceeded half a billion euros in sales in 2018. It is the global market leader in the economy class seating. To secure its strategic expansion, RECARO is investing hundreds of millions in product innovation in business class seating. Over the next 5 years, it will also invest in significantly expanding its headquarters in Schwäbisch Hall as well as its sites in China, Poland and the USA.

With this, RECARO consistently underpins its corporate vision of "Driving comfort in the sky".

The aim: become market leader in economy and business class seating while maintaining a permanent customer focus. For more information, please visit www.recaro-as.com.

About Recaro Group

The Recaro Group comprises the independently operating divisions Recaro Aircraft Seating in Schwäbisch Hall and Recaro eGaming in Stuttgart as well as the Recaro Holding located in Stuttgart. The Group's consolidated sales amounted to 540 million euros in 2017. Currently the Group employs more than 2,400 employees at its locations around the world. The automotive seating business as well as the child seat and stroller business are operated by licensees. For more information, please visit www.recaro.com.

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