Press Release

Unrivaled comfort in all classes and aircraft types with Recaro seats

Recaro delivers another 4,100 aircraft seats to TAP

SCHWAEBISCH HALL, Germany and LISBON, Portugal. Germany's largest aircraft seat manufacturer and world market leader in economy class seats is delivering a further 4,100 innovative and comfortable aircraft seats to Portugal. The collaboration between Recaro Aircraft Seating and TAP Portugal will be further expanded. Following the Portuguese airline's successful retrofit program in 2016 with Recaro's lightweight SL3510 and BL3530 seats for their Airbus family of short and medium-haul flight aircraft, as well as the order of CL6710 business class seats, Recaro's award-winning CL3710 seat will be entering TAP's aircraft cabin.

"We offer our guests in all classes a consistently high seating quality. Thanks to Recaro's outstanding seats, we were able to optimally design the cabin configuration in our aircrafts and create a uniform look and feel in our cabins," says Trey Urbahn, Chief Commercial Officer of TAP Portugal. "With seats from Recaro, we are not only increasing passenger comfort but also our efficiency in the European competitive arena."

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More space with Ingenious Design

Recaro aircraft seats are known worldwide for their premium quality, short delivery times and comprehensive customer service. They offer airlines and passengers alike superb value – with business and environmental benefits for the operators and the best possible seating comfort, cleanliness and safety for passengers.

By installing the Recaro seats, TAP's aircraft are significantly lighter, which helps save fuel and reduce CO_2 emissions. Parts and materials for the seats have been greatly reduced and the seats are nonetheless extremely robust, which considerably reduces maintenance costs for the airlines. At the same time, seat comfort has been further enhanced. The ergonomic features of the seats are ideally adapted to passenger needs and consistently designed to ensure relaxed travel.

The interplay of functionality, ergonomics and aesthetics has a name: Recaro's Ingenious Design. Comprehensive customer care, a real customer focus and fast response times convinced Airbus to award the long-established company from Schwaebisch Hall as an "Excellent Supplier" in 2016. The SL3510 economy class seats for short and medium-haul flights – weighing only nine kilograms – as well as Recaro's bestselling CL3710 seat for long-haul flights have also been honored with several international awards. Recaro's BL3530 stands out with practical inflight entertainment solutions for connecting passenger-owned electronic devices. Its extremely slim, space-saving backrest and unique design also enable very efficient use of space in the cabin.

“The current retrofit program as well as the newly ordered CL3710 and CL6710 seats underscore our close ties with TAP. As a long-term TAP partner, we are very pleased to be involved in the development of the European airline and to contribute to a special travel experience for passengers on board,” says Dr. Mark Hiller, Chief Executive Office and Shareholder at Recaro Aircraft Seating.

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About TAP Portugal

TAP is Portugal's leading airline, and member of Star Alliance, the global airline alliance to offer customers worldwide reach, since 2005. In operation since 1945, TAP celebrated 70 years on March 14, 2015, and has completed its privatization process in 2015, with the Atlantic Gateway Group now as a new private shareholder. TAP hub in Lisbon is a key European gateway at the crossroads of Africa, North, Central and South America, where TAP stands out as the international leading carrier in operation to Brazil. As of Summer 2017 on the company's network will comprise 84 destinations in 34 countries worldwide. TAP currently operates about 2,500 weekly flights in average on a modern fleet of 63 Airbus aircraft and 17 aircraft in TAP Express livery, operating in the company's regional network, adding up to an 80 aircraft fleet in the whole.

Within the vast restructure program currently going across the company as the outcome of its privatization process, TAP restructured its network, launched new fare products and has announced, among other news, its medium and long haul fleet renewal program as of 2018 and the retrofit of the fleet currently in operation as well as the launch of the new branded product TAP Express, which replaced PGA and operates a new fleet of 8 ATR 72 and 9 Embraer 190.

In the pursuit of its customer focused policy, TAP continuously strives to deliver safe, reliable and upgraded products & services, tailored to meet customers' expectations. Retaining the Portuguese character of the Company's brand and quality service as the basic concept has been the main driver of TAP strategy in most recent years. Recognized and awarded as the Europe's Leading Airline to Africa as well as Europe's Leading

Airline to South America by the World Travel Awards in 2016, 2015 and 2014, the company was also awarded as the WTA World's Leading Airline to Africa in 2011 and 2012 and the WTA World's Leading Airline to South America in 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, while the company's In-flight magazine UP also received the WTA award as Europe's Leading In-flight Magazine in 2015 and 2016. Voted Best Airline in Europe in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015 and 2016 by the Global Traveler, USA, the company was also honored by UNESCO and by the International Union of Geological Sciences with the IYPE "Planet Earth Award 2010", in the category of "Most Innovative Sustainable Product". TAP was also voted Best Airline by Condé Nast Traveller Magazine in 2010 and Best Portuguese Tourism Company by the specialized magazine Marketeer, in 2011.

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 Schwaebisch 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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