

Press Release

Soisa Aircraft Interiors convinced with ‘glowing’ idea

Recaro honors suppliers of the year

FORT WORTH, USA – For the 10th year, Recaro Aircraft Seating invited its suppliers from all over the world to its Global Supplier Conference. More than 100 individuals from 55 companies attended the event on Tuesday, May 15th, this time at the company’s US site in Fort Worth, Texas. At the event, Recaro honored the suppliers of the year for 2018 and for the first time, an innovation category was launched.

Information sharing, networking, and providing important insights to Recaro Aircraft Seating worldwide are the aim of the yearly Global Supplier Conference. This year, the focus of the event was on innovation. Presentations included Recaro experts as well as guest speakers Luis Lizcano, General Manager, and Xavier Hurtado, Supply Chain Development Program, both from the Mexican Federation of the Aerospace Industry (FEMIA).

“Recaro and its suppliers have the great ability to work in the steadily growing, future-oriented aircraft industry and dedicatedly pursue the strategy of collaboration,” said Joachim Ley, Executive Vice President Supply Chain at Recaro Aircraft Seating. “In order to continue our success story, we always need to innovate – within our company as well as our suppliers. For

that reason, we decided to invite all our partners to an 'Idea Challenge 2018'. The result was amazing.”

The jury judged over 33 ideas from 14 suppliers. Soisa Aircraft Interiors, a Mexican supplier of dress covers, cushions, and foam components, convinced judges with the “glowing experience” – the integration of innovative lighting in dress covers. This idea could be used in a number of ways: to identify seats next to emergency exits, as a safety indicator to track seat belt and recline during taxi, take-off and landing, for airline branding, and to identify passengers with special needs.

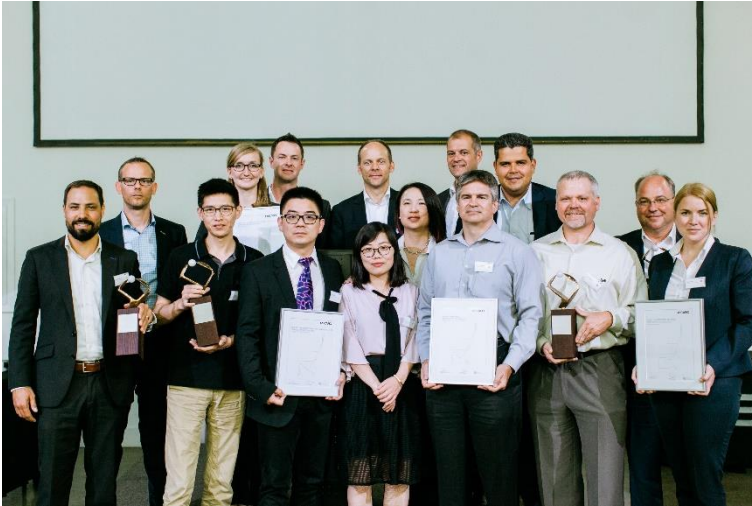
China's Suzhou Haoxin Precision Mechanical Co., Ltd. was honored as supplier of the year in the category of “Production Material” for their on-time delivery and quality performance as well as their high level of customer orientation.

The German family business Hopf Kunststofftechnik GmbH is this year's “Newcomer” within the suppliers. The company has supplied Recaro Aircraft Seating since 2016 and has provided innovative concepts, competitive pricing, and a strong business relationship.

For Recaro as an aircraft seat supplier, on time logistics is the key. For their quick response time and solid on-time delivery performance, BDP International was awarded the supplier of the year in the category “Non-Production Material”.

“We congratulate all winners of our supplier award 2018”, said Laurent Bersot, Director Purchasing of Recaro Aircraft Seating. “Over the last years, our company achieved great milestones and

set new trends – also because of the support of our innovative suppliers.”



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On the occasion of the 10th Global Supplier Conference, aircraft seat supplier Recaro honored suppliers of the year in different categories. Left to right:

First Row: Jacobo Mesta (Soisa), Dong Chun (Suzhou Haoxin Precision Mechanical Co., Ltd.), Xu Zhuang (Suzhou Haoxin Precision Mechanical Co., Ltd.), Lilly Liu (Suzhou Haoxin Precision Mechanical Co., Ltd.), John Russell (BDP International), Brent Barber (BDP International), Katrin Hopf (Hopf Kunststofftechnik)

Second Row: Laurent Bersot (Director Purchasing, Recaro Aircraft Seating), Catharina Wachtel (Soisa), Matt Martin (Director of Supply Chain, Recaro Aircraft Seating), Dr. Mark Hiller (CEO and Shareholder of Recaro Aircraft Seating), Irene Tan (General Manager Asia Pacific, Recaro Aircraft Seating), Joachim Ley (EVP Supply Chain, Recaro Aircraft Seating), Hector Gonzalez (BDP International), Bernd Hopf (Hopf Kunststofftechnik)

Recaro Aircraft Seating is a global supplier of premium aircraft seats for the leading airlines worldwide. The company has over 2,300 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 487 million euros in 2017. The company ranks among the world's top three aircraft seat manufacturers.

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

The automotive seating business is operated by the licensee Recaro Automotive Seating.

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