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Safran and Uber unveil a full-scale cabin mockup based on a vision of on-demand urban air mobility vehicle

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Safran and Uber present an eVTOL cabin that will ensure a consistent passenger experience, no matter the vehicle manufacturer. Safran achieves such a concept thanks to its own expertise as the world's #1 cabin interior provider and utilizing rapidly maturing vehicle technology.

The Mission Driven Cabin is the result of months of intensive design and passenger experience studies, hosted at Safran Cabin's Design and Innovation Studio located in Huntington Beach, CA, as well as consultations with multiple vehicle OEMs and regulatory bodies.

Combining the mass market experience on larger passenger aircraft with the specialized expertise it also possesses from designing and building interiors for small business jets, Safran Cabin designed a complete, integrated cabin interior based on a common eVTOL specification. Designed to be adaptable to the varying envelopes of different OEM vehicle designs, the interior nonetheless will feel familiar to passengers as Uber seeks to make urban air travel simple, safe, and accessible to all. Designed around the mission of turning a typical 90-minute car ride into a 15-minute flight, the future vehicle will allow passengers to quickly travel point-to-point in crowded urban environments by going vertical.

Scott Savian, EVP of Design and Innovation Studio – Safran Cabin says: “Through the process with Uber, we had six full-scale mockups, with multiple iterations in each one, looking at the seats, liners, and window positioning. We don't want any excess weight or cost, but the mission also requires safety, a comfortable user experience, and a seamlessness of all the user interactions. So while the cabin may be minimal in some ways, it's absolutely purpose built to the mission.”

The Uber vehicle mockup, by Safran Cabin, will be on exhibit at the Uber Elevate Summit in Washington, D.C. June 11-12, 2019 and will be a centerpiece of the event. Safran Cabin CEO Norman Jordan will be a keynote speaker.

Safran is an international high-technology group, operating in the aircraft propulsion and equipment, space and defense markets. Safran has a global presence, with more than 92,000 employees and sales of 21 billion euros in 2018. Working alone or in partnership, Safran holds world or European leadership positions in its core markets. Safran undertakes Research & Development programs to meet fast-changing market requirements, with total R&D expenditures of around 1.5 billion euros in 2018.

Safran is listed on the Euronext Paris stock exchange, and is part of the CAC 40 and Euro Stoxx 50 indices.

Safran Cabin is the world's leading supplier of cabin interiors for regional, narrow and wide-body, business and military aircraft. The company's product range includes integrated cabin interiors, overhead bins, galleys, lavatories, crew rests and cargo containers. .

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