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# CREATIVITY TAKES FLIGHT

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Freedom and flexibility may be the biggest advantages of private air travel, but for private jet owners, a bespoke cabin is the ultimate personal statement. Aircraft interiors, once drab and uniform, now rival the finest mansions and mega-yachts in style and function.

Designers specializing in this growing market are finding new and innovative ways to merge sophistication and comfort with functionality and safety, so that high-fliers can enjoy a beautiful environment 40,000 feet in the air. We've scoured the skies to find some inspiring jet interiors to prove that the sky is the limit when it comes to mile-high style.



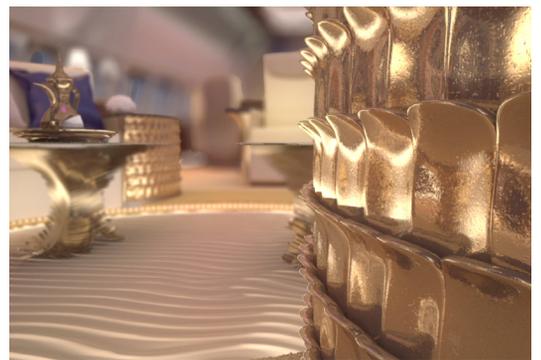


# Oasis

## AirJet Designs

The most spectacular private cabins are not just luxe and elegant, they're also outfitted with a personal touch. This in-the-works project from Toulouse-based VIP studio AirJet Designs cleverly reflects the lifestyle and personality of the Middle-Eastern client. In terms of layout, the aircraft incorporates a Majlis with a dining area for eight, two bedrooms with private bathrooms, a medical room and guest and staff seating – but it's the exquisite customized details throughout that make the 'Oasis' so striking.

Taking inspiration from the desert, AirJet's creative director Jean-Pierre Alfano chose luxurious elements that would evoke this setting, including a custom-made



hand-trimmed carpet with a sand wave pattern and ceiling lights that can be set to emit a blue glow reminiscent of the desert sky. Palm trees provide another point of reference, with decorative golden table bases modeled on palm leaves and golden palm trunk motifs.

Additional ornamental features include an artistic gold plated Arabic motif on door openings and the presence of René Lalique crystal falcons – a nod to the owner's passion for falconry.



# Bluejay

Airbus Corporate  
Jet Centre  
Design Studio

The trend for futuristic interiors has been gaining popularity on the ground, but now avant-garde style is taking flight. In this modern cabin concept from Airbus Corporate Jet Centre (ACJC) Design Studio, head designer Sylvain Mariat took inspiration from the shapes and colors of Stanley Kubrick's 2001: A Space Odyssey to develop a contemporary cabin for the Airbus ACJ319.

Passengers boarding the Bluejay will instantly meet with eye-catching high-tech features including a hologram display that presents the name of arriving guests in soft blue tones and several HDTV flat screen displays. Partition walls made of switchable glass divide the forward



lounge from the dining area and can be set from transparent to translucent at the flick of a switch. VIP seats with smoked oak veneer and light grey leather pay homage to the classic Eames lounge chair, while a touch of drama comes from decorative crystal and carbon fiber lights from French crystal house Baccarat. The innovative design aesthetic is sustained in the large kitchen, where handle-free doors automatically open in response to a gentle push.

To offset this cutting-edge interior, Mariat also chose to include a more traditional symbol of travel in the form of a trunk. In this instance the trunk features an interior of padded nubuck – the perfect place to store delicate glassware.



# Timeless To Visionary

Jet Aviation Basel

Wide-body aircrafts are some of the most sought-after models for private jet owners, as the spacious interiors can be configured to meet most needs. At Jet Aviation Basel Design Studio in Switzerland, manager Elisabeth Harvey worked with her team to develop two stunning and distinctive wide-body cabin concepts, offering customers inspiring and contrasting approaches to aviation design.



At one end of the spectrum is the Timeless concept, a classic interior that draws on enduring design and architectural trends from the last hundred years. Every detail here is carefully considered and balanced, with natural materials creating a refined residential-like setting — perfect for relaxing on a long haul journey. Meanwhile, the Visionary concept looks to the future: It's a forward-thinking design, which emphasizes the natural shape of the aircraft shell rather than shying away from its form. This pared-down open-plan interior boasts a minimal color palette that lets the free-flowing architecture speak for itself.

Both concepts are built around the practical use of space, allowing the aircraft to fulfill multifunctional demands, whether owners want to hold a business meeting, entertain guests in the dining space or seek sanctuary in the private bedrooms.



## BBJ 2

Edése Doret

For international jet-setters constantly on the go, beauty and comfort are the order of the day as they seek a home from home in the sky. There's no chance of cabin fever in this beautiful Boeing BBJ2, where New York-based designer Edése Doret (of Edése Doret Industrial Designs) styled a space that is the perfect marriage between homey and high-end.

To give the BBJ 2 a chic residential feel and a relaxing ambience, Edése used warm fixtures and furnishings, such as wood-slat Venetian blinds, built-in bookshelves, a modified Eames lounge chair and table lamps. The understated elegance extends to the



master bathroom, which is decked out in aqua blue tiles and features a large shower enclosure with rain head shower fixtures. This layout of this BBJ 2 also speaks to owners who need their jet to fulfill multiple functions: A high-low table can transform from coffee table to dining table, while pocket doors allow guests to open up or close off the main cabin from the living and dining areas.



# Gulfstream G450

Finchatton

Prestigious design company Finchatton has built an impressive portfolio of prime luxury properties and yachts over the last decade, and now they are taking their skills to the next level and their legacy to the skies, as they outfit a long-range Gulfstream G450 for a Russian client.

The devil is in the detail in aviation design, as every element of the interior must be as beautiful as it is practical, not to mention meeting strict safety criteria. “No matter where people are going, they want the luxuries and amenities they have at home,” explains Finchatton’s head designer Jiin Kim-Inoue. “So when designing the plane’s interior, we took time to understand our client’s needs and preferences, and used our personal knowledge to deliver the perfect set-up.”

Choosing to depart from the dull grey and beige hues all-too-common in private cabins, they’ve injected richer, more elegant tones. Side walls are colored in silver and muted brown in silk and suede, while seats are upholstered in deep-blue leather with a silver accent on the headrest. Cashmere throws and cushions provide much-needed comfort on long journeys, while the latest sound technology, flat-screens and WiFi connections ensure it can be business as usual in the air.

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