INSIDE LUFTHANSA'S NEW AIRBUS A350

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Lufthansa will begin flying the new Airbus A350 by the end of 2016 with the first 10 jets in its 25-strong order to be based in Munich.

Boston and Delhi will be among the first destinations for the next-gen jetliner, which will replace the German flag-carrier's older gas-guzzling Airbus A340s, with Hong Kong and Beijing expected to follow.

Lufthansa is adopting a fairly conventional three-class layout for its A350-900s.

There'll be 48 business class seats using the airline's current design in a 2-2-2 layout.

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(There's an all-new business class on the way but that won't debut until 2020 on Lufthansa's Boeing 777-9X fleet, below.).

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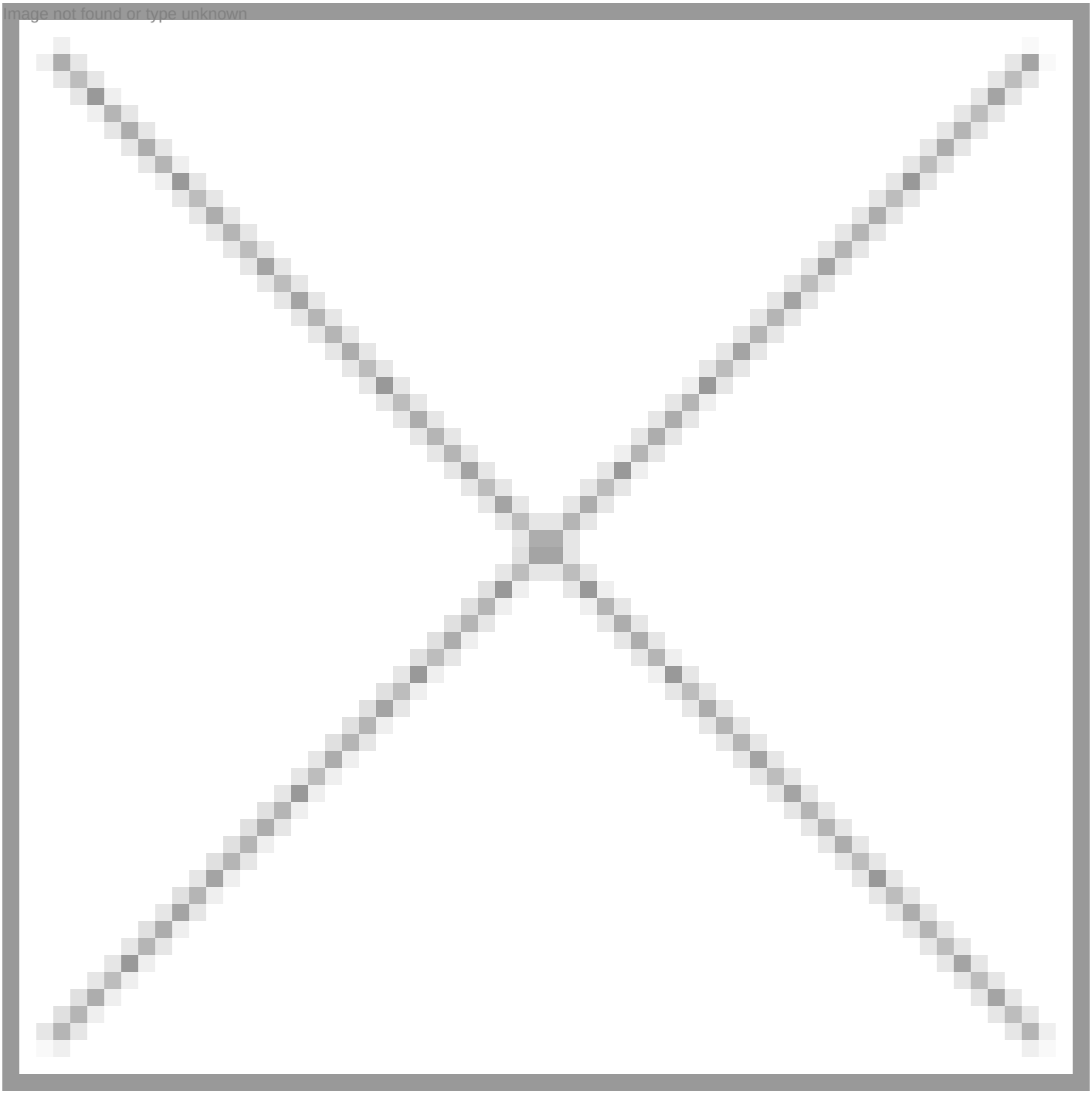

Further back will be a compact premium economy cabin with room for just 21 passengers in a 2-3-2 seating grid.

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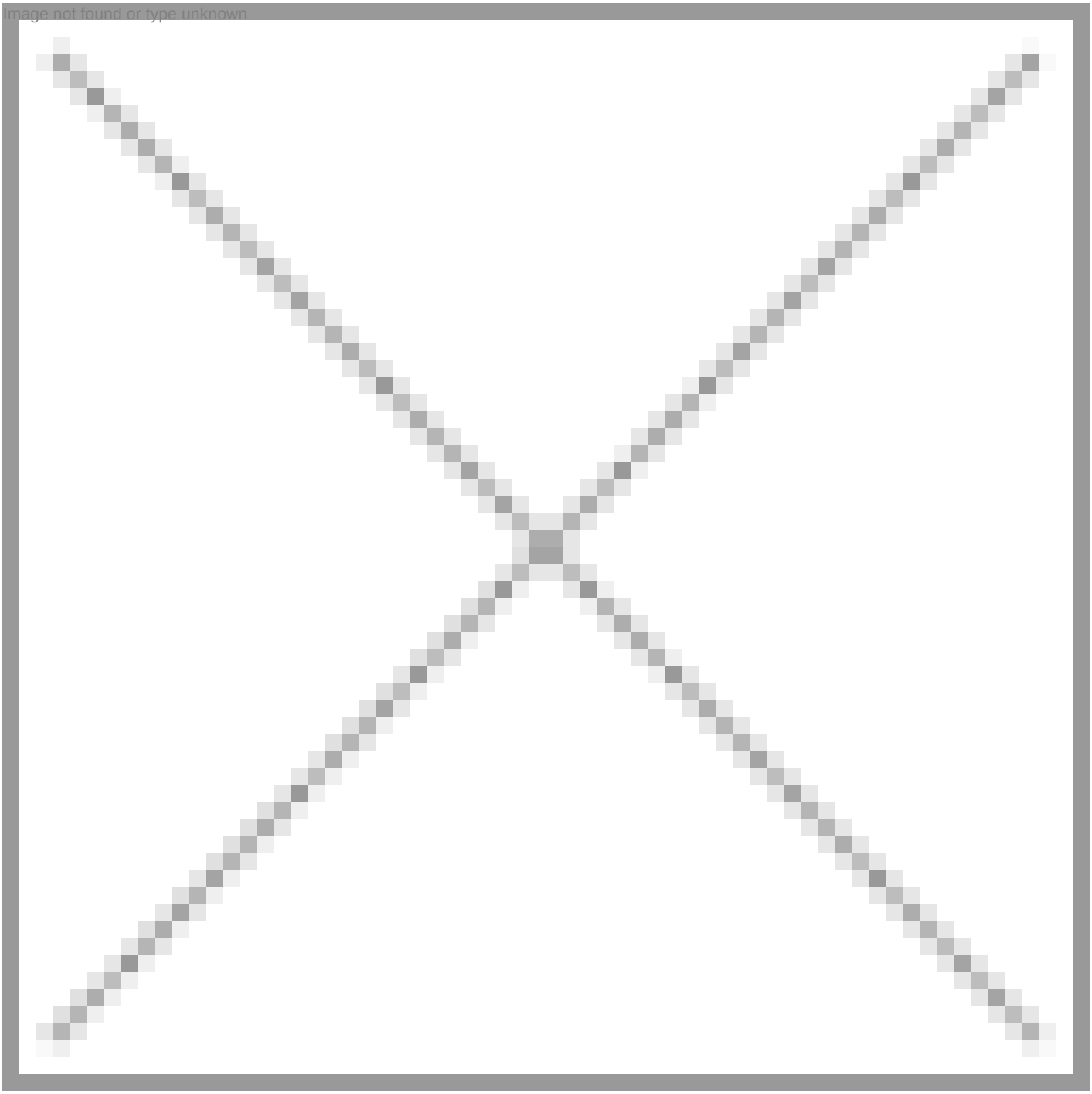

Those seats are expected to have a 38 inch pitch and be up to 1.2 inches (3cm) wider than the standard economy seat, of which there are 224 through the rest of the plane.

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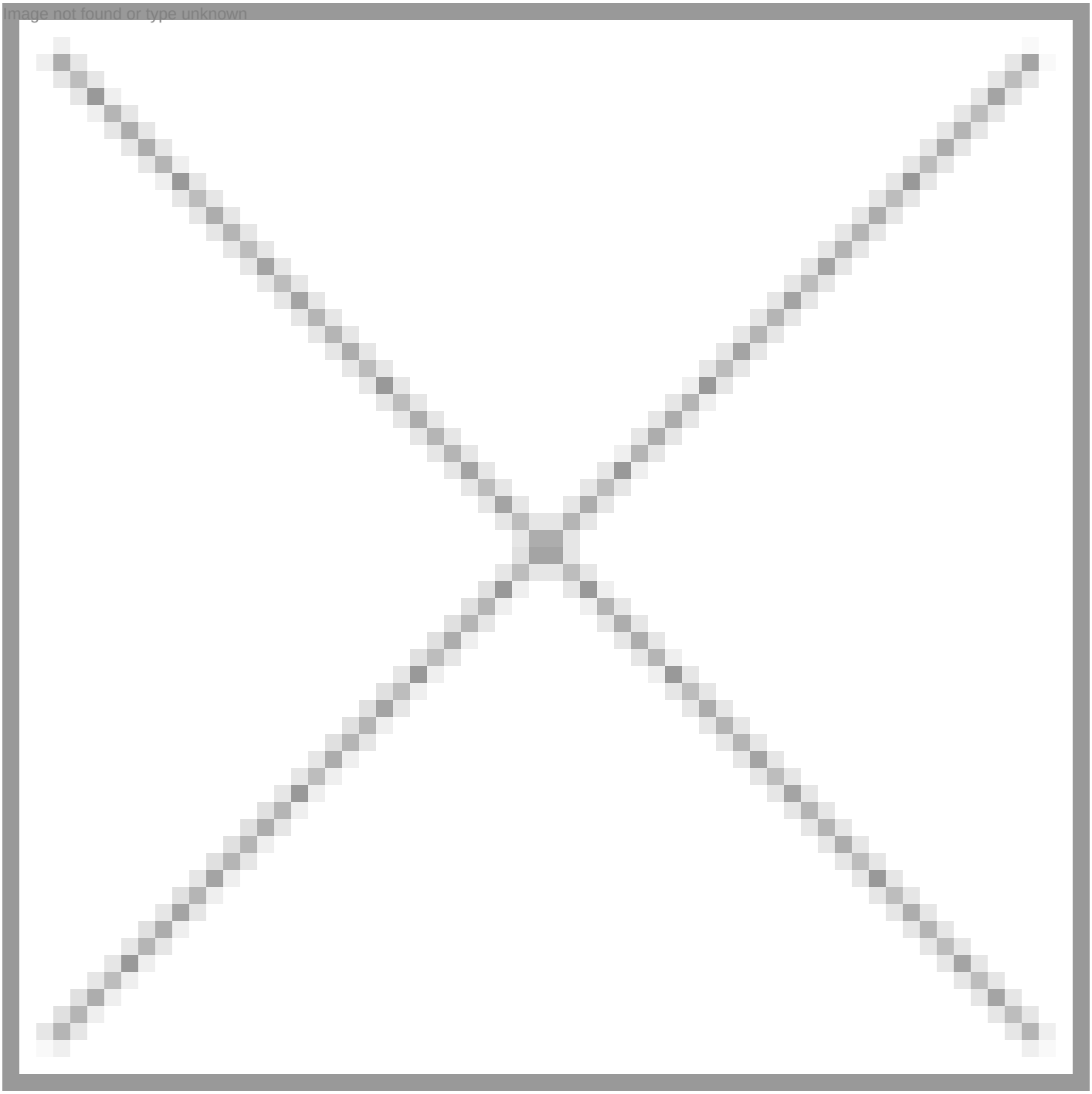

Passengers in all classes from tip to tail will be able to tap into Lufthansa's FlyNet inflight Internet service at rates from an insanely steep €9 (A$13) pet hour to a far more sensible €17 (A$25) for the entire flight.

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