WHEN HISTORY HAS A FUTURE - LUFTHANSA UPCYCLING COLLECTION 2.0

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New Upcycling Collection by Lufthansa with exclusive lifestyle and design products from the oldest Airbus A320

A wall bar shelf made with the hull of an airplane or a bar in the cabin door creating a friendly atmosphere, does that remind you of anything? Last fall, the first Lufthansa Upcycling collection was launched, available exclusively at the Lufthansa WorldShop and sold out within a few weeks. Aviation and sustainability enthusiasts can now bring a piece of aviation history straight to their own living room.

In cooperation with Lufthansa, Lufthansa Technik and Miles & More, another decommissioned Lufthansa aircraft was recycled and partially used. These unique designer products from the historic "Papa Alpha" are now available in the Lufthansa online shop.

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When extravagance meets sustainability

For this 2.0 collection, the designers have also created unique furniture, designer accessories and limited edition pieces, all of which carry a piece of the soul of the A320 D-AIPA. The emphasis is always on the idea of sustainability and recycling of valuable aviation materials. In addition to the flagship items of the latest collection such as the table sculpture and the flying coffee table, other designer models were created for the first time.

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For example, the Cabin Door Bar, made from a cabin door, invites you to have cocktails while standing. As an alternative to the Flying Coffee Table from the first collection, there is now the Speedbrake Coffee Table, made from the airbrake, and the Flap Coffee Table, made from a landing flap. The Wingtip Fence coffee table is a very special coffee table, limited to two pieces.

It owes its aerodynamic shape to its original material: Wingtip Fences. The remaining parts of the slats were used to create the new sideboard, which is a real enrichment for every living space. The trendy Aviationtags are also available again as a small accessory. They were made from the outer

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skin of the aircraft. They are available in a limited edition and numbered in white and blue and can be used as a key ring or luggage rack.

"Papa Alpha", a turbulent history of aviation

The exclusive products are made from parts of the historic Lufthansa Airbus 320 called "Papa Alpha". This jet was the first in a long series of A320 models to become the standard Lufthansa Group aircraft for short and medium range flights.

With the registration D-AIPA, the "Papa Alpha" was the first A320 to be delivered from Toulouse to France on October 16, 1989. For more than 29 years, until its decommissioning, the aircraft took off exclusively for Lufthansa and has traveled extensively: from Casablanca and London to Beirut via Rhodes, Oslo and Lisbon. Throughout his life he flew to 147 different destinations. The plane, which is more than 37 meters long, has completed approximately 71,400 flight hours on 56,983 flights and has carried around six million passengers on board. The most distant destinations were certainly Aswan in Egypt and Ekaterinburg in Russia. And on May 1, 1995, the "Papa Alpha" was the very first Lufthansa aircraft to land on the runway in Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan.

A matter of the heart

With the Lufthansa Upcycling Collection 2.0, the upcycling team continued its success story. As with the Airbus A340-600 D-AIHO previously taken out of service, the good spirit of "Papa Alpha" is now preserved. The products offer a great opportunity to redeem the miles earned for absolutely unique items. Aviation enthusiasts will therefore once again have the opportunity to bring a little history into their daily lives. As with the previous collection, each piece is unique and therefore very special.

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