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## Airjet Designs

### VIP A340-500 bizliner

**Jean-Pierre Alfano** is the Founder and Creative Director of AirJet Designs.

Born in France to Italian parents, Jean-Pierre spent his childhood between France and Italy, with one foot in each culture. He believes his creativity is linked to the richness and inspiration afforded him by two countries often regarded as the cradles of art and design. Today, Jean-Pierre resides in Toulouse, France but returns often to Italy to care after the family production of olive oil in Tuscany.

Jean-Pierre completed different levels of his education in France, Italy and the United States, and graduated with a Master's Degree in Product Design and Engineering in 1997. He then went to work with NASA on the Next Generation Space Telescope project for a Space Shuttle payload. In 2000, Alfano returned to France and started working on VIP and airline aircraft modification projects and, in 2007, became an EASA Compliance Verification Engineer for aircraft interior modifications.

Alfano founded AirJet Designs in 2010 with the desire to bring more creativity and innovation to the VIP aircraft cabin industry. His avant-garde style is the result, in part, of a global perspective and



experience. "This multicultural view allows me to step into my client's shoes and create an interior that reflects his or her world and interests," he says.

His work, featured in several aviation and design magazines, has been recognized for its bold mix of innovation and beauty. An avid cook, when asked to describe his work, Jean-Pierre notes, "Design is like cooking: you need technical knowledge, using the finest ingredients, add passion and your individual inspiration...and the result is culinary art." Offices are located in Toulouse and Shanghai.

The staff is composed of 10 people.

#### **THE PROJECT: AIRBUS ACJ340-500**

The studio is currently working on the design of a VIP ACJ340-500 airliner for a customer from the Middle East.

The aircraft will include a Majlis with a dining area for eight in the forward section of the aircraft, a master bedroom and VIP lavatory with a medical room next to it, a guest bedroom with private lavatory, and guest and staff seating in the aft section of the ship.

"We are currently working on an ACJ319 VIP undergoing completion at the moment." ■