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This Global 6000 interior was redesigned by AirJet Designs to create a warmer feel and remove the bulkiness of the existing seats. An organic pattern was used for the floor, complemented by beige leather and fabric for the seats and divans, while the seat styling was completely redesigned to provide more comfort.

"After the acquisition of the aircraft, the owners wanted to refresh the interior to give it a touch of personalisation while managing the constraints of airworthiness and minimising aircraft downtime requirements," says Jean-Pierre Alfano, creative director at AirJet Designs. "Subject to our discussion with the client, an inspirational mood board was created combining contemporary organic forms, warm colour tones, and clean geometric lines."

The design approach was driven by the will to blend rounder seat lines with more modern flooring. The backrest and bottom of the seats feature perforated leather inserts with lozenge stitching. Alfano explains that the seat design and use of perforated leather was inspired by the client's car seats. He adds that changing the look of the single and double seats - while ensuring compliance with airworthiness and seat OEM requirements – was the biggest challenge of the project. "We had to keep the seat design within 16g requirements without the need to re-perform testing for STC release," he says.

The seat lines were first hand-sketched, then modelled in 3D to support the work of the master seat upholsterer, who worked on shaping foams, and assembling seat covers on one seat frame sourced for prototyping. A first inspection was conducted on the seat prototype to correct and adjust foam shapes, to match the original design intent, and final inspection was conducted on the seat before obtaining the client's approval.

The process of redesigning the seats necessitated good communication between the upholsterer and the designer to result in a final product that respected the design vision, and all seat technical limitations.

It is expected that the cabin will be outfitted with the new interior during the aircraft's next scheduled maintenance downtime; the exact date is to be decided.





CARPET

The custom carpet was designed in collaboration with Scott Group Studio. It has an organic pattern with darker areas in the central aisle to give some movement while targeting better durability.

