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# Thompson Aero's Vantage XL seat showcased in Good Design Awards

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Thompson Aero Seating's Vantage XL seat, chosen by Qantas Airways for its new A330 Business Class suite, was selected as a finalist in Australia's [Good Design Awards 2015](#).



Nominated in the Commercial and Industrial Category, the Good Design Awards team described the Vantage XL as "a game-changer in domestic and international business travel. Combining the luxury and privacy of a First suite with the flexibility and functionality of a Business seat, the fully customized suite features a world-first deep seat recline from gate to gate, innovative do not disturb function and direct aisle access for every passenger."

The team also highlighted the "expansive personal stowages and functional workspaces" and the "ergonomically tested space, comfort and privacy" as some of the key design and product features behind its selection.

The Vantage XL, which has a 23-to 24-inch width, was designed in collaboration with Marc Newson and Thompson Aero Seating as part of the Qantas A330 fleet reconfiguration.

The seat allows passengers to be seated in a deep recline of 25 degrees from upright for International or 21 degrees for Domestic, and fully flat during flight. Seats may be pre-set to the relaxed lounge position and fitted with signature Qantas bedding before boarding, allowing passengers to sleep sooner on night sectors from Asia or early morning flights on key domestic routes.