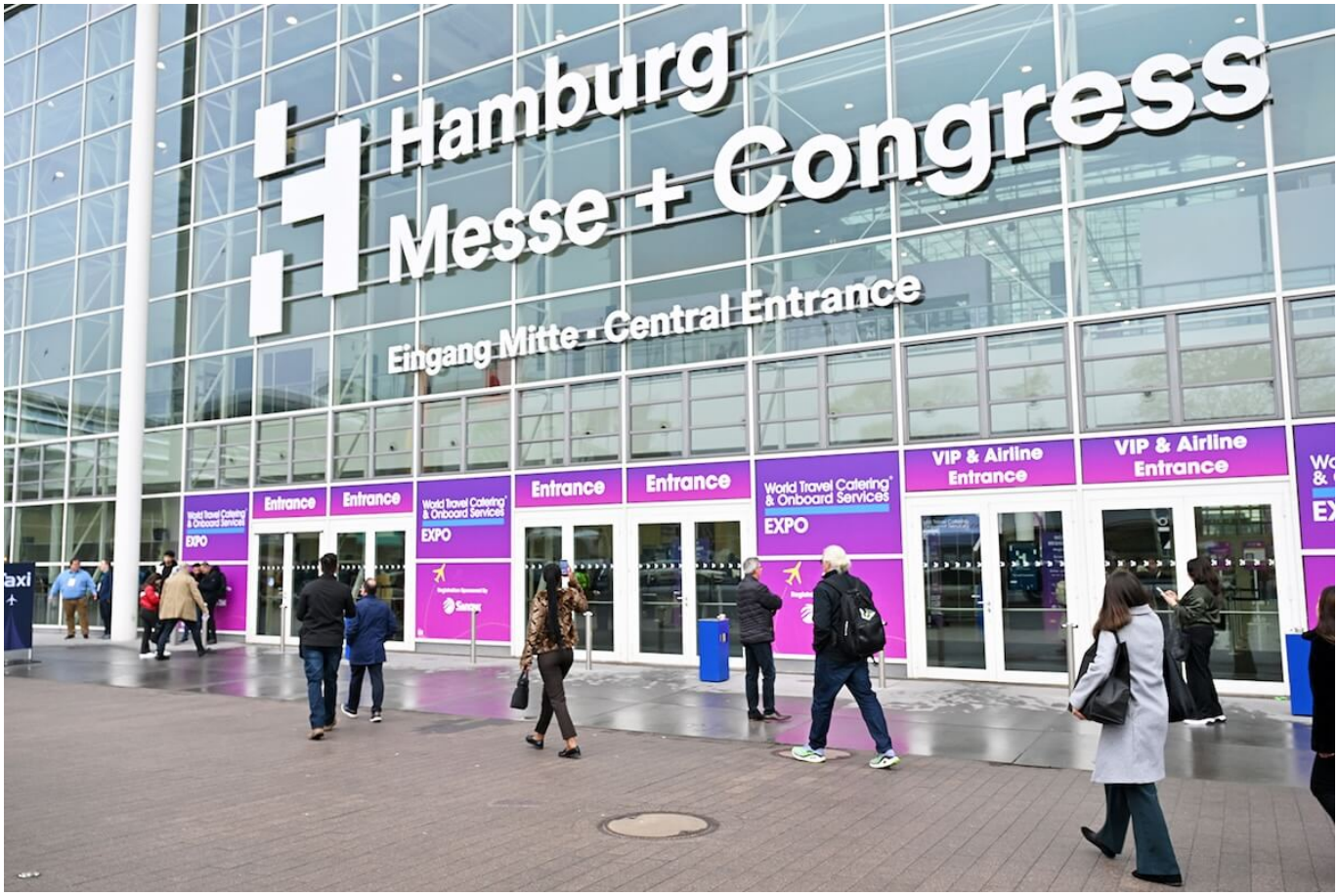
AIX 2027 puts cabin innovation and retrofits in focus

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AIX returns to Hamburg Messe in Hamburg, Germany, from April 6 to 8 in 2027

As airlines balance growing passenger demand with rising costs and fleet modernization challenges, Aircraft Interiors Expo (AIX) 2027 will showcase technologies and solutions shaping the future cabin.

Returning to Hamburg Messe in Hamburg, Germany, from April 6 to 8, the event will highlight innovations in seating, inflight entertainment, connectivity, sustainability and accessibility, with *PAX Tech* as a media partner.

"The real challenge is getting the balance right, and delivering what passengers want while making commercial sense for the airline," Archana Dharni, Event Director, AIX, tells *PAX Tech*.

With aircraft delivery backlogs affecting fleet planning, airlines are exploring retrofit solutions, including refurbished seating, reconfigurable cabin components and connectivity upgrades.

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Archana Dharni, Event Director, AIX

Artificial intelligence and advanced analytics are also creating opportunities to improve cabin performance, anticipate maintenance requirements and optimize operations.

More than 300 exhibitors have already signed up for AIX 2027, including first-time participants LATECOERE, Clayens and Akkodis.

The AIX agenda

Organizers tell *PAX Tech* that AIX expects more than 400 exhibitors, 12,500 attendees and representatives from more than 185 airlines at the 2027 edition.

Networking opportunities include the Welcome Party and AIX Connect, the event's dedicated meetings platform. Returning exhibitors include Townsend Leather, Hi-Tech Finishing and Jet Aviation, while a new feature, "The Edit," will showcase a curated selection of premium products.

CabinSpace Live also returns across all three exhibition days, covering market developments, aircraft orders, accessibility, sustainability and connectivity.

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Dharni says additional exhibitors, speakers and features will be announced in the lead-up to AIX 2027.

PEC preview

The Passenger Experience Conference (PEC), taking place on Monday, April 5, will focus on four themes: Cabin 2035: The Experience Economy; The Digital Sky; Human by Design; and Intelligent Innovations.

The conference will explore how technology, passenger expectations and commercial priorities are influencing cabin design and investment.

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