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## Thales Unveils Full TopSeries Next Generation System and Secures First A350 IFEC Program

Thales, a leader in In-Flight Entertainment and Connectivity systems, unveils the complete system architecture of the new TopSeries system. Its' advancements push the boundaries of previous IFEC systems with exceptional system performance, solid reliability and optimized flexible design.

The TopSeries Next Generation system, now called TopSeries AVANT, is a new Thales product and is a revolutionary system that combines the strengths of earlier generation systems with advanced technologies such as high definition video, solid state hard drives, and faster processors to create a passenger experience that is a genuine revelation. The new system is a seat-centric solution that underscores the importance of refining the passenger's environment making it more functional, comfortable and appealing to the eye. Recently, an undisclosed airline selected the TopSeries AVANT for installation on its future A350 aircraft.

Thales is working closely with Airbus to have the TopSeries AVANT offerable on all other Airbus platforms. The Thales AVANT embraces the Android™ operating system. Starting with the system's Avion award-winning Touch Passenger Media Unit, this hand-held unit is also a finalist for a 2011 Crystal Cabin Award. Despite the accolades, the product itself is just the beginning. Thales is opening an App Portal that embraces the growing number of Android based applications making it easier for airlines to review and select capabilities already tested and integrated to the new system.

*"We are in high gear now with our new generation system. The market will see Thales maneuver into new market segments and deliver new innovation for the latest aircraft types. With TopSeries AVANT, the market will see a true revolution,"* said Alan Pellegrini Managing Director for the Thales In-flight Entertainment business.

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### About Thales

Thales is a global technology leader for the Defence & Security and the Aerospace & Transport markets. In 2010, the company generated revenues of €13.1 billion with 68,000 employees in 50 countries. With its 22,500 engineers and researchers, Thales has a unique capability to design, develop and deploy equipment, systems and services that meet the most complex security requirements. Thales has an exceptional international footprint, with operations around the world working with customers as local partners.

For more information about Thales In-Flight Entertainment Systems visit [www.thales-ifs.com](http://www.thales-ifs.com) .

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