

## **Poltrona Frau for Catania Fontanarossa airport**

**08.06.2016 - Catania** – International passengers in transit at Catania Fontanarossa airport can enjoy all the glamour of a comfortable wait thanks to Poltrona Frau.

All the waiting and departure, arrivals and baggage claim areas have been furnished with modular elements from the **Onda Airport** collection designed by architects **Lella and Massimo Vignelli**. The refurbishment and expansion plan for the airport's lounges has included a total of 864 seats.

### **Poltrona Frau Contract at Fontanarossa airport in Catania**

These days travellers spend plenty of time waiting at airports and the Contract Division of Poltrona Frau has for years satisfied their many requirements, offering unique solutions for all their possible needs with items that meet the highest expectations.

The project designed for Catania Fontanarossa has involved the creation of multi-purpose waiting areas, for interacting, relaxing, working, connecting or chatting in total freedom. The proposed layouts create ideal oases for today's fast and technologically minded travellers.

Catania Fontanarossa airport sees an annual transit of 7.5 million passengers with a growth rate of 5.33%. This led the management to decide to enhance the public areas and to the involvement of Poltrona Frau as a prestigious partner for the supply of furnishings in this recent restyling.

### **Onda Airport**

Onda Airport is a Poltrona Frau bestseller, designed by architects Lella and Massimo Vignelli. This seat entered the collection in 2001 and over the years has starred in many airport projects. Today it appears at Catania airport in the version with grey metal structure and blue seat.

Onda Airport offers comfortable, functional, elegant design for seating that fully embodies Poltrona Frau knowhow. More than a century of craftsmanship together with cutting-edge technology, is translated into top-level seating.

The supporting frame for the seat and the poles are in steel laminate, while the armrests and feet are in lacquered aluminium. Seat and back are separate and anatomically shaped to provide optimum support plus ease of cleaning and maintenance.

Onda Airport allows for flexible layouts. This solution offers infinite possibilities due to the simplicity of its modular system that requires no installation and that can be repositioned whenever necessary. Lastly, careful manufacturing and materials ensure maximum durability.

## **Poltrona Frau and its Contract Division**

Over the years, **Poltrona Frau** has confirmed its ability to interpret, but above all to anticipate, the evolution of contemporary living.

Its key values include design and quality, integrity, change and innovation, and teamwork. These values are then reflected in its products: furnishings that are icons of the collective imagination, tangible examples of a unique synthesis of craftsmanship skills, contemporaneity and high quality standards.

The **contract division** has always transferred these values into furnishing projects for public premises: hotels, offices, theatres and auditoriums.

It combines knowledge of cutting-edge technologies with the highest level of manual skills. This artisanal knowhow enables the Poltrona Frau Contract team to inject designer thinking and creativity into the smallest details. It always works with a view to tailored contract and turnkey service, which includes every stage, from engineering to the prototype, installation and after-sales assistance. Over 1000 projects in more than 50 countries have given shape to the dreams and ideas of the most famous architects on the contemporary scene.

In recent years Poltrona Frau has also won international recognition in the world of travel, furnishing lounges and waiting rooms in airports and stations in Italy and abroad. Italian airport waiting lounges include G. Marconi in Bologna and Fontanarossa in Catania, in addition to Sala Montale at Milano Malpensa and several areas at Naples airport. In addition to the Casa Alitalia lounges at Malpensa and Fiumicino, Poltrona Frau also supplied the leather covers for the business class armchairs in the new Alitalia fleet: some 500 units for 22 new planes. International projects include the Etihad lounge in Abu Dhabi, the Emiri Terminal in Doha, the Air France Lounge in Tokyo and the cabins for the Cathay Pacific lounge in Hong Kong. The Poltrona Frau Contract collection includes the modular Fly\_air and Onda Airport seats designed for airport waiting areas.

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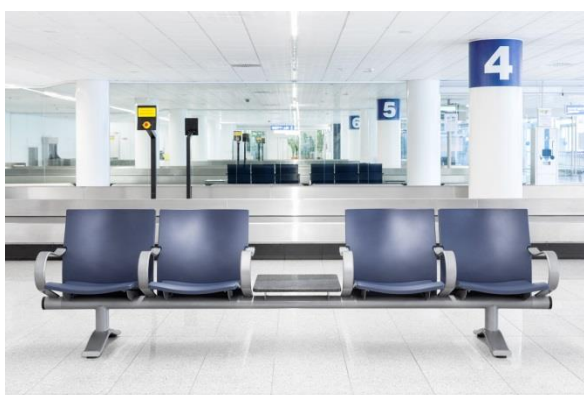
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