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which sees 36 hyper-efficient individual electric jet engines embedded into the aircraft's wing flaps, enabling an effortless transition from hover mode into horizontal flight.

Stephenson, 58, will join a 100+ strong team in Munich from May, and recruit an entirely new design team to shape both the interior and exterior of the jet itself, as well as a design language for the company's wider infrastructure, including landing pads and departure lounges.

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The Lilium Jet will travel at speed of up to 300km per hour, and a range of up to 300km on a single all-electric charge. The jet has been designed not just to be fast, but to generate efficiencies unheard of in conventional aviation. It is estimated that the aircraft will be up to 90% more efficient than its competitors, allowing the company to deliver affordable on-demand air transport-service to cities around the world.

Daniel Wiegand, Lilium's CEO and co-founder said: *"Frank has created not just some of the most beautiful cars in the world, but some of the most high performance and functional vehicles ever seen on the road. Frank's work is unique - he creates entirely new design languages that aren't like anything that anyone has ever seen before. That is exactly what we're trying to achieve at Lilium."*

"Moreover, I want Lilium to deliver magical user experiences, and to be just as renowned for the design of our products and services as we are for what they deliver. I'm thrilled that someone as gifted and iconic as Frank is joining the team as he will be a true partner on our path to achieving this in the next few years."

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A journey from Manhattan, New York, to the city's JFK International Airport could be reduced from an hour to just a few minutes in a Lilium Jet. The aircraft's ability to fly at high speed, before transitioning to hover mode in order to land and take off again, promises a revolution in transportation.

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The company is already inviting portfolio submissions from interested designers.

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“I am fascinated by biology and the animal kingdom - and how designers can use nature for inspiration. Nature always wins - things in the natural world are about as perfect as they can be. By using biomimicry, we can design truly exceptional things.”

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Designers wishing to submit their portfolio to Frank and Lilium can do so by visiting <https://lilium.com/careers/>