

The airline says one reason for the new, squashed seating is to end the hassle about overweight passengers. With rows combined into a long bench, Airbus hopes to get more people aboard, as well as allow wide people to stretch out more comfortably.

Of course, the argument will still be concerning passengers who weigh twice or more as much as others. Since they also occupy at least twice the space, whether on a seat or bench, shouldn't they pay twice the price?