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The giants march on at the TTG Travel Awards 2012

Bangkok, October 4 2012 – An incredible 51 out of 72 award titles were retained by their 2011 winners at the 23rd Annual TTG Travel Awards, a TTG Travel Trade Publishing event.

Held at the World Ballroom at Centara Grand and Bangkok Convention Centre at CentralWorld, the yearly event recognised 80 of the Asia-Pacific travel trade’s best organisations and individuals. The event was attended by a total of 700 members of the Asia-Pacific travel trade, and garnered a total of 60,000 valid votes – a 20% increase from 2011 – from June to August for its voted titles.

9 winners took home the signature Hermes trophy for the first time. Song Saa Private Island became 2012’s Best New Beach Resort, and Amankora, the Best Non-Beach Resort, reflecting Cambodia’s and Bhutan’s growing presence on the map of the Asia-Pacific travel trade.

In the Hotel Chain sub-category, only Park Hotel Group (Best Regional Hotel Chain) and Preferred Hotel Group (Best Hotel Rep Company) were new winners, while Mercury Travels Limited (Best Travel Agency – India) became the only new travel agency winner this year. Similarly, the entire airline category returned to take away their respective awards for the third year running.

Notably, among the returning winners, Wing On Travel has returned after more than a decade since its last win in 2001 to retake the Best Travel Agency – Hong Kong title.

“It’s heartening to see our industry colleagues innovate and reinvent their products to stay relevant and in demand,” said TTG Asia Media managing director Darren Ng. “The fact that so many of our winners can return to reclaim their titles is testament to their constant drive for improvement, amidst so many other up-and-coming competitors.”

Thai organisations once again dominated the Business Travel and Meetings, Incentives, Conventions and Events (BT-MICE) front, with Thai Airways International (Best Airline – Business Class and Best South-East Asian Airline), Grand Hyatt Erawan (Best Business Hotel), Thai Convention & Exhibition Bureau (Best Convention & Exhibition Bureau), and Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre at CentralWorld (Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel).

Thai Airways International and Best Western International, in fact, both repeated their dual win this year, with Best Western International winning the Best Mid-Range Hotel Brand and an Outstanding Achievement Award, Best Marketing and Relationship Effort, for which it was handpicked by the TTG Travel Trade Publishing editorial team.

The Awards also honoured its 8 Travel Hall of Fame luminaries at tonight's ceremony. These organisations, including Singapore Airlines, Lotte Tour, and Singapore Changi Airport, have won the same award more than 10 consecutive times.

The 23rd Annual TTG Travel Awards 2012 Ceremony and Gala Dinner is held yearly in Bangkok, in conjunction with Incentive Travel & Conventions, Meetings Asia (IT&CMA) and Corporate Travel World (CTW) Asia Pacific. The event, the World's Only Doublebill Event in MICE and Corporate Travel, is a one-stop platform for industry professionals to do business, learn and network in a single location – Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre at CentralWorld.

Voting for the TTG Travel Awards 2013 opens in June 2013. The 24th Annual TTG Travel Awards 2012 Ceremony and Gala Dinner will be held on 3 October 2013.

More information on the TTG Travel Awards can be found at: www.ttgasia.com/ttg-awards

Please refer to Annexe A for the full list of 2012 winners.

About TTG Asia Media

The Leading Travel and Tourism Publisher and Events Organiser in the Asia-Pacific.

Established in 1974, TTG Asia Media is at the forefront of the Asia-Pacific travel and tourism industry. Its authority encompasses the leisure trade, corporate travel and MICE domains. Through its three business groups, the company publishes leading regional trade titles for the travel industry, Singapore maps and guides for inbound tourists and organises international trade events.

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ANNEXE A

2012 Travel Awards	Company
Airline Awards	
Best North American Airline	United Airlines
Best European Airline	Air France-KLM
Best Middle Eastern Airline	Qatar Airways
Best South-East Asian Airline	Thai Airways International
Best North Asian Airline	Cathay Pacific Airways
Best China Airline	Air China
Best Pacific Airline	Qantas Airways Limited
Best Regional Airline	Dragonair
Best Asian Low-Cost Carrier	AirAsia
Hotel Chain Awards	
Best Global Hotel Chain	InterContinental Hotels Group
Best Regional Hotel Chain	Park Hotel Group
Best Local Hotel Chain	Harbour Plaza Hotels & Resorts
Best Hotel Rep Company	Preferred Hotel Group™
Best Luxury Hotel Brand	The Peninsula Hotels
Best Mid-Range Hotel Brand	Best Western International
Best Budget Hotel Brand	Ibis Hotels
Hotel – Individual Property Awards	
Best Luxury Hotel	Raffles Hotel Singapore
Best Mid-Range Hotel	Furama Riverfront, Singapore
Best Budget Hotel	Ibis Singapore Bencoolen
Best Independent Hotel	Royal Plaza on Scotts
Best Boutique Hotel	Hotel LKF by Rhombus
Best City Hotel - Bangkok	Siam Kempinski Hotel Bangkok
Best City Hotel - Delhi	Taj Palace Hotel
Best City Hotel - Hanoi/Ho Chi Minh City	Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi
Best City Hotel - Hong Kong	The Langham Hong Kong
Best City Hotel - Jakarta	Hotel Mulia Senayan
Best City Hotel - Kuala Lumpur	Hilton Kuala Lumpur
Best City Hotel - Macau	Grand Hyatt Macau
Best City Hotel - Manila	InterContinental Manila
Best City Hotel - Seoul	Lotte Hotel Seoul
Best City Hotel - Singapore	Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore
Best City Hotel - Taipei	W Taipei
Best City Hotel - Tokyo	Imperial Hotel, Tokyo
Best New City Hotel	Conrad Macao, Cotai Central
Best Airport Hotel	Regal Airport Hotel
Resorts, Serviced Residences and Spa Awards	

Best Beach Resort	Amari Palm Reef Koh Samui
Best Resort Hotel (Non-Beach)	Amankora Paro, Thimphu, Punakha, Gangtey, Bumthang Kingdom of Bhutan
Best New Beach Resort Hotel	Song Saa Private Island
Best Integrated Resort	Resorts World at Sentosa Pte Ltd
Best Serviced Residence Operator	The Ascott Limited
Best Spa Operator	Banyan Tree Spas
BT-MICE Awards	
Best Airline - Business Class	Thai Airways International
Best Business Hotel	Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok
Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel	Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre at CentralWorld
Best BT-MICE City	Singapore
Best Convention & Exhibition Centre	Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre
Best Convention & Exhibition Bureau	Thailand Convention & Exhibition Bureau
Travel Services Awards	
Best Airport	Hong Kong International Airport
Best GDS	Travelport
Best Cruise Operator	Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.
Best NTO	Japan National Tourism Organization
Best Theme Attraction	Hong Kong Disneyland
Travel Agency Awards	
Best Travel Agency - Australia	Flight Centre
Best Travel Agency - China	China International Travel Service
Best Travel Agency - Chinese Taipei	Phoenix Tours International, Inc
Best Travel Agency - Hong Kong	Wing On Travel
Best Travel Agency - India	Mercury Travels Limited
Best Travel Agency - Indochina	Asian Trails
Best Travel Agency - Indonesia	Pacto Ltd Indonesia
Best Travel Agency - Japan	H.I.S.Co.,Ltd.
Best Travel Agency - Malaysia	Reliance Sightseeing Sdn. Bhd.
Best Travel Agency - Singapore	Tour East Singapore (1996) Pte Ltd
Best Travel Agency - South Korea	HANATOUR Service Inc
Best Travel Agency - Thailand	Diethelm Travel Group
Best Travel Agency - The Philippines	Rajah Travel Corporation
Best Travel Agency - Vietnam	Vietravel
Best Corporate Travel Agency	Carlson Wagonlit Travel
Best On-line Travel Agent	Expedia
Outstanding Achievement Awards	
Travel Personality of the Year	Mr Jean-Gabriel Pérès President & CEO of Mövenpick Hotels &

	Resorts
Destination of the Year	Thailand
Best Travel Entrepreneur	Mr Deep Kalra Founder & CEO of MakeMyTrip.com
Best Marketing & Relationship Effort	Best Western International
Travel Hall of Fame	
Travel Hall of Fame	Singapore Airlines
Travel Hall of Fame	Singapore Changi Airport
Travel Hall of Fame	Hertz Asia Pacific
Travel Hall of Fame	The Royal Cliff Hotels Group - The State of Exclusivity & Fascination
Travel Hall of Fame	Star Cruises
Travel Hall of Fame	Abacus International
Travel Hall of Fame	SilkAir
Travel Hall of Fame	Lotte Tour