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### **A Night Of Celebration as 83 Winners Take The Stage for Coming Out Tops as 2015's Best Asia-Pacific Industry Players.**

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Bangkok, 1 October 2015 – TTG Travel Awards 2015 culminates on this night in celebration of the 83 winners who represent the best and brightest in the Asia-Pacific industry.

18 new winners have emerged across various categories, taking home the signature Hermes trophy for the first time. First-time winners such as Vietjet, Gardens By The Bay and Buffalo Tours have successfully claimed titles that were dominated by long-time winners, taking the honor of Best Asian Low-Cost Carrier, Best Theme Attraction and Best Travel Agency – Vietnam respectively.

The roll-call of inaugural winners also include POP Hotel Kuta Beach Bali, Mira Moon, Shangri-La Kuala Lumpur, The Westin Singapore, Crowne Plaza® Changi Airport and Amari Phuket from the Hotels – Individual, positioning themselves as the best of the best in the travel trade industry.

Amid strong competition, 16 of tonight's winning organisations have continued to grow from strength to strength, making their remarkable comebacks into the awards. Among them are AccorHotels and Holiday Inn Express, reclaiming their titles as Best Global Hotel Chain and Best Budget Hotel Brand respectively. Other returning winners include The Langham Hong Kong (Best City Hotel – Hong Kong) and Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre (Best Convention & Exhibition Centre).

While first-time and returning winners make their way into TTG Travel Awards, veteran organisations such as Qatar Airways, Thailand Convention & Exhibition Bureau, Resorts World at Sentosa Pte Ltd and Singapore Tourism Board have successfully defended their titles with consecutive wins, continuing their reign as the industry's giants.

Other industry giants such as Tourism Promotion Board (Philippines) and Best Western International were handpicked by TTG Publishing's editorial team as Best Marketing & Relationship Effort and Best Trade Supporter for their outstanding achievements. Myanmar was crowned Destination of the Year, and Mr. Ryoichi Matsuyama, President of JNTO was announced as the Travel Personality of the Year.

The Awards also welcomed 2 new TTG Travel Hall of Fame honoraries – Regal Airport Hotel and Banyan Tree Spa into the elite ranks of the travel trade industry for their impressive achievement of winning the same award over the 10 years. A virtual Hall of Fame (<http://www.ttghof.com>) was launched in late September with the objective to showcase the accolades and memorabilia of the Hall of Fame inductees to a global audience.

For the first time, TTG Travel Awards also honored 2 of their industry partners – Jae Pil Sho, Editor and Publisher of TravelPress Korea and Chower Narula, Managing Director of World Media for their lifelong contributions and immense dedication to the travel trade industry and also TTG Asia Media.

This year, The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual TTG Travel Awards 2015 Ceremony and Gala Dinner was held in Centara Grand at CentralWorld, our official venue sponsor for the event. This annual event coincides with Incentive Travel & Conventions, Meetings Asia (IT&CMA) and Corporate Travel World (CTW) Asia-Pacific – The World’s Only Doublebill Event in MICE and Corporate Travel.

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

*Please refer to Annex A for the full list of 2015 winners.*

## About TTG Travel Awards

The TTG Travel Awards has been recognising the best of Asia-Pacific’s travel industry since 1989. This prestigious annual event honours stellar organisations and individuals in 4 categories: Travel Supplier, Travel Agency, Outstanding Achievement and Travel Hall of Fame. This TTG Travel Trade Publishing event is proudly organised by TTG Asia, with the support of TTG India, TTG China, TTGmice, TTGassociations, TTG-BTmice China and TTG Asia Luxury.

## About TTG Travel Trade Publishing

### **One Travel Trade Connection. Infinite Possibilities.**

TTG Asia Media’s Travel Trade Publishing group has been connecting Asia-Pacific’s travel industry with its leading trade publications since 1974. The one-stop integrated portfolio of print and online titles spans the leisure trade, corporate travel, MICE and luxury travel domains, reaching key decision makers, influencers and professionals in each sector. The group’s titles are widely acclaimed as the industry’s preferred read and chosen by advertisers as an effective marketing platform. With its online titles, circulation now reaches readers worldwide. Core titles include TTG Asia, TTG China, TTG India, TTGmice, TTG-BTmice China, TTGassociations, TTG Asia Luxury and TTG Show Daily.

## 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, luxury travel, corporate travel, MICE and association domains. Through its four business groups, the company publishes leading regional trade titles for the travel industry, Singapore maps and guides for inbound tourists, organises international trade events and creates solutions that foster global business collaborations among travel industry players worldwide.

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**Annex A**

S/N	Award Title	Winner
1	Best North American Airline	Air Canada
2	Best European Airline	Turkish Airlines <sup>NEW</sup>
3	Best Middle Eastern Airline	Qatar Airways
4	Best South-East Asian Airline	Thai Airways International
5	Best North Asian Airline	Cathay Pacific Airways
6	Best China Airline	China Southern Airlines
7	Best Pacific Airline	Qantas Airways Ltd
8	Best Regional Airline	Dragonair
9	Best Asian Low-Cost Carrier	VietJet <sup>NEW</sup>
10	Best Global Hotel Chain	AccorHotels
11	Best Regional Hotel Chain	Park Hotel Group
12	Best Local Hotel Chain	Harbour Plaza Hotels & Resorts
13	Best Hotel Rep Company	Preferred Hotels & Resorts
14	Best Luxury Hotel Brand	Shangri-La Hotels & Resorts
15	Best Mid-Range Hotel Brand	Best Western International
16	Best Budget Hotel Brand	Holiday Inn Express
17	Best Luxury Hotel	The Peninsula Hong Kong
18	Best Mid-Range Hotel	Ramada Singapore At Zhongshan Park
19	Best Budget Hotel	POP Hotel Kuta Beach Bali <sup>NEW</sup>
20	Best Independent Hotel	Royal Plaza on Scotts
21	Best Boutique Hotel	Mira Moon Hong Kong <sup>NEW</sup>
22	Best City Hotel - Bangkok	Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok
23	Best City Hotel - Delhi	Taj Palace Hotel
24	Best City Hotel - Hanoi/Ho Chi Minh City	InterContinental Hanoi Westlake
25	Best City Hotel - Hong Kong	The Langham, Hong Kong
26	Best City Hotel - Jakarta	Gran Melia Jakarta
27	Best City Hotel - Kuala Lumpur	Shangri-La Hotel, Kuala Lumpur <sup>NEW</sup>
28	Best City Hotel - Macau	Grand Hyatt Macau
29	Best City Hotel - Manila	Fairmont Makati
30	Best City Hotel - Seoul	The Shilla Seoul
31	Best City Hotel - Singapore	Mandarin Orchard Singapore
32	Best City Hotel - Taipei	W Taipei
33	Best City Hotel - Tokyo	Conrad Tokyo
34	Best New City Hotel	The Westin Singapore <sup>NEW</sup>
35	Best Airport Hotel	Crowne Plaza® Changi Airport <sup>NEW</sup>
36	Best Beach Resort	Amari Phuket <sup>NEW</sup>
37	Best Resort Hotel (Non-Beach)	Maya Ubud Resort & Spa, Bali

38	Best Integrated Resort	Resorts World at Sentosa Pte Ltd
39	Best Serviced Residence Operator	Frasers Hospitality Pte Ltd
40	Best Airline - Business Class	Etihad Airways <sup>NEW</sup>
41	Best Business Hotel	Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok
42	Best Meetings & Conventions Hotel	Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre at CentralWorld
43	Best BT-MICE City	Singapore Tourism Board
44	Best Convention & Exhibition Centre	Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre
45	Best Convention & Exhibition Bureau	Thailand Convention & Exhibition Bureau
46	Best Airport	Incheon International Airport Corporation
47	Best GDS	Travelport
48	Best Cruise Operator	Royal Caribbean Cruises (Asia) Pte. Ltd.
49	Best NTO	Macau Government Tourist Office <sup>NEW</sup>
50	Best Theme Attraction	Gardens by the Bay <sup>NEW</sup>
51	Best Travel Agency - China	China International Travel Service
52	Best Travel Agency - Chinese Taipei	Phoenix Tours International Inc
53	Best Travel Agency - Hong Kong	Westminister Travel Limited
54	Best Travel Agency - India	Creative Travel Pvt Ltd
55	Best Travel Agency - Indochina	Diethelm Travel Group
56	Best Travel Agency - Indonesia	Panorama Destination Indonesia
57	Best Travel Agency - Japan	H.I.S.Co, Ltd
58	Best Travel Agency - Malaysia	Mitra Tours & Travel
59	Best Travel Agency - Singapore	Chan Brothers Travel
60	Best Travel Agency - South Korea	Hanatour
61	Best Travel Agency - Thailand	Asian Trails
62	Best Travel Agency - The Philippines	Rajah Travel Corporation
63	Best Travel Agency - Vietnam	Buffalo Tours <sup>NEW</sup>
64	Best Corporate Travel Agency	Carlson Wagonlit Travel
65	Best Online Travel Agency	Asiatravel.com
66	Travel Personality of the Year	Ryoichi Matsuyama, President, JNTO <sup>NEW</sup>
67	Destination of the Year	Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar <sup>NEW</sup>
68	Best Marketing & Relationship Effort	Tourism Promotion Board (TPB) Philippines
69	Best Trade Supporter	Best Western International
70	TTG Pioneer Award	Chower Narula <sup>NEW AWARD</sup> Managing Director World Media Co. Ltd
71	TTG Pioneer Award	Jae Pil Sho <sup>NEW AWARD</sup> Editor & Publisher TravelPress
72	Hall of Fame	Singapore Airlines Ltd
73	Hall of Fame	Singapore Changi Airport

74	Hall of Fame	Hertz Asia Pacific
75	Hall of Fame	Royal Cliff Hotels Group - The State of Exclusivity & Fascination
76	Hall of Fame	Star Cruises
77	Hall of Fame	Sabre Travel Network Asia Pacific
78	Hall of Fame	SilkAir
79	Hall of Fame	Lotte Tour
80	Hall of Fame	Hong Kong International Airport
81	Hall of Fame	Raffles Singapore
82	Hall of Fame	Regal Airport Hotel <b>INDUCTED IN 2015</b>
83	Hall of Fame	Banyan Tree Spa <b>INDUCTED IN 2015</b>