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## QATAR TO HOST WORLD TRAVEL AWARDS 2011 GRAND FINAL

World Travel Awards (WTA), the “Oscars of the travel industry”, has announced it will host its 2011 Grand Final Gala Ceremony in Doha, Qatar on 11th December 2011.

The glittering ceremony will be staged at W Doha Hotel & Residences and will attract the most important decision-makers in global travel and tourism.

The evening marks the culmination of a year-long search for the very best travel and tourism brands in the world, and will feature the winners from WTA's regional heats competing head to head.

WTA's 2011 regional heats included Middle East Ceremony (Dubai, UAE), Europe Ceremony (Antalya, Turkey), Africa & Indian Ocean Ceremony (Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt), Asia & Australasia (Bangkok, Thailand), and Caribbean & The Americas (Montego Bay, Jamaica).

After a rigorous selection procedure, Qatar was chosen as the host of WTA's 2011 Grand Final Gala Ceremony, reflecting the Arabian nation's rapid emergence as a tourism hotspot, and sport tourism in particular

W Doha Hotel & Residences exemplifies Qatar's leading edge approach to design and luxury lifestyle. Guests can enjoy a tantalizing menu of personalized services on the banks of the Persian Gulf. Features include 291 guest rooms and suites, 154 residences, gourmet restaurants, a poolside shisha lounge, champagne bar and luxury retail outlets.

Graham E. Cooke, President & Founder, World Travel Awards, highlights how his organisation selects host destinations that are driving the industry to new heights through innovation and experimentation

He said: “We are delighted to host our 2011 Grand Final Gala Ceremony in Qatar as it is such an exciting place to be right now. The country is investing \$25 billion in tourism infrastructure in the build up to the 2022 Fifa World Cup, giving rise to incredible opportunities within the luxury sector.”

“Our Grand Final will see the winners of our five regional heats, who represent the cream of the global travel and tourism industry, compete head to head for the ultimate travel accolade.”

“Winning a World Travel Award is an endorsement from the thousands of professionals across the globe, and a gold seal of approval to the consumer of travel excellence guaranteed,” he added.

For more info about World Travel Awards 2011 Grand Final Gala Ceremony & bookings visit:  
[www.worldtravelawards.com/event61](http://www.worldtravelawards.com/event61)

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## Can Barack Obama will be next president of America



Venezuela Crowned Miss World 2011



## School on wheels brings education at doorstep of disadvantaged children



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'Dead' fraudster caught in Australia



**CityDiscovery®** Aegean Airlines signs City-Discovery.com  
Sightseeing, tours & attractions  
**as Tours and Activities Supplier**

Greece's largest full-service airline begins a partnership with the online tours retailer to offer sightseeing activities worldwide on their website

Aegean Airlines now offers more than 5,500 sightseeing tours and activities in over 89 countries across the globe through a partnership with City-Discovery.com. The available activities range from half-day guided visits, attraction tickets to multi-day all-inclusive packages.

The partnership provides Aegean customers with access to transfers to and from 600+ airports and ports through City-Discovery.com's sister site, World-Airport-Transfer.com. All transfers booked will be covered by a carbon emissions-offset program to benefit the Phetchaburi Biomass Project in Thailand through the Carbon Neutral Company.

Passengers will now be able to choose from Skip-the-Line packages for top attractions like the Louvre, the Eiffel Tower or the Vatican, City Pass tickets that offer free admission, transport and discounts, or even private tours that include lunch and round trip transfers. City-Discovery.com's product catalogue covers affordable Hop-On Hop-off bus tours to unusual special occasion activities like a hot-air balloon ride or an opportunity to go diving with sharks.

In addition the members of the Frequent Flyer Program of Aegean Airlines, Miles& Bonus, will benefit by earning two miles on every one Euro spent on tours, sightseeing activities or airport transfers.

City-Discovery.com's President and Founder Emmanuel Issaurat stated, "We are very happy to be partners with Aegean Airlines and their award-winning record for quality and service in the region. We are confident that the partnership will be fruitful and will lead to more choices for the customers."

The agreement is set to benefit both companies and travelers alike. Passengers will now be able to pre-book activities in advance along with their flights, ensuring the availability of

popular tours when they get to their destination.

"Booking tours and activities together with flights can help travelers save money on admission fees, avoid long queues and generally make exploring a new city easy and more convenient," Issaurat adds.

**About City Discovery**

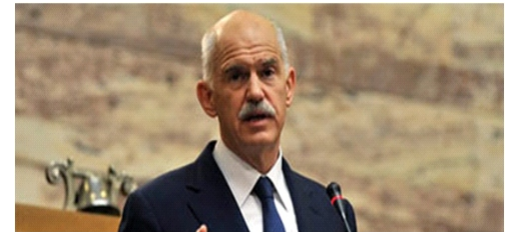
City Discovery's Partner Program provides access to over 5,500 travel activities in 89+ countries and transfers in 600+ ports and airports worldwide. Transfers are covered by a carbon emissions-offset program. As a leading provider of sightseeing tours and ground transportation worldwide, City Discovery sells directly to consumers and through a network of over 7,500 travel agencies and affiliates. The website is available in 15 languages and the company has offices in USA, France, Greece, Italy, Brazil, and the Philippines.

**About Aegean Airlines**

Aegean Airlines carried 6.23 million passengers in 2010. Since June 30, 2010 it is a member of the strongest worldwide airline alliance, STAR ALLIANCE. AEGEAN has been named "Best Regional Airline Europe" at the SKYTRAX 2011 World Airline Awards and it is the runner-up in the "World's Best Regional Airline" category, in "Airline Staff Service Excellence for Europe" category as well as in "Best Airline Southern Europe" category. In its 12 year history, Aegean has been awarded six times by the European Regions Airline Association (ERA). Further more, the company has been repeatedly awarded by the Athens International Airport as the greatest contributor to the airport's passenger volume increase. AEGEAN operates 35 international and 24 domestic routes during the IATA 2011 Summer season, without taking into account a significant number of international destinations served by its charter operations.



**Flooding this year have claimed hundreds of lives and destroyed livelihoods in Thailand**



**George Papandreou announced that he would resign from his post and immediate elections will be held**



**Sushil Kumar has just won himself Rs. 5 crores in KBC**



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## OUTRIGGER HOTELS & RESORTS AGREES TO PURCHASE MANAGEMENT RIGHTS FOR ICONIC SURFERS PARADISE HOTEL



### Hotel to be re branded Outrigger Surfers Paradise

Outrigger Hotels & Resorts today announced it had entered into an agreement to purchase the management rights and associated real estate assets of the hotel property currently operating as the Holiday Inn Surfers Paradise.

The sale includes the management rights from Colryan Pty Ltd (managers and receivers appointed) for up to 414 hotel rooms and the real estate assets from Seasilver Hotels Pty Ltd comprising reception, extensive conferencing areas, and restaurant and bar.

The contract is subject to the satisfaction of standard commercial conditions. However, it is expected to settle in late 2011 or early 2012 and the property will then be re-branded to Outrigger Surfers Paradise.

Outrigger Hotels & Resorts is a 64-year-old privately-held U.S. company and one of the fastest growing hospitality groups in the Asia-Pacific and Oceania regions. The hotelier has a long association with the Gold Coast after selecting the destination as its base to expand the brand from the U.S. into Australia in 1998.

The company's decision to invest in Surfers Paradise's tourism sector is also a major show of confidence it has for the Gold Coast and builds upon the presence of its Australian head office in Surfers Paradise.

Regional General Manager-Australia, Grant James, said he was extremely confident in the future of the Gold Coast's tourism industry.

"The Gold Coast has fared much better than other regions in Queensland which can be evidenced by our other Gold Coast resort at Coolangatta eclipsing revenue and occupancy forecasts for the 2011/2012 period,"

Mr. James said.

His belief in a rebounding domestic tourism market was echoed by the release last month of Tourism Australia's National Visitor Survey stating that domestic tourism was on the rise with June recording a jump in domestic travellers by 8 per cent.

"Despite current global economic woes, there is a lot of positive news coming out of the Gold Coast which includes the opening of two new five-star hotels, construction of the Gold Coast light rail and planned runway extension at Gold Coast International Airport to allow direct flights from China.

"We are pleased to be back in the heart of Surfers Paradise and we're looking forward to working with local industry and operators and making a positive contribution to the local economy,"

Mr James added.

The addition of Outrigger Surfers Paradise boosts the hotelier's portfolio to four in Australia, which numbers close to 1,000 rooms, and almost 11,200 rooms internationally.

Located on a prominent site on Gold Coast Highway and fronting View Avenue the hotel is 100 metres from the beach and one block from Cavill Avenue. Built in 1986, it was originally branded the ANA Hotel.

#### About Outrigger Enterprises Group

Outrigger Enterprises Group is one of the largest and fastest growing privately-held leisure lodging and hospitality companies in the Asia-Pacific and Oceania regions and continues to expand its presence throughout the area. A family-owned company with more than 64 years of hospitality experience, Outrigger runs a highly-successful, multi-branded line of hotels, condominiums and vacation resort properties, including Outrigger® Hotels & Resorts, OHANA® Hotels & Resorts, Outrigger Condominium Collection®, Embassy Suites®, Best Western®, Courtyard® by Marriott, and Wyndham Vacation Ownership®. Currently, Outrigger operates and/or has under development 45 properties with close to 11,200 rooms located in Hawaii; Australia; Guam; Fiji; Bali; Phuket, Thailand; Koh Samui, Thailand; Vietnam; and China. Outrigger Enterprises Group also operates and develops hotel properties and hospitality-related retail and real estate opportunities for partners in Hawaii, the Pacific, the mainland USA and Asia. For on-line information, log on at

[www.outriggerenterprisesgroup.com](http://www.outriggerenterprisesgroup.com) and [www.outrigger.com](http://www.outrigger.com)

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London (UK), November 16 2011 Varonis was honoured to receive a medal at last night's prestigious UK IT Industry Awards, held at Battersea Parks Events Arena, in its Technology Excellence category. These annual awards are the bench

mark for excellence throughout the computer industry, organised and run by BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT, and Computing, and offer a platform for the entire profession to celebrate best practice, innovation and excellence.

Speaking about the results, David Clarke, MBE, Chief Executive Officer of BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT said, "The awards are very rigorously judged so to be a winner or medallist means that you really are the best of the best."

The Business IT Innovation of the Year category looks to recognise innovative new products or services that have delivered measurable benefit for business users or customers in areas such as, e-commerce, hosting, web performance, communications, or web-based services. Varonis was awarded its medal for revolutionising data management through data governance.

Varonis' DatAdvantage and DataPrivilege were extensively judged by industry experts, against three key criteria: Innovation; Measurable success; and Customer satisfaction

Speaking about its triumph, Yaki Faitelson from Varonis said, "We were honoured to be named one of the eleven finalists but to actually walk away with a medal is truly special for us. Our mission is to help our customers manage and protect critical business assets - the vast array of documents, spreadsheets, presentations, media files and other business data sitting on file servers, NAS devices, and semi-structured repositories like SharePoint and Exchange. An award such as this validates our approach, and provides additional motivation to serve our customers with excellent service and innovation." Varonis is the leader in data governance solutions, providing a software framework that enables customers with unstructured and semi-structured data residing on their file systems, SharePoint sites, Exchange servers and NAS devices to audit data access activity, fix and maintain access controls, identify sensitive data, find data owners, and involve them in access review and authorization processes.

Based on patented technology and a highly accurate analytics platform, Varonis solutions give organisations total visibility and control over their data, ensuring that only the right users have access to the right data at all times.

For more information about Varonis, and its solutions, visit [www.varonis.com](http://www.varonis.com)



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## JEWELLERY TRENDS: SPRING/SUMMER 2012



## KOH SAMUI LIFESTYLE RESORT'S OCCUPANCY RATES SOAR COMPARED TO ISLAND-WIDE RESULTS

KOH SAMUI, THAILAND Upscale lifestyle resort, *akya* Chura Samui, has registered an exceptional 90% occupancy rate since its opening just three months ago, outperforming island-wide occupancy rates of 61%.

The 61-room *akya* Chura Samui, on the quiet northern tip of Chaweng Beach, is the first property managed by Akaryn Hospitality Management Services (AHMS) who announced their arrival in the resort/hotel management business after the success of their wholly owned Aleenta resorts in Hua Hin and Phuket.

AHMS Managing Director Anchalika Kijkanakorn said she was delighted that the resort opened to such high occupancy rates although was in no doubt that new, well positioned properties could still do well on the island.

"Naturally we are thrilled visitors to the island are choosing to stay at our resort and we have been able to perform a lot better than the island as a whole, especially as we are only a few months old," said Ms Kijkanakorn.

"We have a strong track record through our luxury Aleenta brand and we have been able to leverage this and craft a new four-star lifestyle brand *akya* which caters to everyone from young, free-spirited travellers to discerning tourists."

Top visiting markets to *akya* Chura Samui are from the UK, Germany and Scandinavia as well as from Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, Italy and Australia in the Asia Pacific region.

Among the facilities at *akya* Chura Samui is an outlet of Aleenta's famed Spa IV and high-quality food and beverage outlets Sui Kin - offering exceptional Japanese food - and the South American-style Barracuda Bar & Grill right on the beach.

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