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## World Travel Awards winners spearhead global recovery

World Travel Awards (WTA) capped its year-long search for the world's most successful travel and tourism brands with its glittering Grand Final Gala Ceremony in Doha, Qatar on 11 January 2012.

Organisations including American Express, Starwood Hotels, Lufthansa, Abercrombie & Kent, Royal Caribbean Cruise Line, Europcar and Incredible India walked off with top honours for their respective roles spearheading the global travel and tourism recovery.

The most important decision-makers in global travel and tourism attended the show, which was held in partnership with Qatar Tourism Authority at Katara Cultural Village, Doha's ground-breaking new arts and exhibitions complex.

The evening marked the culmination of a year-long search for the very best travel and tourism brands in the world, and featured the winners from WTA's five 2011 regional heats competing head to head.

India saw off the likes of London, New York, Cape Town, Rio de Janeiro and Sydney to win the blue riband "World's Leading Destination" award in a year in which international arrivals edged closer to the target of one billion travellers by 2016.

Etihad Airways continued its meteoric rise by being voted "World's Leading Airline" for the third year in succession, following a milestone year that saw the UAE flag carrier continue its journey as the fastest growing airline in history. Meanwhile Abu Dhabi's sparkling new Jumeirah at Etihad Towers won the nod against the likes of Mandarin Oriental Paris, The Ritz Carlton Hong Kong, The Park Hyderabad, Hotel Missoni Edinburgh and W Hotel London to pick up the coveted "World's Leading New Hotel" title.

It was also an evening of celebration for Qatar, with Doha being voted "World's Leading Business Travel Destination", Qatar Airways named "World's Leading Airline Business Class", and Regency Travel & Tours winning "World's Leading Travel Agency".

In another win for Qatar, Aspire Zone was named the "World's Leading Sports Tourism Development Project", in recognition of the country's superlative sporting credentials.

Qatar Tourism Authority Chairman, Mr. Ahmed Al Nuaimi, said: "We are delighted to be honoured as the 'World's Leading Business Destination' by our peers in the global hospitality industry. This is a great achievement and solidifies Qatar's premier position as a great place to do business as well as one with first class leisure, sporting and cultural attractions".

Hailed as "The Oscars of the Travel Industry" by the Wall Street Journal, WTA is recognised worldwide as the ultimate travel accolade. Its 2011 Grand Tour featured regional heats in Dubai (UAE), Antalya (Turkey), Sharm el Sheikh (Egypt), Bangkok (Thailand) and Montego Bay (Jamaica)

Graham Cooke, President and Founder, World Travel Awards, said: "The past year has continued to challenge every strata of travel and tourism. However our Grand Final winners have all demonstrated their world-class pedigree over this period, and are currently spearheading the global recovery of travel and tourism. In doing so they are also reinforcing our industry's role as one of the mainstays of the global economy."

"Qatar in particular is playing a decisive role in generating new opportunities in travel and tourism, hence our decision to host our Grand Final in Doha. More than US \$100 billion worth of infrastructure is due to be completed before the 2022 Fifa World Cup," he added.

Established 19 years ago, World Travel Awards is committed to raising the standards of customer service and overall business performance throughout the international tourism industry.

The 2011 WTA nominations featured more than 5,000 companies in 1,000 categories across 162 countries. The winners were selected by more than 210,000 industry professionals and consumers worldwide.

WTA partnered with tourism marketing firm Phenomena to bring the ceremony to Qatar.

Log on to [www.worldtravelawards.com/winners](http://www.worldtravelawards.com/winners) for a complete list of World winners.



Indian-American Businessman Sant Singh Chatwal Congratulate PM Dr. Manmohan Singh for maintaining a spotless image about Anna Hazare is talking about corruption today but Dr. Manmohan Singh is saying about this for the last 30 to 40 years. he told to media

Sant Singh Chatwal also stressed that policy changes are the need of the hour to draw investors back to India. But these are temporary opposition to FDI in retail and the changes that are not coming in other sectors, this is not good for India. But the countries across the globe have faith in India. This is only a matter time. Suitable changes will take place after elections. The NRI Hotelier further said that his firm Chatwal Hotels and Resorts plans to open up boutique hotel brand soon in India.

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# THE JET BUSINESS OPENS FOR APPOINTMENTS

The Jet Business, the world's first corporate aviation showroom for business jet aircraft, has just opened at One Grosvenor Place, Belgravia, London. Ultra High Net Worth Individuals, government officials, royalty and influential corporate executives living in the capital or visiting from overseas can, by appointment only, plan their business jet sale or purchase with experts and analysts in complete privacy. In this unique store front setting, The Jet Business has reinvented how business aircraft are transacted. Steve Varsano has spent over five years planning this unique venture and plans to roll out the brand in additional global locations.



At The Jet Business, guests can enjoy a fully immersive and educational experience. The sales and research team provides independent, transparent and impartial advice. All under one roof potential buyers can be educated on the widest range of new or pre-owned business jets available on the market today. The Jet Business simplifies the corporate jet sales experience and the entire model is built upon the client journey.

A customised iPad application powers the showroom's technology that compares and contrasts the various aircraft types to an individual's profile. How much do you want to spend? How many passengers do you want to carry and what range do you need? What is the preference on aircraft age? Full time analysts and business intelligence teams create the information engine using real time market intelligence to deliver unique market data. This information, including comparative graphic images and full size 1:1 cabin cross sections of the jets are viewed on the electronic floor to ceiling screens of the showroom.

The focus is on the personal face-to-face approach and a large proportion of the clients are from repeat and referral business. Consequently, if clients are unable to meet at The Jet Business office, the team will travel to any destination in the world and bring a mobile version.

"As well as inviting potential sellers and purchasers, it is equally as important for us to partner with the manufacturers and other corporate aviation vendors. As an independent buyer's representative we are completely impartial with our advice and provide a neutral environment" Steve Varsano says.

The Jet Business is focusing on the upper end of the business jet sector including aircraft types from Airbus, Boeing, Bombardier, Cessna, Dassault, Embraer, Gulfstream and Hawker Beechcraft. The Jet Business also markets a number of pre-owned business jets for owners as their exclusive broker. For the future, Steve Varsano is considering adding the new Supersonic aircraft programmes to the Showroom as well as developing The Jet Business' presence at the upper end of the helicopter market.

"We have had a terrific response and enthusiasm from the industry," he said. "We will work with the leading professionals in the sector to offer a true One Stop Service for business jet shopping and include preferred vendor lists as a supplement to our service."

"Business jet flying is all about saving time and we are mirroring that ethos with The Jet Business. There are many new buyers out there, from Asia and the Middle East and the emerging markets, who need education on the types available and their specific operating characteristics. Here,



they can consider all the options in a dynamic setting."

Centrepiece of The Jet Business showroom is a full size fuselage of a large corporate jet. Before entering it, clients are greeted with floor to ceiling screens running the length of the showroom. Beyond the showroom entrance and fuselage is a boardroom and a private meeting room. Following this is the trading floor environment for the sales team with individual desks modeled on the corporate jet cockpits of carbon fibre with the dashboards and seats upholstered in the same leathers as in Maseratis and Bentleys

The brainchild of The Jet Business, Steve Varsano, brings three decades of global experience brokering aircraft. Since 1980 he has brokered more than 300 aircraft transactions with a combined value over US \$3 billion, representing both buyers and purchasers. A graduate from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Steve started his aviation career with the General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) before starting to trade business aircraft. He worked with different U.S. based aircraft sales companies and directly for the same type of Ultra High Net Worth clients he works with today in the merchant and investment bank industry before launching his own company that eventually evolved in to The Jet Business.

His commitment to launching the first consumer brand in business jet trading stems from his belief that business aviation and its clientele base can expand dramatically if customers (especially from the new emerging markets) have more knowledge about how to go about purchasing or leasing a jet and expose all the options open to them as well as market aircraft in a way that has never existed before. This is where The Jet Business Showroom comes in. Although located in London, The Jet Business believes its main clientele will be based all over the world and will make its new showroom a destination location for the UHNW individuals and corporate executives.

For more information visit [www.thejetbusiness.com](http://www.thejetbusiness.com)



## LUXURY SUPERYACHT BUILDER TARGETS ASIA'S BILLIONAIRES WITH EXCLUSIVE NEW DESIGN

Asia's leading superyacht builder Rueda Yachts has unveiled an exclusive new design for a 60-metre luxury yacht ahead of officially releasing it at the prestigious Monaco Yacht Show later this month.

Aimed at enticing interest from high-net worth individuals who are fast showing a desire to own luxury lifestyle yachts, the superyacht was designed in partnership with European naval architects BMT Nigel Gee and renowned designers Design Unlimited.

The concept characterises the high-tech luxury styling that Rueda Yachts can produce at very competitive costs, due to its base in Thailand. These original designs can be further customised to the exact specifications and preferences of owners.

Prospective clients "will discover not only a stunning yacht, but one that is extremely affordable when compared to western yards without compromising on quality," according to Rueda Yachts' Managing Director Gareth Twist.

"We are combining European design with the renowned finishing skills of our team of Thai craftsmen at a highly competitive price which we believe is a strong proposition to investors and individuals that can be found nowhere else in the region," Mr Twist said.

"Asia has increasingly become the focus of the marine industry globally, with a lot of interest from Hong Kong, Singapore and Thailand and more recently from India and China, and we are able to offer Lloyds classed and MCA LY2 coded custom luxury yachts of world-class standard."

The new superyacht design concept has been created specifically for cruising in tropical waters with fast-growing interest among wealthy individuals in the Asia-Pacific region in mind.

With extensive covered external areas offering plenty of shade, the yacht accommodates an owner plus 10 guests over four of the six decks. The upper deck features the owner's stateroom complete with private saloon, an open Jacuzzi sundeck, two lobbies and a sauna. Five double guest suites are located on the main and lower decks, which also hosts accommodation for 14 crew in seven cabins.

Entertainment and public spaces include a sun deck with bar above the owner's deck, and on the wheel house deck a spacious upper lounge leads out onto an aft deck complete with a 3.5-metre plunge pool. The main deck hosts the main saloon and dining areas, and also a dedicated cinema, while a gym is located on the lower deck.

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## Private Jet Charter offers advisory service for private jet buyers in Middle East

Private Jet Charter, one of the world's largest independent private jet charter brokers and consultants providing access to over 50,000 aircraft, has revealed plans to set up a counselling unit for customers interested in buying and selling private jets in the Middle East.

Private Jet Charter founder and Chief Executive Hugh Courtenay said: "We represent a wide range of aircraft owners in the global marketplace, where buying a private jet can be very challenging and entails many technical and business considerations. Having been established for more than 20 years in the private jet business, we are extremely well positioned and qualified in helping these customers buy the right aircraft, representing the buyers in the negotiation process to guarantee that they get the best deal." Owning a private jet is a large commitment and one not to be taken lightly, apart from the financial obligations, there are additional costs to take into consideration such as, the crew, maintenance, insurance and fuel. The new division will advise clients on whether to buy, charter or partially own a private jet based on their actual needs and finances. According to Courtenay, owning a private jet is not always the right solution for some individuals or companies. Buying a private jet is a long and complex procedure, this is where the new service being offered by Private Jet Charter can help client's save time and a great deal of money. They offer both new and used private jets as in certain instances a used private jet is sometimes a better option than a brand new one. Key benefits that the Private Jet Charter organisation offers customers is a 24 hour service round the year, qualified multilingual and professional staff, competitive quotations advice and access to their unique CATS aircraft sourcing technology. Also, other benefits for client's using the Private Jet Charter organisation, is their impeccable safety record and ability to provide state-of-the-art new generation private jets, high-calibre pilots and cabin crew, not to mention the access to private business and VIP terminals, fast check-in procedures and rapid but secure immigration controls. Fly from almost any airport of your choice, at your time, 'meet and greet' facilities, comprehensive airport information and limousine ground transportation, when required.

Private Jet Charter is an ISO 9002 - certified company with 20 years of leadership in the aviation field. It is a respected provider of VIP aircraft, executive jets, helicopter charter, corporate airliners and dedicated medical evacuation aircraft.

For further information.

Please visit [www.privatejetcharter.com](http://www.privatejetcharter.com)

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## JEWELLERY TRENDS: SPRING/SUMMER 2012



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



### KERZNER INTERNATIONAL APPOINTS ALAN LEIBMAN AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

#### SOL KERZNER TO REMAIN AS CHAIRMAN

Sol Kerzner, Chairman of Kerzner International Holdings Limited (the "Company"), which through its subsidiaries, is a leading international developer and operator of destination resorts, casinos and luxury hotels, is pleased to announce the appointment of Alan Leibman as Chief Executive Officer of the Company, effective immediately. Sol Kerzner will remain as Chairman of the Company and will work closely with Leibman on the overall corporate strategy and planned growth of the Atlantis and One&Only brands worldwide.

"Over the last 17 years Alan has contributed extensively to Kerzner's success, and his vast experience in this industry makes him an ideal CEO to lead Kerzner into the future," said Sol Kerzner, Chairman of the Kerzner International Board of Directors. "Alan has a great deal of passion and commitment to both our employees and our guests. As CEO, Alan will lead the executive management team and will be actively engaged in all aspects of the business. I firmly believe this new organizational structure and focus will best ensure the future success and growth of Kerzner International."

Leibman joined Kerzner in 1994, and has held positions of strategic importance, including Chief Operating Officer of Atlantis, Paradise Island in the Bahamas, President/Managing Director of the early development phase of Mazagan Beach Resort, President/Managing Director of Atlantis, The Palm in Dubai and most recently, Regional President of Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

"I am truly pleased to take on this new role as CEO at this exciting time in the Company's history," said Alan Leibman. "I have been fortunate enough to have learned and developed under Sol's leadership for the past 17 years and couldn't have asked for a better mentor. I plan to continue executing on the same distinct entrepreneurial vision and spirit that he instilled in the Company. Working closely with Sol and the executive management team, we will continue growing Kerzner as a management company, and getting back to doing what we do best designing and managing world-class destination and luxury resorts under the Atlantis and One&Only brands. Kerzner has the best and most talented workforce across multiple continents and I look forward to working with them for many years to come."