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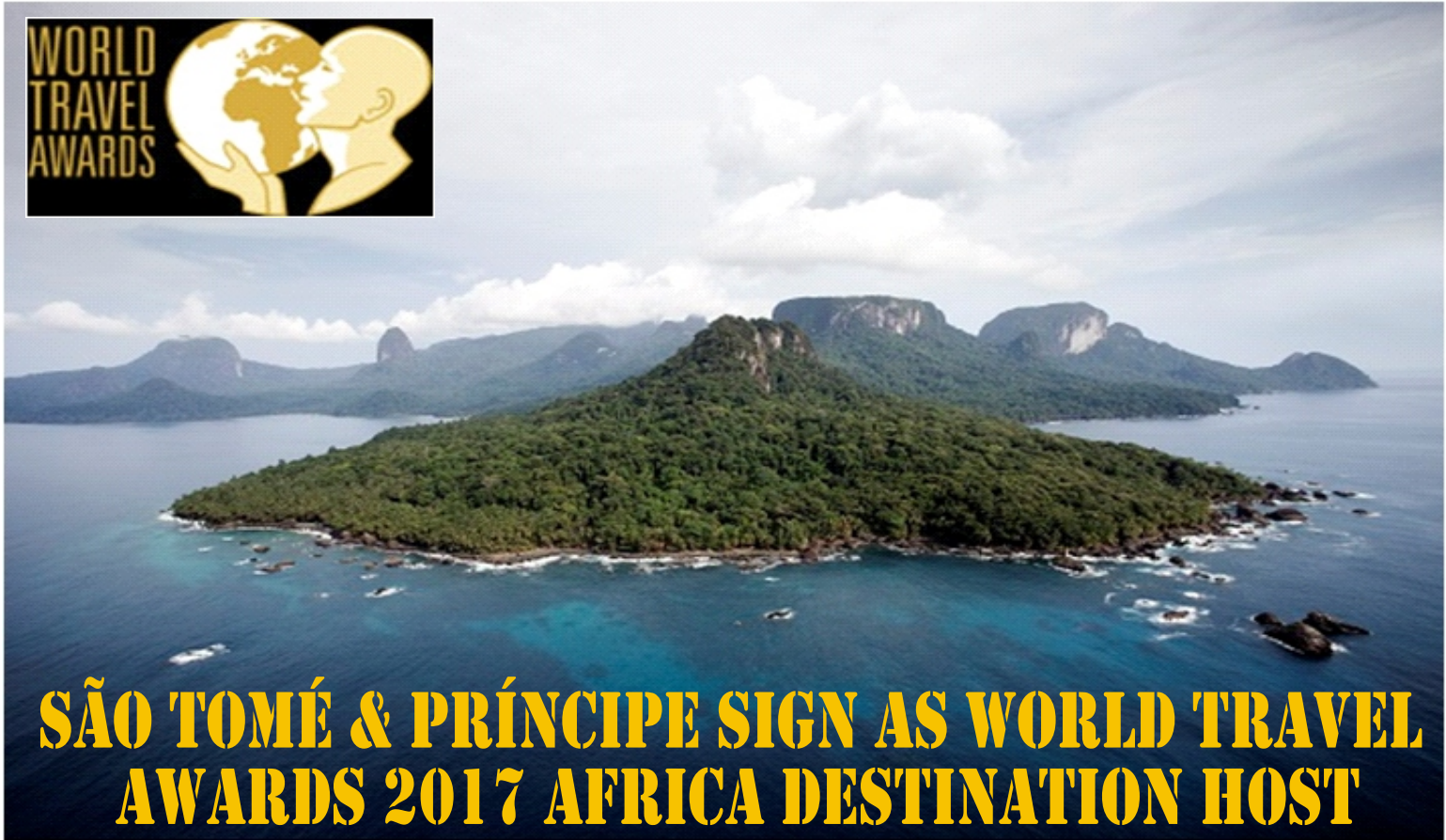
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SÃO TOMÉ & PRÍNCIPE SIGN AS WORLD TRAVEL AWARDS 2017 AFRICA DESTINATION HOST

World Travel Awards (WTA) has reached an agreement with Realtours and the Associação Empresarial de São Tomé e Príncipe to host the World Travel Awards Africa Gala Ceremony 2017.

The event will be held in the city of São Tomé, with major sponsors including CST, Mota Engil, HBD, BISTP and Ghana Link Networks Services already confirmed.

This is in addition to official institutional and financial support from the government of São Tomé & Príncipe.

World Travel Awards President Graham Cooke said: "With our Grand Tour 2016 underway we are already turning our attention to 2017 and lining up a series of exciting destination hosts.

"São Tomé & Príncipe is the first of

these to be confirmed - an exciting destination seeing exponential growth on the international hospitality scene.

"It will be a pleasure to welcome our nominees to this growing destination next year."

São Tomé & Príncipe has been chosen to host the African Gala Ceremony in 2017 in an event that will bring all relevant African players in the industry to the country. The event promises to be a stunning celebration of excellence and outstanding achievements in the hospitality industry.

A series of promotional events will be launched as of now to start building up for what will be one of the largest events ever held in São Tomé & Príncipe.

Each year WTA covers the globe with a

series of regional Gala Ceremonies staged to recognise and celebrate individual and collective successes within each key geographical region.

Each WTA Gala Ceremony offers unrivalled networking opportunities to members of the travel and tourism industry, with the events welcoming government and industry leaders as well as international print and broadcast media.

WTA was established in 1993 to acknowledge, reward and celebrate excellence across all sectors of the tourism industry.

Today, the World Travel Awards brand is recognised globally as the ultimate hallmark of quality, with winners setting the benchmark to which all others aspire.





50 UAE-based alumni of UK universities attend launch event in British Embassy:

British Council announces the launch of 'UK UAE Alumni Network'

The British Council in UAE announced the launch of the UK UAE Alumni Network during a reception held at the British Embassy in Dubai.

The event was hosted by Paul Fox, Her Majesty's Consul General to Dubai and the Northern Emirates and Marc Jessel, Country Director of the British Council in the UAE.

More than 50 UK alumni attended the high tea event at the British embassy. Among the attendees were Professor Abdullah Al Shamsi, Vice Chancellor BUId, Dr Sultan Husam Ulama, Director of National Research Foundation MoHESR, Lubna Qassim, Executive Vice President, Group General Counsel & Company Secretary - Emirates NBD, Alia Al Serkal, Senior Director Talent Management at du, Essa Al Mulla, Executive Director ENDP, and Jamal Al Muheiri, Secretary General Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Makhtoom for Distinguished Academic Performance. "UK educational institutions are among the best in the world, with 34 British universities featuring in the world's top 200. Moreover, London welcomes more international students than any other city in the world. We are proud that so many Emiratis chose to study in the UK. The alumni network is about maintaining this connection. This first gathering was a great start and we hope the group continues to grow," said Paul Fox. "The UK and the UAE have long-standing relations, strengthened through individual connections that many Emiratis enjoy with the UK through their attendance at academic institutions. The British Council

UAE through the launch of the UK UAE Alumni Network wants to connect people who have worked and studied in the UK. The network will host activities that will provide members the opportunity to meet and exchange experiences; to develop their careers; to support and mentor recent graduates and to inspire the next generation of leaders in the UAE, " added Marc Jessel.

"We have built this UK UAE alumni network to cement relationships between UAE nationals who have enjoyed an educational experience in the UK. It is extremely critical that rich study experiences of British universities continue to keep the Alumni connected," said Lubna Qasim, Executive Vice President, Group General Counsel & Company Secretary - Emirates NBD. "I am a strong advocate of UK education because I was privileged to experience it from an early age of 15 when I was sent to a boarding school there, and continued until I attained my postgraduate degree in law. I'm very pleased to chair the UK UAE Alumni Network and it is my way of giving back for the years of great education in UK. The launch of the alumni has a true success bringing together Emiratis from different generations who studied in UK from 1950s to 2000." All residents in UAE are eligible to apply for membership to the network if they have studied a UK qualification through a UK institution. If people have any questions they may contact

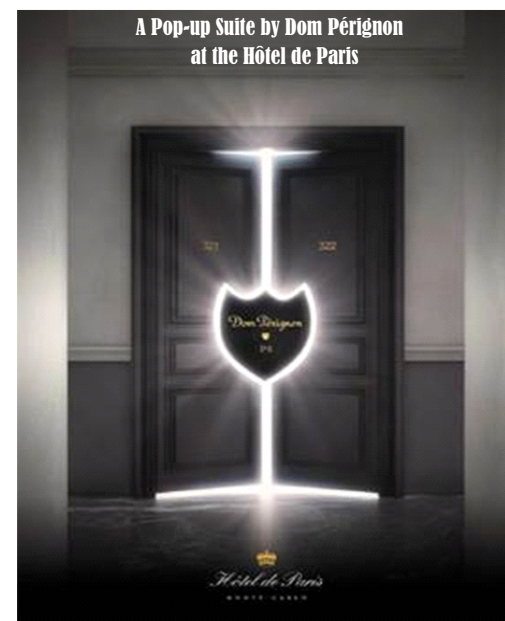
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A Pop-up Suite by Dom Pérignon at the Hôtel de Paris

An emblematic suite at the Hôtel de Paris Monte Carlo will be transformed by the Dom Pérignon brand, who will infuse this new, refined and legendary space with the essence of its P2 1998 vintage.

Dom Pérignon and the Hôtel de Paris elegantly combine to create an exceptional ephemeral experience. The Champagne producer will be fitting suite 321-322* out in a striking bronze and black design punctuated with fine materials and rounded off with a magnificent table for savouring the ultimate expression of an exquisite *art de vivre*.

The culinary experience combines this unique concept with a dinner designed by Alain Ducasse and crafted by the Head Chef of the Hôtel de Paris, Franck Cerutti, taking Dom Pérignon P2 1998 as the central gastronomic theme. The menu will showcase the mineral, iodine, the spiced singularity of this vintage. Since its creation in 1864, customers from around the world have grown enamoured with the Hôtel de Paris, which, in the words of François Blanc, founder of the Société des Bains de Mer "*surpasses everything that has been created until now*". Eroll Flynn celebrated his wedding here in the company of the Hollywood A list, and Winston Churchill stayed in one of its signature 210-m² suites. Today, society Elite continue to grace its doors: Kings, Princes, Heads of State, artists and international stars, allowing the legend of the Hotel de Paris to live on! It is now, as it embarks on its third 'plénitude' that the exceptional vintage Dom Pérignon P2 1998 takes over the legendary Suite 321-322, a collaboration representing two contemporary luxury leaders



**AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGIES
GROUP, INC. (ATG), ANNOUNCES
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AIME 2016 deemed a major success

The 24th annual Asia-Pacific Incentives & Meetings Expo concluded on Wednesday 24 February 2016, after two jam-packed days where 4,588 industry professionals gathered to learn, network and do business. There was much excitement on the exhibition floor which showcased 523 Exhibitors from 31 countries, including all Australian Convention Bureaux and international exhibitors from countries including Thailand, Singapore, LA, Korea and Turkey.

First time exhibitor Megan Linton, Side Kicker, was delighted with the quality of connections, commenting "It was a great success for us. We got new qualified introductions and built up our relationship pool." Ian Wainwright, Event Director, Reed Travel Exhibitions commented on the superior quality of Hosted Buyers in attendance and the strong business focus of the overall AIME 2016 experience. "A key theme from AIME 2016 has been the quality of the Hosted Buyer Program being far superior to previous years, ensuring exhibitors met with decision makers who had significant interest in their products or services and had potential budget to spend.

"The revised appointment system exceeded expectations and delivered thousands of productive appointments between Hosted Buyers and Exhibitors. Significantly 71 percent of appointments were mutually matched and 74 percent of Hosted Buyers went above their minimum number of appointments, clearly seeing the value in meeting with as many suppliers as possible over the two days.

"Ensuring that AIME delivered new connections, 47 percent of Hosted Buyers were new to AIME this year, creating new opportunities and business prospects for exhibitors."

Patrick Debus, World Federation of Consuls, described the Hosted Buyer program as providing "Very fruitful meetings, perfect organisation of the agenda," and Grace Ng, Powell Consultants, remarked "I met many high quality exhibitors relevant to my business." 1,130 seats were filled in the successful free AIME Knowledge education sessions, which took place in new purpose built theatres on the show floor, including six full-capacity sessions with speakers from Saxton Speakers Bureau. A new addition to 2016 was the dedicated Hosted Buyer Program, powered by PCMA and held on Monday 22 February, prior to the show floor opening on Tuesday. Networking events were also a highlight at AIME this year. The sold out Welcome Event hosted by Melbourne Convention Bureau on Monday 22 February and the Hosted Buyer and Media Welcome Function at Melbourne Olympic Park on Sunday 21 February have both received glowing feedback. As have the numerous functions by Exhibitors on Tuesday 23 February, including the AIME Networking Hour.

"We are delighted with the results from AIME 2016 and are invigorated to begin building AIME 2017, in what is shaping up to be an unforgettable 25th Anniversary of this spectacular showcase of the events industry," said Mr Wainwright.

Karen Bolinger, CEO, Melbourne Convention Bureau was excited to see the community come together, actively networking and doing business.

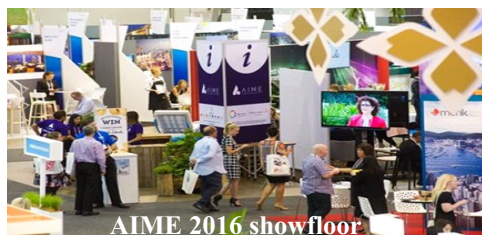
"We listened to the feedback from previous years and implemented a number of significant changes, which were positively received by the events industry this year. We were delighted to see the return of the Welcome Event and we upped the ante to showcase 'One Year in Melbourne in One Night'. I have been overwhelmed with the positive reviews we have been receiving and we will continue to evolve this milestone event year after year.

"It was an exciting year to showcase the Melbourne Convention Bureau and our partners on our newly designed Melbourne stand at AIME this year. Melbourne is undergoing a significant growth phase at present, including the expansion of the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre and the addition of seven new hotels.

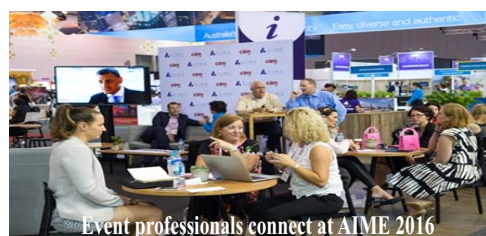
"From an exhibitor perspective, AIME 2016 was a hugely successful event for both ourselves and our partners," said Ms Bolinger. AIME Award winners have been announced including Japan National Tourism Organisation (JNTO) for Best Stand Over 36m², Doltone House for Best Stand Under 36m², Lancemore Group for Best Environmental Stand, Side Kicker for Best New Exhibitor, and Your Singapore for Best Innovative Stand.



Japan National Tourism Organisation (JNTO) for Best Stand Over 36m²



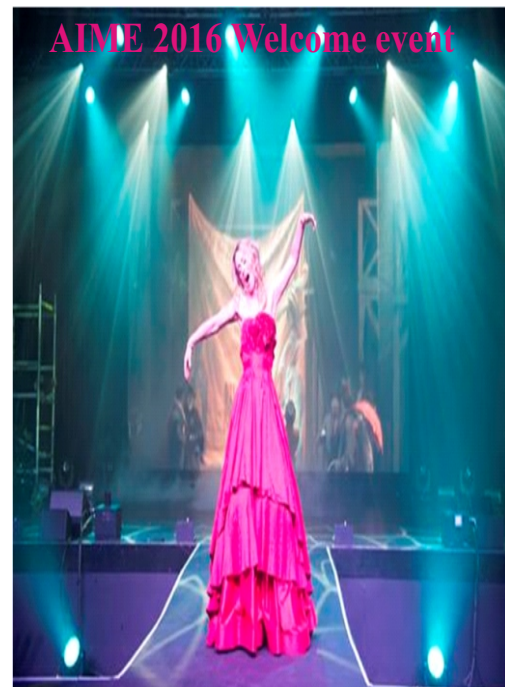
AIME 2016 showfloor



Event professionals connect at AIME 2016



AIME 2016 entrance



AIME 2016 Welcome event



'THE OPEN CITY'

The entries feature innovative solutions on the theme

UNLIMITED DOHA DESIGN PRIZE TO REVEAL SHORTLISTED PARTICIPANTS FOR A PRESTIGIOUS ONE WEEK RESIDENCY IN DOHA



328 Design GmbH achieves first FAA STC for Dassault Falcon 50EX major cabin modernization



BIDAYA HOME FINANCE COMMENCES OPERATIONS

Bidaya Home Finance has been launched in a bid to raise the low levels of home ownership across Saudi Arabia. The inaugural press conference to announce the launch was well attended by several

of the country's senior representatives and officials from the financial services industry, government and the media. The company will begin operations with a capital of 900 million riyals.



TAJ HOTELS RESORTS AND PALACES ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BORN FREE

FOUNDATION AND LAUNCHES A LIMITED EDITION HARDBACK OF THE JUNGLE BOOK

The 328 Group is exhibiting at EBACE 2016, May 24-26. Stand No. A065 Duncan Aviation is exhibiting at Stand No. G089