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## Lanson Place Brings in Serviced Suites to Waigaoqiao Free Trade Zone

Lanson Place Hospitality Management Limited ("Lanson Place" or the "Company") gladly announced its latest partnership with Shanghai Waigaoqiao Group to manage a Serviced Suites by Lanson Place Project in the Waigaoqiao Sunland area. This marks the Company's 5<sup>th</sup> flag in Shanghai and the 11<sup>th</sup> project of Lanson Place.

The Sunland Serviced Suites by Lanson Place, situated in Waigaoqiao Sunland, is developed by Shanghai Heng Mao Land, a subsidiary of Shanghai Waigaoqiao Group and Shanghai Waigaoqiao Free Trade Zone Development Co. Limited. Shanghai Free Trade Zone Development Co. Limited is a listed state-owned enterprise founded in 1992. The group has been responsible for the development of the Waigaoqiao Sunland area, which houses fashion-themed outlets, five-star hotels, high-end serviced apartment, headquarter offices and river-side restaurants of Oriental and Western styles. The project is right next to the Zhou Hai Road Station of Metro Line 6. It is 5 minutes away from Waigaoqiao Free Trade Zone Lujiazui and Pudong International Airport are 30 minutes away, the first Harrow International School in Shanghai and the Cultural Center are just a stone throw's away.

Sunland Serviced Suites has a resident club house including a fitness center and a swimming pool. This project offers 196 units of studios and 1- to 3-bedroom apartments, and targets to open in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2016.

Mr. Lu Ji, General Manager of Shanghai Waigaoqiao Group said: "We are delighted to be able to work with Lanson Place on this project. Their attention to details and uncompromising penchant for exceptional lifestyle are in line with our operation motto. Lanson Place unceasingly delivers home-from-home where guests can truly find comfort, style and freedom. This home living approach sets Lanson Place apart from others. We strongly believe the cooperation with Lanson Place will spur affirmative growth for both companies, and set a new benchmark of service standard in the Free Trade Zone." Mr. Marc Hediger, Chief Executive Officer of Lanson Place, said: "We see a burgeoning demand for modern serviced suites, especially amidst the bloom of Shanghai's Free Trade Zone. As our 5<sup>th</sup> project in Shanghai, the Sunland Serviced Suites would benefit from our strong brand reputation and solid operating experience in the region. The Sunland Serviced Suites would be another arena for us to maximize property value for the owner and refine the neighborhood for our customers."



## Final call for votes ahead of World Travel Awards Latin America Gala Ceremony 2015

Members of the hospitality industry, consumers and tourism stakeholders from across Latin America are being encouraged to cast their ballots ahead of the deadline for votes at the World Travel Awards Latin America Gala Ceremony 2015.

The ceremony will take place in Colombian capital Bogotá, on October 10th, with voting scheduled to close on August 17th.

Ahead of the Latin America Gala Ceremony 2015 World Travel Awards President Graham Cooke said: "We are entering the home straight for voting ahead of our Latin America Gala Ceremony 2015, with just seven days left to make your voice heard.

"This is one of the most highly anticipated events on our annual Grand Tour, with many fantastic organisations competing for recognition at the ceremony.

"Head over to the World Travel Awards website to cast your ballot now."

A full list of nominees can be seen and while interested parties are urged to visit the official World Travel Awards website and register to vote

World Travel Awards Gala Ceremonies are widely regarded as the best networking opportunities in the travel industry, attended by government and industry leaders, luminaries, and international print and broadcast media.

  
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## World Travel Awards



## World Travel Awards signs Avianca as Official Airline Partner for Latin America Gala Ceremony 2015

World Travel Awards announces Avianca as the Official Airline Partner for the upcoming Latin America Gala Ceremony 2015. Visiting Colombia for the first time, the World Travel Awards Latin America Gala Ceremony will take place on October 10th in Bogotá. The event will receive tourism leaders from across the region, as well as influential business directors and entrepreneurs.

Commenting on the deal, World Travel Awards executive vice president Christopher Frost said: "It is an honour to welcome Avianca as our Official Airline Partner for the Latin America Gala Ceremony 2015. The airline is synonymous with Colombia and is the ideal partner for World Travel Awards as we visit the country for the first time this year."

He added: "I look forward to welcoming the Avianca team to our Gala Ceremony in October for what is sure to be a fantastic night in Bogotá."

Avianca is the commercial brand representing the Latin American carriers integrated into Avianca Holdings.

Its workforce of over 19,000 employees has been organised to provide a world-class

service, offering 5,600 flights a week to 100 destinations in 27 countries. With a modern fleet of 168 short-, medium-, and long-haul aircraft Avianca is an icon of Latin American and an ambassador for Colombia around the world.

Through its membership with Star Alliance, Avianca offers connections to more than 1,200 destinations in 195 countries globally, while LifeMiles, its loyalty program, offers a wide range of benefits and travel options to its more than 5.4 million registered members.

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

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

In 2015, World Travel Awards will celebrate its historic 22nd anniversary.

Each year the World Travel Awards Grand Tour covers the globe with a series of regional gala ceremonies staged to recognise and celebrate individual and collective successes within each key geographical region.



## Airline Services Handling makes it a hat trick with Turkish Airlines win

Airline Services Handling, part of the Airline Services Group, has taken over the ground and passenger handling for Turkish Airlines effective 1st July the company announced today. It will support the flag carrier's four daily flights from Gatwick South Terminal to Istanbul International Airport, its busy hub airport. The contract is for an initial three years.

The win comes hard on the heels of its recent contract supporting Germania, also operating from Gatwick's South Terminal to Erfurt-Weimar and Pristina, and Monarch Airlines which the company has supported since launching its ground handling business on 2nd November 2014

"We are delighted to take on the handling of Turkish Airlines and proud of our performance in attracting three prestigious airline customers within seven months of starting our ground handling business", said Airline Services Handling Managing Director, Nigel Daniel. "We are a relative newcomer to 'full ground handling' but have been active airside with our ramp activity including de-icing and aircraft presentation for nearly 30 years. Our expertise extends to a range of ramp services along with aircraft presentation including external washing, cabin laundry, dry cleaning and carpet manufacture and fitting".

General Manager of Gatwick for Turkish Airlines, Osman Battal, said: "At Turkish Airlines, offering exceptional services both on the ground and in the air, is of the utmost importance. We are therefore pleased to announce that our ground and handling services contract has been awarded to Airline Services Handling. Gatwick is a key hub for Turkish Airlines and as we continue to expand and grow our network, this partnership will ensure that the high standards expected from our customers are continually exceeded. We look forward to a long and successful partnership with Airline Services Handling."

Airline Services Handling is now supporting circa 250 employees in ground handling, up from 170 at year end, out of a total staff of 350 at Gatwick where the company now provides full aircraft handling to some 8000 aircraft departures per annum.

In March this year Airline Services Ltd restructured the Manchester UK head quartered business under three new distinct divisions Airline Services Interiors, Components and Handling under the ultimate leadership of CEO, Mike Humphreys. Airline Services employs a total of 1000 staff based at 11 airports across the UK.

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*First guests arrive at the Outrigger Konotta Maldives Resort on August 1*



## Outrigger Konotta Maldives Resort Now Open

The spectacularly spacious Outrigger Konotta Maldives Resort opened its doors and welcomed its first guests August 1. The guests were welcomed ashore at the resort's jetty by Darren Edmonstone the Outrigger Managing Director for Asia Pacific and the resort's General Manager, Pascal Billon.

After a traditional Maldivian welcome ceremony with drums and dancing, the father of the family cut the ribbon to open a new chapter in Outrigger Resorts' expansion, which has seen the company open premier-class beachfront properties in Mauritius, Phuket and Fiji, as well as the Maldives, in the last three years.

"Outrigger hosts and supporting contractors in the Maldives have done a terrific job in the run up to our opening today," said Mr Edmonstone. "I'm confident our large and wonderfully well appointed Beach and Ocean Pool Villas will become a major talking point in the Maldivian tourism scene." The 53 key all-villa property comprises 24 Beach Pool Villas (211 sqm), seven Two-Bedroom Pool Villas (282 sqm), 21 Ocean Pool Villas (225 sqm), and the Presidential Villa (600 sqm).

The turquoise waters off the Outrigger Konotta Maldives Resort feature a well-formed reef with abundant coral diversity and a great variety of marine life including turtles and eagle rays and regular sightings of dolphins

On day two of opening, the Outrigger welcomed guests from China, Korea and the USA. "We have very special dining, water sports and excursion options ready for all our guests, no matter where they come from," said Mr Billon. "The Outrigger on Konotta Island is shaping up to be a perfect holiday destination for a wide variety of international guests who are seeking an iconic Maldives holiday."

Special limited period opening rates for the Outrigger Konotta Maldives Resort are available on [outriggermaldives.com](http://outriggermaldives.com) for stays up to October 31, 2015. Or Email: [reservation.konotta@outrigger.mv](mailto:reservation.konotta@outrigger.mv). Tel: +960 684 7771.

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## Vertis Aviation

**Vertis Aviation adds Doha, Qatar-based Bombardier Challenger 604 to managed fleet**

Switzerland-based Vertis Aviation is expanding its activity in the Middle East with the addition of a Bombardier Challenger 604 under management. The aircraft, registration A7-MHA, year 2001-built with a newly refurbished luxury interior and 11 VIP seats, will be operated under the AOC of a leading Middle East operator out of Doha International Airport, Qatar. The Challenger 604 is a new model for the company. With its range of 3,700 nm, it complements the large Boeing Business Jet managed by Vertis out of Dubai.

"We are pleased with how our business is developing in the Middle East and delighted to be adding a new aircraft type the popular Challenger 604 - to our managed fleet. Since opening in Dubai early last year we have continued to expand our client base in this region, the second locally based aircraft is part of our long term strategy," commented Vertis Aviation Partner Jeffrey Emmenis. Five year-old Vertis recently opened an office at Farnborough International Airport, UK, complementing its operations HQ at Zug, Switzerland and its sales offices in Dubai and Johannesburg. Vertis Aviation specialises in long range business aircraft with a 14-strong fleet operating out of Europe, the Middle East, South Africa and Nassau. Aircraft types managed include four Airbus A319 ACJ's, a Boeing Business Jet BBJ1, Gulfstream G450 G550 and G650, a Boeing 727-VIP, Bombardier Global 6000, Bombardier Global XRS and Global Express and a Dassault Falcon 7X.

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To book an interview email: [contact@khiri.com](mailto:contact@khiri.com).  
Or drop by booth H15 (Responsible Travel Pavilion).

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