

## NEWS RELEASE

### 16<sup>th</sup> World Travel Awards

**Air Mauritius wins Indian Ocean's Leading Airline Award  
and is a nominee for World Leading Airline**



Mr. Kamal Taposeea, Chairman of Air Mauritius pictured with representative of Miss World while receiving the award from Mr. Graham Cooke, President of the World Travel Awards

Air Mauritius won the 16<sup>th</sup> World Travel Awards (WTA) in the category Indian Ocean's Leading Airline for the third year running. The airlines nominated in this category were Air France, South African Airways, Air Seychelles, Air Austral and Air Madagascar. The award was presented to Mr. Kamal Taposeea, Chairman of Air Mauritius by Mr. Graham Cooke, President and Founder of the World Travel Awards at the spectacular Gala Ceremony held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at Grosvenor House, A JW Marriott Hotel in London

The awards are described by the Wall Street Journal as the "Oscars" of the global travel and tourism industry. They are recognized as helping to raise levels of supreme customer service, innovation, and creativity, as well as encouraging high standards of overall business performance.

Over 1,600 senior management and decision makers from the world's travel and tourism industry were in attendance. The Miss World 2009 contestants stood behind the tourism leaders of their respective countries to lend their support.

Air Mauritius also competed for the coveted title of World's Leading Airline among the very best airline brands in the world including British Airways, Air New Zealand, American Airlines, Cathay Pacific Airways, Emirates, Etihad Airways, Lufthansa Airlines, Malaysia Airlines, Qantas Airways, Singapore Airlines, South African Airways, Swiss International Airways, and Virgin Atlantic Airways.

Ms. Manon Han, Executive Vice President, World Travel Awards commented : *"Air Mauritius is this year's winner of the Indian Ocean's Leading Airline award. Voted for by tens of thousands of travel professionals worldwide, this is a true testament to the continued efforts of the team at Air Mauritius and demonstrates excellence in customer service and guest satisfaction - despite challenging times for the travel industry. It has been just 12 months since Air Mauritius revealed its new corporate identity; the national carrier's continued enhancements and cabin upgrades have paid off and we congratulate Air Mauritius on being named Indian Ocean's Leading Airline"*.

Mr. Manoj R K Ujoodha, G.O.S.K., Air Mauritius CEO said : *"Air Mauritius is proud to be recognized by renowned travel specialists as part of the select club of the greatest airlines of the world. I would like to dedicate this award to all our shareholders, in particular the Government of Mauritius for their unflinching support to and their trust in the national airline; to our customers and travel/tourism partners for their loyalty to Air Mauritius and for being our best advocates; to all my colleagues for their dedication and hard work through these testing times and to all Mauritians as they continue to trust Air Mauritius to serve them in its national role."*

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*Air Mauritius is the national carrier of the Republic of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean. Created in 1967, it currently operates a fleet of four A340-300, two A340-300E, two A330-200, two A319-100 and two ATR72-500. Air Mauritius presently flies to twenty-three destinations in Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa and the Indian Ocean.*

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