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**EXECUTIVE TRAVEL MAGAZINE ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF
2010 LEADING EDGE AWARDS READERS' SURVEY**

Delta Air Lines Named Best Domestic Airline; Southwest Airlines Is Top North American Low-Cost Carrier; Denver Rated #1 Airport In America; Hyatt Hotels & Resorts Ranked Best Hotel For Meetings

NEW YORK, NY (June 8, 2010) – Delta Air Lines and Singapore Airlines are Best Domestic Airline and Best International Airline respectively, as selected by the readers of *Executive Travel* magazine. Winners were chosen in the eighth annual* **Leading Edge Awards** readers' survey, recognizing travel related companies that deliver true value to customers and excellence in a challenging industry. The winners, selected in 42 travel categories, are featured in the July/August issue of *Executive Travel* and online at ExecutiveTravelMagazine.com.

Hyatt Hotels & Resorts is the "Best Hotel Chain", **Hilton Hotels** is the "Best Hotel for Business Service", and **Marriott Rewards** is the "Best Frequent Guest Program", according *Executive Travel* readers. Winning hotels are selected based on their dedication to customer service and the quality of their accommodations for the business traveler.

Virgin America, Southwest Airlines, Sheraton Hotels & Resorts, India Luxury Lodging, and NYC & Company are this year's five "Editor's Honors". Chosen by *Executive Travel* magazine editors, these companies are recognized for their commitment to improving the business of travel by maintaining relationships with frequent travelers while saving time and money, promoting tourism, and focusing on customer service and hospitality.

"The travel industry is rapidly changing, extremely price-sensitive, and vulnerable to the whims of Mother Nature making it essential for travel companies to provide a customer-centric culture along with cutting-edge technology," said Editor in Chief Janet Libert. "Chosen by *Executive Travel* readers who average more than 38 airline trips and over 100 nights in a hotel annually, this year's Leading Edge Award winners recognize companies that consistently provide great travel experiences, despite the challenges facing the industry today."

Executive Travel 2010 Leading Edge Awards Winners Highlights:

Best Domestic Airport: **Denver International Airport**
Best International Airport: **Seoul-Incheon International Airport**
Best Domestic Airline: **Delta Air Lines**
Best International Airline: **Singapore Airlines**
Best North American Low Cost Carrier: **Southwest Airlines**
Best Domestic Airline for Business-Class Service: **United Airlines**
Best Frequent Flyer Program - Europe: **British Airways**
Best Airline Customer Service - Domestic: **Delta Air Lines**
Best Airline for Flights to Central and South America: **American Airlines**
Best Hotel Chain: **Hyatt Hotels & Resorts**
Best Hotel for Meetings: **Hyatt Hotels & Resorts**
Best Luxury Hotel Chain with Locations in North America: **Ritz-Carlton Hotels & Resorts**
Best Luxury Hotel Chain with Locations Outside North America: **Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group**
Best Hotel Frequent Guest Program: **Marriott Rewards**
Best Carry-On Case: **Travelpro**
Best Credit Card Rewards Program: **Membership Rewards Program from American Express**
Best Car Rental Company: **Hertz Car Rental**
Best Private Jet Service: **Delta AirElite**

To arrange an interview with *Executive Travel* Editor Janet Libert, please contact Rachael Chappa at 212- 642-1972.

LEADING EDGE AWARDS SURVEY METHODOLOGY: Ballots were available online at *LeadingEdgeAward.com* or *ExecutiveTravelMagazine.com*, and had to be completed by April 26, 2010 in order to be eligible. Readers nominated winners in 42 categories with an open format ballot. Winners were selected based on the total number of nominations received.

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