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### **SIA Named Caribbean's Leading Airport for 14th Consecutive Year at World Travel Awards**

Montego Bay, Jamaica, 1 September 2022/MBJ Media// Sangster International Airport (SIA), Jamaica's leading gateway to the world operated by MBJ Airports Limited, was again named the Caribbean's Leading Airport at the World Travel Awards (WTA) hosted at Sandals Montego Bay 31 August 2022.

Sangster International Airport is honoured to be the recipient of the award for the Caribbean's Leading Airport at the World Travel Awards 2022, winning this prestigious award for the 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, 15 years in total. SIA was among 12 Caribbean competitors nominated for the prestigious award. The accolade was first bestowed on SIA in 2005, then again in 2009 after which the title has been won every year since.

The red carpet evening was hosted at the Sandals Montego Bay, where the elite of the travel industry gathered to find out who amongst them had been crowned the best in the Caribbean and the Americas region.

Graham Cooke, Founder, WTA, said: "What an incredible evening at the majestic Sandals Montego Bay, Jamaica. WTA had the privilege of recognizing the industry's driving forces from the leading nations from the length and breadth of the Caribbean and Americas regions. As stellar examples of tourism excellence, our winners have helped us to once again raise the collective benchmark".

"We are thrilled that Jamaica's main gateway to the world has once again been named the Caribbean's Leading Airport at the 2022 World Travel Awards. Congratulations to the management, staff and stakeholders at SIA who have all contributed to this remarkable achievement consistently since 2009. The commitment of "Team Sangster" to service excellence continues to be noticed and we will endeavour to deliver the highest standards to our customers. We also want to thank all who voted us number one in the region," commented Shane Munroe, CEO, MBJ.

Jamaica stood out among winners in the various categories. MBJ extends congratulations to the many companies on their award, some of which operate at SIA.

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, MBJ has led a number of initiatives over the past 2 years to improve the passenger experience. Several transformational projects are now underway to further expand and upgrade the airport.

Passenger traffic at SIA over the last few months are comparable to 2019 numbers month over month.





MBJ's Team collecting Award; Sherifia Powell, CFO, Shane Munroe, CEO, Sharon Hislop-Holt, Commercial Manager, Peter Hall.

### **About World Travel Awards:**

The World Travel Awards (WTA) was established in 1993 to acknowledge, reward, and celebrate excellence across all key sectors of the travel, tourism, and hospitality industries. Today, the World Travel Awards brand is recognized globally as the ultimate hallmark of industry excellence. WTA gala ceremonies are regarded as milestone events in the travel calendar and are attended by the industry's key decision-makers, figureheads, influencers, and media.

### **About Sangster International Airport:**

Sangster International Airport (IATA: MBJ, ICAO: MKJS) is an international airport located 3 mi (4.8 km) east of Montego Bay, Jamaica. The airport is capable of handling nine million passengers per year. It serves as the most popular airport for tourists visiting the north coast of Jamaica. The airport is named after former Jamaican Prime Minister Sir Donald Sangster.

### **About MBJ Airports:**

MBJ Airports Limited, the operator of Sangster International Airport, connects Jamaica to more than 60 international destinations. A record of 4.7m passengers used the airport in 2019. MBJ operates SIA under a 30-year concession awarded in 2003 and the airport provides employment to more than 7,500 persons. SIA has been named the Caribbean's Leading Airport by World Travel Awards for 14 years.

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