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## **SIA Named Caribbean's Leading Airport for 10<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year at World Travel Awards**

Montego Bay, Jamaica, 23 September, 2018 // Sangster International Airport (SIA), Jamaica's leading gateway to the world, was named the Caribbean's Leading Airport for the tenth year in a row at the World Travel Awards (WTA) hosted at Sandals Montego Bay on Saturday 22 September.

Operated by MBJ Airports Limited, SIA emerged as the winner from a pool of 13 Caribbean competitors nominated for the prestigious award. The accolade was first bestowed on SIA in 2005. It won again in 2009 and has won the title again every year since.

"We are deeply honored to be named the Caribbean's Leading Airport for the tenth consecutive year. This prestigious award validates our tireless efforts to deliver world-class service and showcase Jamaica's rich culture at Sangster International Airport," commented MBJ CEO Rafael Echevarne.

"We are grateful that our continuous work to improve the physical infrastructure of the airport and provide passengers with outstanding service has been recognized by the global travel industry and users of SIA, who have voted us number one in the region year after year for the past decade. Our entire staff, our partners and every citizen of Jamaica can be proud of this tremendous achievement," Echevarne added.

MBJ has led a number of initiatives over the past three years to improve the passenger experience within the arrivals and departures terminals while upgrading the taxiways and aprons on the airside. Several transformational projects are now underway to bring further upgrades to the airport, including a redesign of the ticketing hall and an expansion of the commercial concourse.

### **About MBJ Airports:**

MBJ Airports Limited, operator of Sangster International Airport, connects Jamaica to more than 60 international destinations. A record 4.2m passenger used the airport in 2017. MBJ operates SIA under a 30-year concession awarded in 2003 and provides employment to more than 160 Jamaicans. SIA has been named the Caribbean's Leading Airport by World Travel Awards for the past ten years in a row.

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

World Travel Awards (WTA) was established in 1993 to recognize and reward excellence in key segments of the tourism, travel and hospitality industries, thereby encouraging practitioners to continuously improve the standards of their product and service offering.

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