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A Vision for the Future of Global Tourism



As we present the 26th edition of the PATWA Handbook at the PATWA World Tourism Leaders Summit and the PATWA International Travel Awards at ITB, Berlin it is both a privilege and a responsibility to reflect on the future of global tourism.

Tourism today stands at a defining moment. The industry has moved beyond recovery and is now firmly in a phase of reinvention. The future will not be shaped by volume alone, but by value — value for communities, for the environment, and for the traveller seeking deeper, more meaningful experiences. Sustainability is no longer a parallel conversation; it is the foundation upon which credible destinations and responsible businesses must build.

Governance and leadership will play a central role in this transformation. Destinations that adopt clear policy frameworks, invest in resilient infrastructure, embrace digital innovation, and prioritise community engagement will lead the next era of growth. Aviation, hospitality, cruise, rail, travel technology, and online platforms must work in alignment with governments and multilateral institutions to create a cohesive and accountable ecosystem.

The traveller of tomorrow is conscious, informed, and purpose-driven. Authentic cultural engagement, regenerative tourism models, environmental stewardship, and measurable impact will increasingly define competitiveness. Those who balance economic growth with environmental responsibility and social inclusion will command long-term relevance.

At PATWA, our mission remains steadfast: to recognise excellence, promote responsible development, and facilitate international collaboration. Through dialogue, recognition, and partnerships, we aim to contribute meaningfully to a tourism sector that is resilient, ethical, innovative, and future-ready.

As you turn these pages, we celebrate not only achievement, but vision — the vision of leaders, governments, organisations, and individuals who understand that the future of tourism must be sustainable, inclusive, and transformative.

Yatan Ahluwalia

Secretary General

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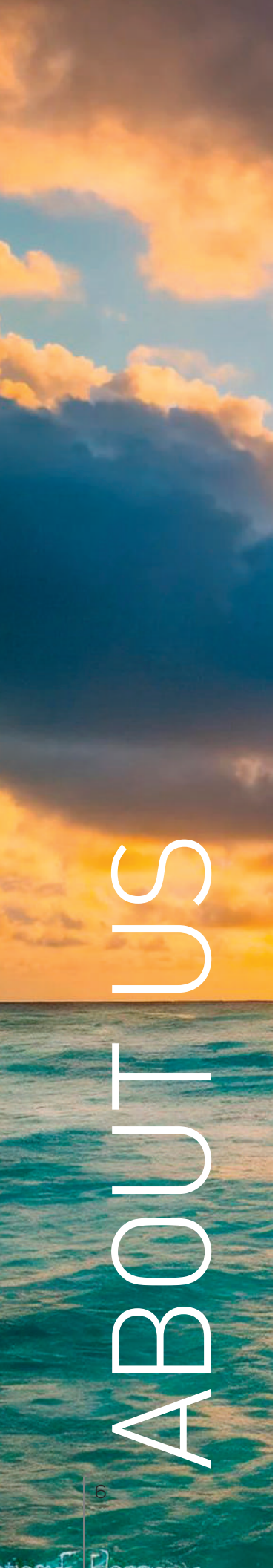
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ABOUT US

Pacific Area Travel Writers Association

PATWA

ABOUT PATWA

The Pacific Area Travel Writers Association (PATWA) is a non-profit, non-government, professional, international media organisation founded in 1999. Our founding philosophy is to support the sustainable development and growth of destinations, travel, tourism, hospitality, aviation (airlines and airports), transportation (cruise liners and rail), online travel platforms, travel technology, and allied service providers, worldwide. PATWA works with governments, organisations, and companies in both the public and private sectors. PATWA adheres to the fundamental principles of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations (UN), and UN Tourism.

PATWA is an Affiliate Member of UN Tourism.

OUR MISSION AND INSPIRATION

Our goal is to promote tourism by developing and encouraging travel writing, reporting, and communication across both print and electronic platforms. Through our seminars, roundtables, and discussions with travel trade professionals from around the world, we help find solutions to the issues and problems the travel industry is facing.

We aim to:

- Encourage sustainable and environmentally friendly practices
- Nurture a finer appreciation and understanding of people – their culture, habits, customs, and history
- Promote tolerance, co-operation, and peace
- Raise social and living standards by developing and processing travel communication
- Establish standards and guidelines for the travel industry



OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES



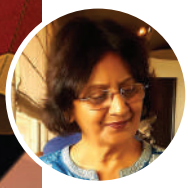
PRINCIPLES

BOARD



YATAN AHLUWALIA, Secretary General

Yatan Ahluwalia is the Secretary General of the Pacific Area Travel Writers Association (PATWA), where he leads global initiatives advancing sustainable tourism, governance excellence, and international collaboration. He heads the jury of the PATWA International Travel Awards and works closely with governments and industry stakeholders worldwide. He is also a leading Image & Grooming Consultant, advising hospitality, aviation, luxury and service-sector brands, as well as business leaders, politicians, and celebrities on professional presence and service excellence.



PREM AHLUWALIA, Deputy Secretary General

Our Co-Founder and pillar of guidance, she has helped build our organisation, and taken it across geographic boundaries. A world traveller and internationally recognised women's activist, author, editor, and lifetime travel journalist, she loves farming and her plants as much as writing.



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ABOUT THE AWARDS

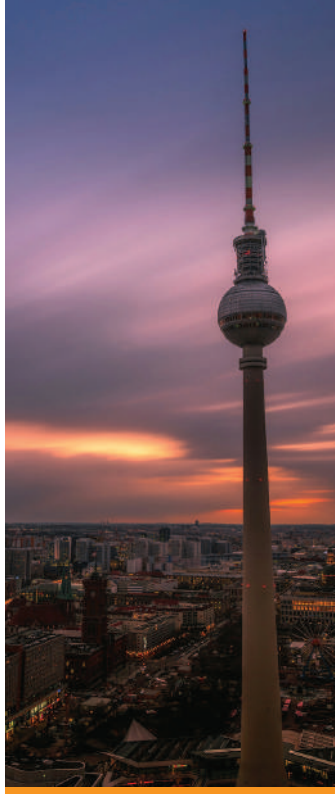
The PATWA International Travel Award winners have been felicitated at an annual ceremony, during ITB (Internationale Tourismus Börse) Berlin, since 1999. Awardees are recognised for having achieved the highest standards of excellence in their field. The PATWA International Travel Awards are among the most coveted awards in the travel industry.

The awards recognise governments, organisations, brands, ministers, and individuals who have excelled in the promotion of tourism. This includes airlines, hotels, travel agencies, tour operators, destinations, government bodies, tourism ministries, and other service provider(s) related directly or indirectly with the trade.

The selection process is transparent and stringent. A jury comprising the PATWA International Awards Council, our worldwide media members, and Board collects, shortlists, and finalises nominations. The nominees are evaluated on various standards with an extensive internal evaluation/ audit within pre-set parameters for each category, as necessary.

The shortlisted nominations are finalised at the PATWA International Awards Council meeting each year. Award confirmations are then communicated to the winners.





THE AWARDS



AWARD CATEGORIES

The PATWA International Travel Awards recognise excellence across the global travel and tourism ecosystem, including:

- Airlines, Airports and Aviation
- Cargo, Catering and Service Providers
- Destinations — Countries, Districts, Provinces and Cities
- Hotels and Hospitality
- Individual Excellence
- Ministers and Governments
- Shipping, Rail, Ground Handling and Transportation
- Travel Agencies and Tour Operators
- Travel Media
- Travel Websites
- Travel Technology

These categories reflect PATWA's commitment to honouring leadership, innovation, and responsible growth across the entire tourism value chain.

Excellence in Governance

This exclusive award category recognises the work done by countries, states, provinces, regions, districts, and cities through and by their elected representatives to promote sustainable travel with policies, guidelines, and incentives for their destinations and the hospitality, aviation, and tourism sectors.

The awards are given to governments including, but not limited to, ministers, governors, parliamentarians, and mayors. PATWA is the first organisation to have awards dedicated to Excellence in Governance on a regional, national, and international level.

Selection Process

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- The shortlisted nominations are finalised at the annual PATWA International Council meeting .
- Award confirmations are then communicated to respective winners.
- Winners must accept the award, apply for our membership, and then confirm participation within 10 days of our communication.
- Failing to adhere to the guidelines and timelines results in the award being handed over to the runner-up in the particular award category.

GUIDELINES

For organisations

Winners across all categories must:

- Publish and carry their award title on their website, all print, television, and online advertisements, and media releases for a minimum period of 12 months following the receipt of the award.
- Carry the PATWA logo, which will be provided by the PATWA Secretariat, on all publicity material during this 12-month period.
- Display the plaque, trophy, and certificate prominently at their premises.
- Appoint a senior official to receive the award in person at the ceremony in Berlin. Travel costs and all expenses to be borne by the winner.
- Provide the photographs, logos, and publicity material for use in the PATWA handbook.
- Issue a media release about winning the award within 15 days of its receipt of the award.

For individuals

Individuals must:

- Receive the award in person at the ceremony. Travel costs and expenses will be borne by the awardee.
- Display the plaque, trophy, and certificate prominently in their office.
- Provide the photographs, logos, and publicity material for use in the PATWA handbook.
- Issue a media release about winning the award within 15 days of receipt of the award.





GUIDELINES



MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

MEDIA MEMBERSHIP

Media membership is complimentary and open to journalists and media professionals across print, electronic, and digital platforms. This includes, but is not limited to, media companies, publishers, editors, writers, columnists, photographers, producers, anchors, reporters, content creators, bloggers, vloggers, and other recognised media professionals.

CONFIDENTIALITY:

PATWA does not share its media member database with any third party and does not use it for promotional solicitation.

SPECIAL BENEFITS

- Invitations to FAM trips, destination visits, openings/launches, press meets, and networking events
- Access to select passes and hospitality vouchers from partner hotels, airlines, and destinations (extended to selected members in line with PATWA guidelines)

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

Open to professionals from the travel, tourism, hospitality, aviation, and allied or non-trade specific sectors.

SPECIAL BENEFITS

- Invitations to PATWA events and networking platforms.

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

Available to companies directly or indirectly associated with travel, tourism, hospitality, aviation, technology, and related sectors.
Companies may nominate five representatives under their membership.

SPECIAL BENEFITS

- Authorised use of PATWA Member branding with the prefix: "Member of Pacific Area Travel Writers Association"

Institutional / Government Membership

Open to governments, tourism boards, agencies, and organisations associated directly or indirectly with travel, tourism, hospitality, aviation, and related sectors.
This category allows the nomination of ten representatives.

SPECIAL BENEFITS

- Authorised use of PATWA Member branding with the prefix: "Member of Pacific Area Travel Writers Association"
- Pre-reserved seating for 10 delegates at the PATWA World Tourism Leaders Summit & PATWA International Travel Awards

ANNUAL MEMBER BENEFITS

All members receive:

- Complimentary access to PATWA annual events with designated pre-reserved seating for media and VIP delegates
- Media & Individual Members: 1 event pass
- Corporate Members: 5 event passes
- Institutional / Government Members: 10 event passes
- Complimentary digital access to the PATWA Annual Handbook (launched at ITB Berlin)
- Access to PATWA coffee table books and select publications

CONFIDENTIALITY:

- PATWA does not share its member database with any third party and does not use it for promotional solicitation.

Annual Membership Benefits

Members receive complimentary access to all annual PATWA events, with special pre-reserved seating for media and VIPs.

- Media & Individual Members: One (1) event pass
- Corporate Members: Five (5) event passes
- Institutional Members / Governments: Ten (10) event passes

Members also receive digital access to the PATWA Handbook, launched annually at the PATWA World Tourism & Aviation Leaders Meet and the PATWA International Travel Awards at ITB Berlin, along with access to PATWA coffee table books and official publications.

Membership Terms & Conditions

- Membership is granted at the sole discretion of the PATWA Board.
- Members are required to pay annual and other subscription fees as prescribed by the PATWA Board from time to time.
- Annual fee details for the upcoming year will be communicated at the time of renewal.
- Membership does not constitute inclusion on the PATWA Board, the PATWA International Awards Council, or the Jury, nor does it confer voting or nomination rights.
- Members hold no ownership or claims over the organisation, its events, or its activities.
- Membership does not guarantee shortlisting or selection by the PATWA International Awards Council.
- Media and individual members may not use the PATWA name, logo, content, or collateral in any form without prior written approval.
- Membership approvals, renewals, and cancellations are at the sole discretion of the PATWA International Council.
- Renewal reminders are auto-generated and sent to the registered email address four weeks, two weeks, and three days prior to expiry. Memberships not renewed by the expiry date will be automatically terminated.



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MINISTER FOR TOURISM,
CREATIVE ECONOMY, AND CULTURE
GRENADA



Adrian Thomas is Minister for Tourism, Creative Economy, and Culture in Grenada and an advocate for people-centred, sustainable tourism development. He's focused on harnessing Grenada's natural beauty, heritage, and human capital to build a tourism sector that uplifts communities and creates lasting value, while promoting authentic cultural experiences.

H.E. BARBARA RWODZI

MINISTER OF TOURISM & HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY
REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE



Barbara Rwodzi serves as Minister of Tourism and Hospitality Industry of Zimbabwe, where she oversees national strategies to enhance destination competitiveness. She leads the Sector's growth through heritage-based tourism, the tourism cluster approach and the Experience Zimbabwe brand initiative, showcasing the country's natural beauty, culture and hospitality.

H.E. MÁRCIO DE JESUS LOPES DANIEL

MINISTER OF TOURISM
REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA



Márcio de Jesus Lopes Daniel is the Minister of Tourism for Angola. He is leading strategic initiatives to diversify the economy by boosting tourism, including the launch of the "Visit Angola – The Rhythm of Life" campaign, visa exemptions for over 100 countries, and major infrastructural developments.

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H.E. VILIAME R. GAVOKA

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER,
MINISTER FOR TOURISM & CIVIL AVIATION
REPUBLIC OF FIJI

Viliame R. Gavoka serves as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation of Fiji. His leadership emphasises sustainable growth, resilience, and the protection of Fiji's natural and cultural heritage. Mr. Gavoka supports initiatives that empower local communities within the tourism sector.



H.E. WYNTER BOIPUSO MMOLOTSI

REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

Wynter Boipuso Mmolotsi is a seasoned policymaker who has served as member of parliament for more than 15 years. Appointed Minister of Environment and Tourism on 11 November 2024, he brings extensive legislative and executive experience, having served on several parliamentary committees and long-standing roles in national governance.



H.E. EDMUND BARTLETT

MINISTER OF TOURISM
JAMAICA

Edmund Bartlett serves as Jamaica's Minister of Tourism with over four decades of public service. He first assumed the tourism portfolio in 2007, with subsequent tenures that have had far-reaching implications for Jamaica and the global tourism landscape. His impact is evident in his innovative initiatives aimed at enhancing social equity and human capital.

2026 WINNERS

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DESTINATIONS



DESTINATION OF THE YEAR
VIBRANT BEACHES
NASSAU AND PARADISE ISLAND



DESTINATION OF THE YEAR
DIVERSE EXPERIENCES
FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRASIL



DESTINATION OF THE YEAR
ADVENTURE EXPERIENCES
REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR



DESTINATION OF THE YEAR
NATURAL ATTRACTIONS
REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA



DESTINATION OF THE YEAR
REJUVENATION
GOA

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DESTINATION OF THE YEAR
DIVERSE ISLAND EXPERIENCES
DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA



DESTINATION OF THE YEAR
LIFETIME EXPERIENCES
THE BAHAMAS



DESTINATION OF THE YEAR
VIBRANT ISLAND EXPERIENCES
REPUBLIC OF FIJI



DESTINATION OF THE YEAR
NATURAL WONDERS
REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE



DESTINATION OF THE YEAR
CARIBBEAN EXPERIENCES
GRENADA

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DESTINATION OF THE YEAR
WORLDWIDE
JAMAICA



DESTINATION OF THE YEAR
THRILLING EXPERIENCES
REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA



DESTINATION OF THE YEAR
DIVERSE LANDSCAPES
REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA



DESTINATION OF THE YEAR
EARTHLY EXPERIENCES
KINGDOM OF BHUTAN



DESTINATION OF THE YEAR
BEACH EXPERIENCES
REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

CULTURE



BEST CULTURAL FESTIVAL
FESTA JUNINA
FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRASIL

2026 WINNERS

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HOSPITALITY

BEST MICE VENUE
(THE CARIBBEAN)
MONTEGO BAY CONVENTION CENTRE, JAMAICA

BEST ALL-INCLUSIVE RESORT
(THE CARIBBEAN)
SPICE ISLAND BEACH RESORT, GRENADA

BEST BOUTIQUE HOTELS – AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES
(THE CARIBBEAN)
S HOTELS, JAMAICA

BEST HOTELS
(SOUTH INDIA)
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WELLNESS (INDIA)
KAIRALI

BEST HOTELS
LIFESTYLE EXPERIENCES
(SOUTH ASIA)
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SERVICE EXCELLENCE
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AVIATION

BEST AIRLINE OF THE YEAR
REGIONAL (THE CARIBBEAN)
INTER CARIBBEAN AIRWAYS

BEST AIRLINE OF THE YEAR
(THE CARIBBEAN)
SUNRISE AIRWAYS

BEST AIRLINE OF THE YEAR
SERVICE EXCELLENCE (ASIA)
THAI AIRWAYS INTERNATIONAL

BEST AIRPORT
(ASIA)
SUVARNABHUMI AIRPORT, BANGKOK

BEST AIRPORT
(SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS)
NADI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FIJI

BEST AIRPORT
INNOVATION (MIDDLE EAST)
RAS AL KHAIMAH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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AIRPORT HOSPITALITY SERVICES
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(SOUTH AMERICA)
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INDIVIDUAL EXCELLENCE

TOURISM



PATWA GOLD AWARD
EXCELLENCE IN TOURISM (SUBCONTINENT REGION)
DIPAK DEVA



PATWA GOLD AWARD
EXCELLENCE IN DESTINATION PROMOTIONS (THE CARIBBEAN)
JOY JIBRILU



PATWA GOLD AWARD
EXCELLENCE IN DESTINATION DEVELOPMENT (THE CARIBBEAN)
STACEY LIBURD



PATWA GOLD AWARD
DESTINATION MANAGEMENT (THE CARIBBEAN)
LATIA DUNCOMBE



PATWA GOLD AWARD
EXCELLENCE IN DESTINATION MANAGEMENT (EUROPE)
ALESSANDRA PRIANTE



PATWA GOLD AWARD
EXCELLENCE IN ECOLOGICAL TOURISM (HIMALAYAN REGION)
DAMCHO RINZIN

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PATWA GOLD AWARD
TOURISM LEGACY
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PATWA GOLD AWARD
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT
TOURISM
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HOSPITALITY



PATWA GOLD AWARD
EXCELLENCE IN MICE HOSPITALITY
(THE CARIBBEAN)
MUREEN JAMES



PATWA GOLD AWARD
EXCELLENCE IN HOSPITALITY
INNOVATION (JAMAICA)
CHRISTOPHER ISSA



PATWA GOLD AWARD
WOMAN OF THE YEAR – HOSPITALITY
(THE CARIBBEAN)
JANELLE M. HOPKIN



PATWA GOLD AWARD
EXCELLENCE IN HOSPITALITY
INNOVATION (INDIA)
VIKRAM COTAH

2026 WINNERS

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PATWA GOLD AWARD
EXCELLENCE IN OPERATIONS HOSPITALITY (INDIA)
SATYAJEET KRISHNAN



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EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP HOSPITALITY (SOUTH ASIA)
ZUBIN SAXENA

AVIATION



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EXCELLENCE IN AIRLINE OPERATIONS (THE CARIBBEAN)
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PATWA GOLD AWARD
EXCELLENCE IN AIRLINE LEADERSHIP (THE CARIBBEAN)
PHILIPPE BAYARD



PERSON OF THE YEAR
AIRLINES (ASIA)
CHAI EAMSIRI



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EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP
AIRPORTS (ASIA)
PAWEENA JARIYATHITIPONG



PATWA GOLD AWARD
EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP
AIRPORTS (SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS)
MESAKE NAWARI



PATWA GOLD AWARD
EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP
AIRPORTS (MIDDLE EAST)
MANISH SETH



PATWA GOLD AWARD
EXCELLENCE IN INNOVATION
AIRPORTS (SOUTH AMERICA)
DANIEL KETCHIBACHIAN

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INDIVIDUAL EXCELLENCE

TRAVEL SERVICES



PATWA GOLD AWARD
EXCELLENCE IN AIRPORT HOSPITALITY SERVICES
VIKAS SHARMA



PATWA GOLD AWARD
EXCELLENCE IN TOURISM PR & COMMUNICATIONS
DEBBIE FLYNN



PATWA GOLD AWARD
EXCELLENCE IN INNOVATION TECH REGENERATIVE TOURISM
MICHELE ZAVOLI



PATWA GOLD AWARD
BEST NEW CEO – PORTS (WORLDWIDE)
JOSEPH B. BOSCHULTE

ORGANISATIONS



PATWA GOLD AWARD
EXCELLENCE IN TOURISM DEVELOPMENT (ASIA)
MUGDHA SINHA



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EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNANCE



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H.E. LUSINE GEVORGYAN
REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA



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INNOVATION (ASIA)

H.E. ROHAN KHAUNTE
GOA



TOURISM MINISTER OF THE YEAR
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Botswana is a premier safari destination offering some of the best wilderness and wildlife experiences amongst the African continent. It continues to stand out in terms of its tourism offerings, making it a must-visit destination globally.

Key tourism assets include pristine national parks and game management areas, which are home to a great diversity of wildlife and flora, Wilderness/ Wetlands experience, Culture and Heritage, Sports and Adventure and Business Tourism (Meetings Incentives, Conferencing and Events).

Experience in Botswana the stunning beauty of the world's largest intact inland Delta, the Okavango Delta; the unimaginable vastness of the world's second largest Game Reserve, the Central Kalahari Game Reserve; the isolation and other worldliness of the Makgadikgadi, uninhabited pans the size of Portugal; the dramatic rocky and rugged wilderness, Northern Tuli Game Reserve; and the astoundingly prolific wildlife of the Chobe National Park.

MAJOR TOURIST ATTRACTIONS



Makgadikgadi and Nxai Salt Pans

Situated in northern Botswana, the entire Makgadikgadi Pans network is the largest single pan and is famous for its unrreal landscape of the pans and their Stone Age archaeological treasures, many of which still lie buried just under the surface.



The Okavango Delta

Declared the 1000th UNESCO World Heritage Site declared in 2014, Okavango Delta is the largest inland delta, descending from the highlands of Angola to the Kalahari.

The Tsodilo Hills

Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2002. The mystical Tsodilo holds profound religious and spiritual significance to the local San whose ancestors have occupied the hills for millennia, and to the Hambukushu who have also periodically occupied the hills for the past two years.



Chobe National Park

The place for wildlife experiences, Chobe is home to the largest concentration of elephants on earth as well as large herds of zebra, Cape buffalo, giraffe and impala. Predators such as lion, the African wild dog and leopard are also frequently seen along the river.





Central Kalahari Game Reserve

Located in the heart of Botswana, the Central Kalahari Game Reserve (CKGR) is the largest and most remote game reserve in the whole of Southern Africa. The Reserve's northern grasslands attract large herds of springbok, gemsbok, wildebeest, hartebeest, eland and giraffe. Of course, their predators are never far away.

Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park

The Republics of Botswana and South Africa have joined forces in the promotion of Natural resources conservation by forming the world's first ever Transforntier Park "Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park" in Southern Africa. The formation of this park was merging the formerly known Gemsbok National Park, which is 28,400km2 and lies in the extreme southwest of Botswana, as well as the former Kalahari Gemsbok National Park which is 9,591 km2 in the South African side.



Goo- Moremi Gorge

Declared a protected National Monument, the alluring Goo-Moremi Gorge is a remarkable sight with spectacular gorges, five ascending pools and mystical waterfalls.





Northern Tuli Game Reserve

The Tuli Block is a narrow fringe of land at Botswana's eastern border wedged between Zimbabwe in the north and east and South Africa in the south. It consists mainly of game farms offering safari tourism. The eastern section has now been touristically developed as a private game reserve called 'Northern Tuli Game Reserve'

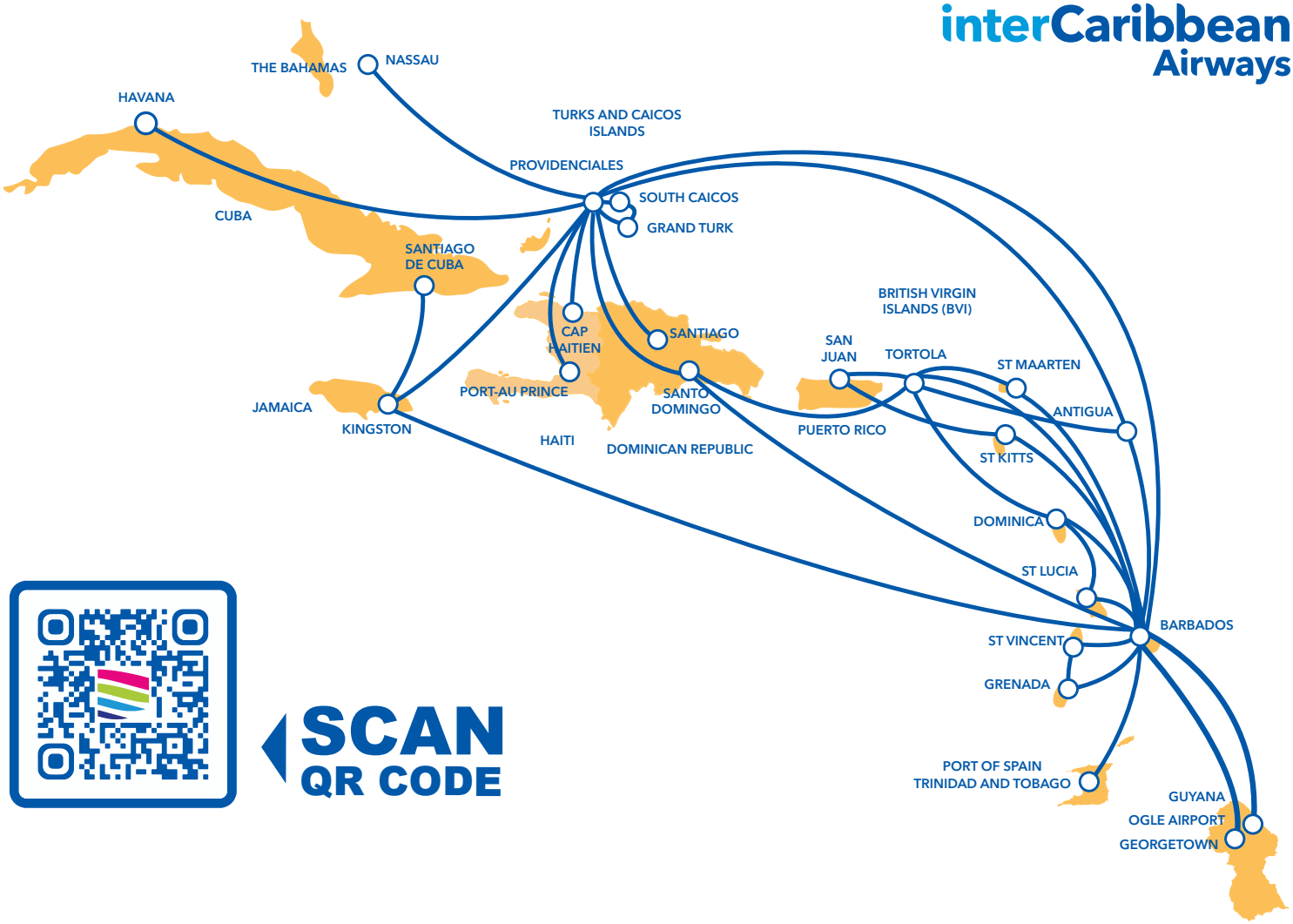
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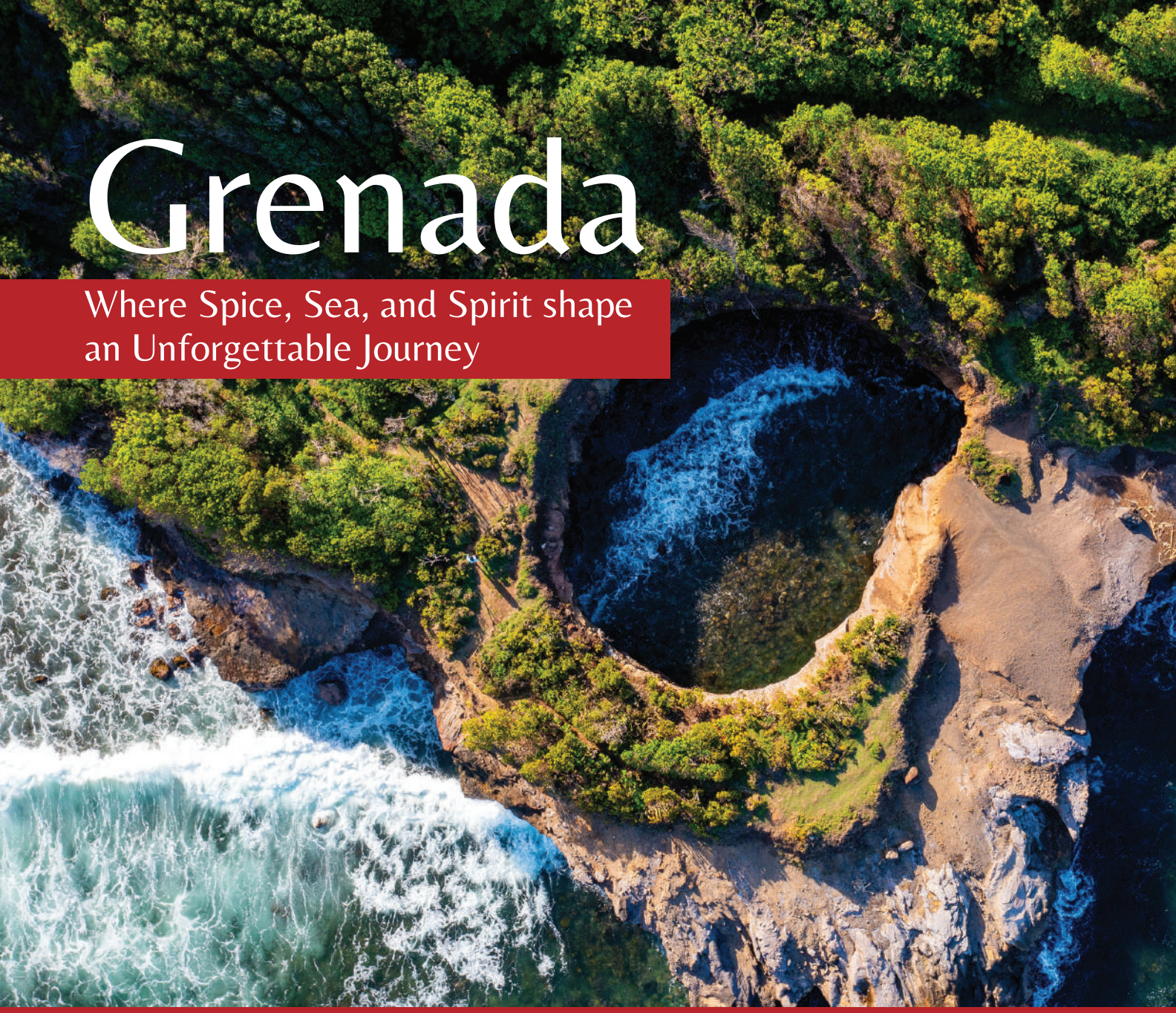




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Grenada

Where Spice, Sea, and Spirit shape an Unforgettable Journey

Nestled in the crystal waters of the east Caribbean, Grenada - also called the "Isle of Spice" - has drawn travellers from across the globe with its lush landscapes, aromatic spice plantations, sandy beaches, and vibrant culture. Along with the sister isles of Carriacou and Petite Martinique, this island nation offers an experience that blends natural splendour with deep history and vibrant local life.

More than a postcard-perfect island, Grenada is where nature, culture, history, and sustainability merge to create a deeply immersive travel experience where visitors can relax, explore, and truly connect with the spirit of the Caribbean.

Visitors are spoiled for choice when it comes to scenic vistas, ranging from sun-drenched beaches to verdant rainforests. The island is also home to cascading waterfalls, rainbow

coral reefs, and white and black sand beaches. Grand Anse Beach - ranked among the world's most popular - stretches for two miles along calm, turquoise waters, and secluded beaches such as La Sagesse, Morne Rouge, and Levera offer perfect tranquillity. The island is home to the world's first underwater sculpture park – the Molinere Underwater Sculpture Park - which was created to promote coral conservation and sustainable tourism. Divers can also explore shipwrecks, reefs, and the area's rich marine life.



For those who prefer terra firma, eco-adventures abound, from hiking the trails of Grand Etang National Park, to viewing stunning waterfalls like Annandale, Concord, and Seven Sisters, providing a contrast to the island's coastal attractions. The volcanic Grand Etang Lake is a crater lake in the midst of a tropical forest that's perfect for hikers and birdwatchers alike.

However, the true heart and soul of Grenada lies within its people and culture. Nowhere is this more evident than at Market Square in the island's capital, St. George.

Visitors are treated to the heady aromas of nutmeg, cinnamon, and other local produce that fill the air - a reminder of Grenada's spice trade. The island's vibrant culture is celebrated in events like Spicemas Carnival, a colourful and energetic festival featuring street parades, music, and traditional performances. Visitors can witness a rich variety of performances from the deeply symbolic and traditional Jab Jab, to the pulsating rhythms of Carriacou's Maroon and String Band Music Festival. Warm, welcoming, and genuine, Grenadians are the destination's greatest ambassadors, offering visitors a sense of belonging that turns first-time travellers into repeat guests.

Grenada's cuisine offers flavours that are bold, fresh, and deeply rooted in tradition. Signature dishes such as oil down (the



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national dish), fresh seafood, and spice-infused cocktails all tell a story of land, sea, and heritage. Visitors can tour plantations and learn about traditional agricultural practices, and visit the River Antoine Rum Distillery, one of the Caribbean's oldest operating distilleries.

Grenada's hospitality sector continues to evolve, offering a mix of luxury resorts, boutique hotels, villas and eco-friendly properties. International brands and locally owned properties co-exist seamlessly, appealing to leisure, business, and experiential travellers alike. Notable properties range from luxury beachfront resorts and hillside retreats to intimate hideaways in Carriacou and Petite Martinique, catering to honeymooners, families, divers, yachting enthusiasts and cultural explorers.

The island is also an emerging destination for meetings, incentives, conferences, and events (MICE), supported by quality accommodations, professional services, and the unique appeal of a destination that blends business with leisure. Grenada's tourism vision is anchored in sustainability, authenticity, and inclusive growth. The island continues to prioritise responsible development, community involvement, and environmental stewardship, ensuring that tourism benefits both visitors and residents alike. Eco-friendly tours, marine conservation projects, and initiatives to preserve natural resources are shaping the destination's long-term strategy serving both visitors and residents. As more travellers seek meaningful, immersive and high-quality experiences, Grenada offers experiences that are beautiful and purposeful. Grenada is not just a place to visit. It is a place to feel, to connect... and to return to. ■

H.E. Adrian Thomas,
Minister for Tourism,
Creative Economy, and Culture



H.E. Adrian Thomas brings a multidisciplinary approach to leadership, with a background that spans agriculture, law and public service, reflecting his lifelong commitment to equity, education, and economic opportunity. As Minister for Tourism, he's focused on harnessing the full potential of Grenada's natural beauty, heritage, and human capital to build a tourism sector that uplifts communities and creates lasting value. He holds a Master of Laws and a Bachelor of Laws from universities in the UK, along with a Diploma in Agriculture from Trinidad.

Stacey Liburd, Chief Executive Officer,
Grenada Tourism Authority



Ms. Stacey Liburd leads the strategic development and global promotion of Grenada, Carriacou, and Petite Martinique as premier travel destinations. In her role, she drives a forward-thinking national tourism strategy that drives sustainable growth, fosters strong stakeholder partnerships, and enhances the overall visitor experience. In addition to key focus areas such as destination branding, product development, investment promotion, and ensuring operational and regulatory excellence, she champions innovation and the safeguarding of Grenada's cultural and natural heritage.

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Sun, Sea, Sophistication: Indulge in

The Bahamas

The Bahamas is a diverse archipelago offering 16 unique island experiences. An eco-wonderland of unspoiled nature, colorful culture, and warm hospitality, it boasts some of the world's most beautiful beaches, blue holes, national parks, luxury hotels, and is sync with the latest tourism trends.

Imagine soaking in the sun on a powder-white sand beach. A gentle sea breeze blows as you sip sweet, frozen daiquiris, dine on succulent lobster, freshly baked island coconut rolls and pan-roasted crusted thyme snapper, stuffed with sweet potato ginger mash...

The Bahamas serves up a delightful combination of cosmopolitan and quaint. Visitors will find an array of diverse and memorable experiences that run the gamut from serene to enthralling: miles and miles of stunning award-winning beaches, national parks featuring pre-historic caves, eco

adventures, cultural villages, land tours, parasailing, island hopping, jeep safaris, sea excursions, snorkeling, lively art and craft markets, duty free shopping, cocktail lounges with live bands, haute cuisine and down home culinary adventures, chic hotspots, unique finds and much, much more...the options are endless.

Remote, raw, and filled with wildlife, The Bahamas is home to a myriad landmarks that offer an authentically island experience. In the Exumas, you can swim alongside the world-famous pigs or snorkel over thriving coral reefs. On Inagua, flamboyances of flamingos paint the sky pink. Adventurous spirits can bonefish in crystalline shallows, dive historic shipwrecks, kayak through quiet tidal creeks, or hike to the summit of Mt. Alvernia for sweeping Atlantic views.

Yet, the magic of The Bahamas isn't only found in its landscapes,



it's woven into its culture. Attend a lively fish fry where locals gather over cracked conch and Kalik beer. Time your visit with Junkanoo and witness a dazzling explosion of music, feathers, and dance. Explore museums, sip locally distilled rum, and indulge in traditional desserts like guava duff or coconut tart.

If you prefer something less active, visit a Bahamian brewery for some local rum, or browse through museums, bird watch, or celebrate at a native festival with a side of fluffy guava or coconut duff. There is endless scope for your imagination as few destinations can rival The Bahamas' diversity of wildlife and landscapes.

Days melt into each other as you cycle through the lush forests, and meander through banana groves. You may bask under open island skies on countless white sandy beaches or visit the invigorating Junkanoo Museum. The Bahamas' diverse geography promises awe-inspiring wonders at every turn.

Immerse yourself in the Bahamian culture and discover hidden gems that make these islands so unique. And, if the epitome of luxury is what you seek on your vacation, The Bahamas' diverse resorts promises awe-inspiring wonders at every turn at Atlantis, Baha Mar, Sandals Royal Bahamian, or Gray Cliff to name four all postcard-worthy landscapes with the backdrop of the renowned City of Nassau. The Bahamas has numerous high-end resorts and hotels throughout the islands,



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providing travellers with opulent accommodations and amenities. Island hopping reveals just how diverse this archipelago truly is. Some islands are raw and untamed, edged by dramatic cliffs and secluded coves; others hum with art galleries, cafés, and chic marinas. Whether you crave total seclusion or vibrant nightlife, eco-adventure or elevated luxury, each island feels like its own private world waiting to be discovered.

Sailing between cays, you'll glimpse sandbars that appear and vanish with the tides, sea turtles drifting beneath the surface, and reefs alive with flashes of parrotfish and angelfish. Charter a boat for the day or take a guided excursion to hidden beaches accessible only by water. Back on land, cycle quiet coastal roads, browse local galleries showcasing Bahamian artists, or simply stretch out beneath a swaying palm with nowhere else to be. Come for the warm, welcoming hospitality and stay for the unique opportunities available only in The Bahamas. ■

H.E. Chester Cooper
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Tourism, Investments and Aviation
The Bahamas



H.E. Chester Cooper is Deputy Prime Minister of The Bahamas and also holds the portfolio of Minister of Tourism, Investments and Aviation. He leads efforts to revitalise tourism, strengthen international partnerships, and attract foreign direct investment. He is focused on expanding airlift, enhancing visitor experience, and promoting sustainable development.

Latia Duncombe, Director General, The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Investments and Aviation



Latia Duncombe is the Director General of The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Investments & Aviation. In the fall of 2021, Ms. Duncombe started her tenure at the Ministry as Deputy Director General and has been steering its course with dynamic, results-driven leadership. She is the seventh Director General and the third woman chosen as the Technical Head.




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In the dynamic and demanding world of global aviation, Aeropuertos Argentina is setting new standards in balancing operational precision, passenger experience, infrastructure development, sustainability, and innovation while navigating economic and regulatory complexities.

Founded in 1998, Aeropuertos Argentina manages and operates 35 airport terminals within the country, making it the world's largest private airport operator. Today, the company has over 2,100 employees dedicated to ensuring service quality and meeting the highest international standards in safety and comfort, every day of the year. The organisation connects the country's vast geography, from the bustling capital of Buenos Aires to remote Patagonian gateways and strategic regional hubs. This extensive network demands not only operational consistency but also adaptability to local needs, climatic conditions, and passenger profiles.

The company has placed the passenger at the heart of its strategy. Terminal redesigns emphasise intuitive wayfinding, natural lighting, expanded retail and dining options, and improved accessibility for travellers with reduced mobility.

What distinguishes the company is its ability to implement standardised international best practices while preserving the unique identity and operational realities of each airport. Through centralised planning and local execution, it has achieved measurable improvements in punctuality, safety metrics, and passenger satisfaction scores across its network.

The company has invested heavily long-term infrastructure development. Over the past decade, it has executed one of the most ambitious airport modernisation programmes in Argentina's history. This includes terminal expansions, runway upgrades, new control towers, advanced baggage handling systems, and state-of-the-art passenger boarding bridges, which have significantly increased operational capacity and safety standards.

These upgrades were not merely cosmetic; they were strategic interventions designed to future-proof the national aviation system. The organisation has invested heavily in integrated operations control systems that enhance coordination between airside, landside, security, and commercial functions. Real-time data analytics and digital monitoring platforms allow for proactive decision-making, minimizing delays and improving turnaround times.

Aeropuertos Argentina has consistently aligned with international aviation safety standards, implementing rigorous training programmes for operational personnel and maintaining close collaboration with national aviation authorities. Its safety culture extends



beyond compliance; it fosters accountability, continuous improvement, and risk mitigation at every level of the organisation.

The company has placed the passenger at the heart of its strategy. Terminal redesigns emphasise intuitive wayfinding, natural lighting, expanded retail and dining options, and improved accessibility for travellers with reduced mobility. Digital transformation has also been a key driver of improved passenger flow. Self-service kiosks, automated check-in and boarding systems, enhanced Wi-Fi connectivity, and real-time flight information platforms have reduced friction throughout the travel journey. These initiatives not only increase efficiency but also elevate the perception of Argentina's airports as modern, welcoming gateways.

In an era where environmental accountability is essential, the organisation has integrated sustainability into its core management framework. Energy-efficient terminal designs, LED lighting retrofits, waste reduction programs, and water conservation systems are now standard across many of its airports. Several facilities have implemented renewable energy initiatives and carbon footprint monitoring programs, reinforcing the company's commitment to reducing environmental impact. Sustainable airport management is treated not as a peripheral objective but as a strategic imperative that aligns operational efficiency with long-term environmental stewardship. By modernising critical aviation infrastructure, the company has strengthened Argentina's tourism sector, facilitated trade, and enhanced regional connectivity. Airports are economic engines, and under its stewardship, they have become catalysts for local development and international integration.



Improved connectivity to and from Buenos Aires and other regional centres has attracted new airline routes, stimulated tourism flows, and supported business travel, which have contributed to economic growth nationwide.

The success of Aeropuertos Argentina lies in its integrated approach: infrastructure investment aligned with operational excellence, passenger experience supported by digital innovation, and sustainability embedded within strategic planning. Its ability to manage a diverse national network while achieving consistent service improvements reflects mature governance, disciplined execution, and a culture of continuous enhancement. ■

Daniel Ketchibachian,
Chief Executive Officer, Aeropuertos Argentina



Daniel Ketchibachian is an accomplished executive with extensive experience in the airport and travel retail sectors. He holds a degree in Business Administration from University of Buenos Aires and an MBA from University ORT Uruguay. He was General Manager of Ezeiza Airport. Previously, he worked in Brazil, where he served as Commercial Director and President of Consorcio Inframerica, overseeing the management of airports in Brasilia and Natal. Prior to his arrival in Brazil, he was CCO for commercial operations at the airports in Argentina, Uruguay, Ecuador, and Armenia. Previously, he held the position of Commercial Director at the Airport of Armenia and was CEO of Duty Paid Argentina, the retail operator at the country's main airports.


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Unforgettable Goa

Where culture, conservation, and community meet

When most people think of Goa, they imagine golden beaches and crimson sunsets. Yet beyond the coastline lies a quieter, greener, and more intimate experience, one defined by forested hills, secret coves, heritage villages, sustainable living, and, above all, its remarkably warm and welcoming people.

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While popular stretches like Baga Beach and Colva Beach always draw crowds, those seeking solitude often head south to Galgibaga Beach. Protected as a nesting site for Olive Ridley turtles, this beach remains blissfully undeveloped. The sands are clean, the waters clear, and watching the sunrise here is an unforgettable experience.



Traveling during the monsoon offers lush landscapes, fewer crowds, and a chance to see Goa at its most vibrant and green. Cycling through shaded village roads and spending time in conversation with local families fosters a deeper, more meaningful connection to place.

Beach cleanups, turtle conservation efforts, and mangrove protection programmes along the Sal River reflect a community-driven push toward sustainability.

In the north, Butterfly Beach rewards those seeking adventure, and visitors can go on treks take a boat ride. Surrounded by thick forest, it's not unusual to see dolphins arc through the sea at dawn. Further inland, the Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary shelters rare birds, giant squirrels, and leopards. It is also home to Budbudyanchi Tali, a lake where air rises in steady streams to the surface, a unique natural phenomenon wrapped in local legend. The Dudhsagar Falls in the Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife Sanctuary, are majestic in the monsoon, when the water thunders down in white torrents. The rains transform the landscape into a lush green tapestry of moss, vines, and flowing streams. Traveling during the monsoon offers lush landscapes, fewer crowds, and a chance to see Goa at its most vibrant and green. Cycling through shaded village roads, birdwatching at dawn, or simply spending time in conversation with local families fosters a deeper, more meaningful connection to place.

Goa's rivers and backwaters provide yet another perspective. Kayaking along quiet estuaries reveals mangroves alive with crabs and kingfishers. In villages like Aldona, mornings unfold slowly with mist hanging over paddy fields, fishermen casting nets, and life moving at an unhurried pace.

Beyond the beaches, Goa's villages preserve centuries of architectural and cultural heritage. Chandor, once an ancient capital, is home to grand Portuguese-era mansions filled with antique furniture and chandeliers. Walking its quiet lanes feels like stepping into a different era. In North Goa, Saligao charms visitors with its striking Gothic





church, Igreja Mae de Deus, glowing softly at night. Assagao has become a creative retreat, with its art studios, yoga spaces, and intimate cafés shaded by banyan trees.

Fontainhas, the Latin Quarter of Panaji, is a riot of colour with its pastel homes, narrow lanes, and tiled balconies. Nearby, the impressive Basilica of Bom Jesus reflects Goa's layered colonial history, while temples like Shri Shantadurga Temple highlight its enduring Hindu traditions.

Together, they represent a harmonious coexistence that defines Goan culture.

Ask any foodie and they will tell you that Goa is synonymous with delicious food. Fresh catch like pomfret, mackerel, prawns, and crab pair with coconut, kokum, and rice for a savoury treat. Markets in Mapusa overflow with red chilies, local spices, cashews, and handmade pickles. Feni, distilled from cashew apples or coconut sap, is shared generously during festivals and family gatherings. Many small restaurants and homestays now embrace farm-to-table practices, sourcing produce locally and encouraging sustainable fishing. Travelers can join cooking workshops, learning to grind masalas by hand and prepare traditional dishes passed down through generations.

Goa's greatest treasure is its people. Goans are known for their friendliness, easy smiles, and relaxed outlook on life. Music spills into the streets, food is shared generously, and visitors are invited to join in the joy.

To truly experience Goa is to slow down. Wake early to watch the sun rise over an empty beach. Walk through forest trails after monsoon rain. Spend an afternoon in a village café listening to stories from locals. And wherever you go, you're likely to hear a cheerful local greeting that captures the state's sunny spirit: "Welcome to Goa, mhaka tumkam boro dis dium! (May you have a wonderful day in Goa)". ■

Rohan Ashok Khaunte,
Minister for Tourism, IT, Environment & Climate, and Printing and Stationery Goa



Rohan Ashok Khaunte, is the Minister for Tourism, IT, Environment & Climate, and Printing and Stationery in the Government of Goa. He is the son of the late Ashok Khaunte and Mrs. Sunanda Khaunte and holds a degree in Electronics Engineering from Goa University. During his college years, Rohan was actively involved in extracurricular activities, representing Goa in cricket and basketball at the national level and competing in table tennis at the university level. Following in his father's footsteps, he became engaged in the family business, which employs hundreds of Goans, and was honoured with the Young Entrepreneur Award by the late Governor of Goa, Shri Kidar Nath Sahani, in 2003.

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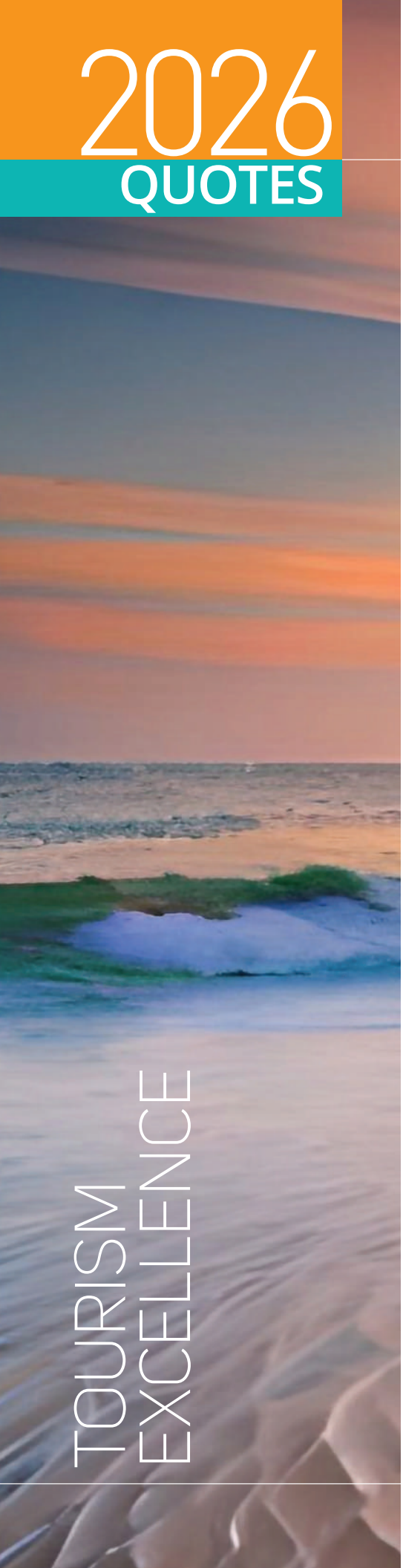
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H.E. Lusine Gevorgyan,
Chairman of the Tourism Committee
of the Ministry of Economy, Republic of Armenia



"This recognition affirms Goa's journey beyond conventional tourism, spotlighting our regenerative approach and the collective commitment of our communities and stakeholders."

H.E. Rohan Khaunte,
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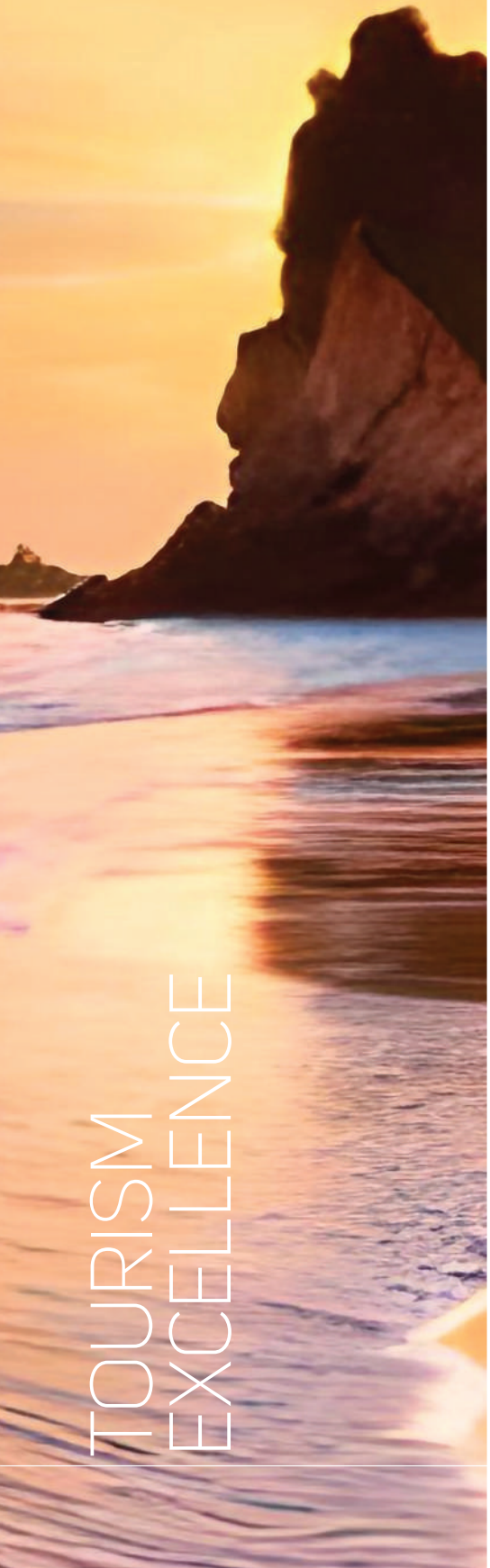
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H.E. Gustavo Costa Feliciano,
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H.E. Adrian Thomas, Minister for Tourism, Creative Economy, and Culture, Grenada



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H.E. Mateo Julián Estrella Durán, Vice Minister of Tourism, Republic of Ecuador

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"Bhutan is proud to be recognised for offering meaningful, transformative experiences rooted in nature and culture, inspiring visitors to connect deeply, travel responsibly, guided by our 'High value, Low volume' tourism vision."

Mr. Damcho Rinzin, Director, Department of Tourism, The National Tourism Office of Bhutan



"We're proud to receive this award in recognition of our vibrant beaches, rivalled only by the vibrancy of our culture and our people. Together, they are what make Nassau & Paradise Island truly extraordinary."

Ms. Joy Jibrilu, Chief Executive Officer, Nassau & Paradise Island Promotion Board



"Culture, sustainable growth and innovation are vehicles for shaping the future of tourism. Global tourism and hospitality products are better today that PATWA plays a crucial role in convening leadership, shaping dialogue, and recognizing excellence across destinations and markets."

Ms. Latia Duncombe, Director General, The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, Investments and Aviation

HOSPITALITY



"We are deeply honoured by the PATWA International Travel Award, a reflection of purposeful leadership, collective excellence, and our enduring commitment to positioning Jamaica boldly on the global MICE stage."

Ms. Mureen James, Executive Director, Montego Bay Convention Centre



"Winning the PATWA International Travel Award honours Spice Island Beach Resort's commitment to authentic Caribbean luxury, exceptional service, and our team's passion. We are deeply proud to be recognised on the world stage."

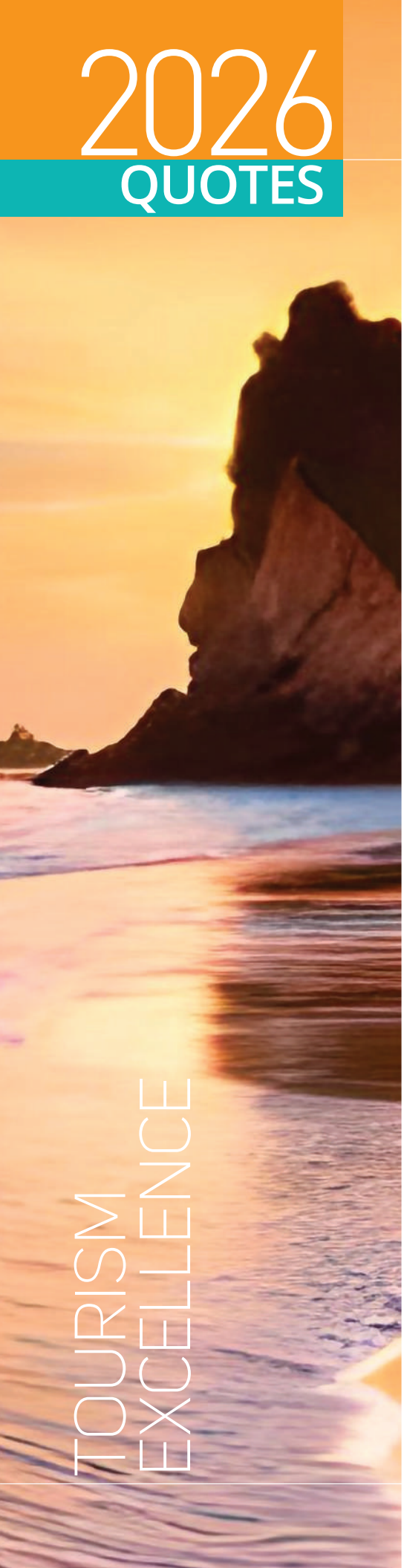
Mr. Sheldon Keens-Douglas, Resort Manager, Spice Island Beach Resort



"We are truly honoured to receive the PATWA International Travel Award for Best Boutique Hotel – Authentic Caribbean Experiences. This recognition celebrates our team, our culture, and our commitment to heartfelt Jamaican hospitality."

Mr. Christopher Issa, Chief Executive Officer, S Hotels Jamaica

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"Honoured to receive the 'Best Hotels & Resorts – Service Excellence' award from PATWA. At IHCL, service excellence is at the core of everything we do and reflects the legacy of Indian hospitality we proudly represent across the world. This recognition reaffirms our focus on quality, innovation, and putting the guest first across our portfolio. Grateful to PATWA for this recognition and to our colleagues whose commitment consistently earns the trust of our guests globally."

Mr. Puneet Chhatwal,
Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, IHCL



"Being recognised among the Best Hotels in South India reaffirms our unwavering commitment to innovation, sustainability, and delivering exceptional guest experiences. This honour inspires us to continue redefining hospitality and setting new benchmarks for excellence."

Mr. Vikram Cotah, Chief Executive Officer,
GRT Hotels



"Receiving the PATWA International Travel Award 2026 is an honour for Kairali. It celebrates Kerala's healing heritage and our team's dedication to welcoming guests into authentic Ayurveda, care, and transformation."

Mr. Abhilash K. Ramesh, Executive Director,
Kairali Ayurvedic Group

AVIATION



"We are proud to be recognised by the Pacific Area Travel Writers Association for strengthening Caribbean connectivity. This award belongs to our team, partners, and customers who believe regional travel should be reliable, accessible, and people-first."

Mr. Trevor Sadler, Chief Executive Officer,
interCaribbean Airways



"Winning the PATWA International Travel Award honours Sunrise Airways's One Caribbean vision: connecting islands and people while advancing responsible tourism that respects communities, cultures, and the environment across our shared region."

Mr. Philippe Bayard, President and Founder,
Sunrise Airways

2026 QUOTES

TOURISM EXCELLENCE



"Winning Best Airline for Service Excellence in Asia validates our belief that warm, authentic Thai hospitality can distinguish an airline globally. With our A350 fleet connecting Bangkok to twelve European destinations—and Amsterdam returning after 28 years—we are ensuring that more travellers than ever experience the service culture that defines Thai Airways."

Mr. Chai Eamsiri, Chief Executive Officer, Thai Airways International



"This year, Suvarnabhumi Airport, the country's largest gateway, has been honoured with the Best Airport – Asia award. This recognition strongly encourages our teams to continue elevating service standards, delivering world-class hospitality, and advancing Thailand's position as a leading regional aviation hub."

Ms. Paweena Jariyathitipong, President of Airports of Thailand PLC



"This award is a proud moment for Fiji Airports, showcasing the Bula experience at Nadi International Airport and reaffirming our vision to be a world-class aviation hub for the Blue Pacific."

Mr. Mesake Nawari, Chief Executive Officer, Fiji Airports



"PATWA's recognition further reinforces the trust placed in us by travellers and partners across India. It is a strong affirmation of the work our teams do every day across airports, where we remain committed to delivering an experience that is calm, respectful, and reliable. We are driven by a clear vision- to be the world's most admired hospitality organisation that creates value for its stakeholders. At Encalm, we are in the business of creating delightful experiences every time."

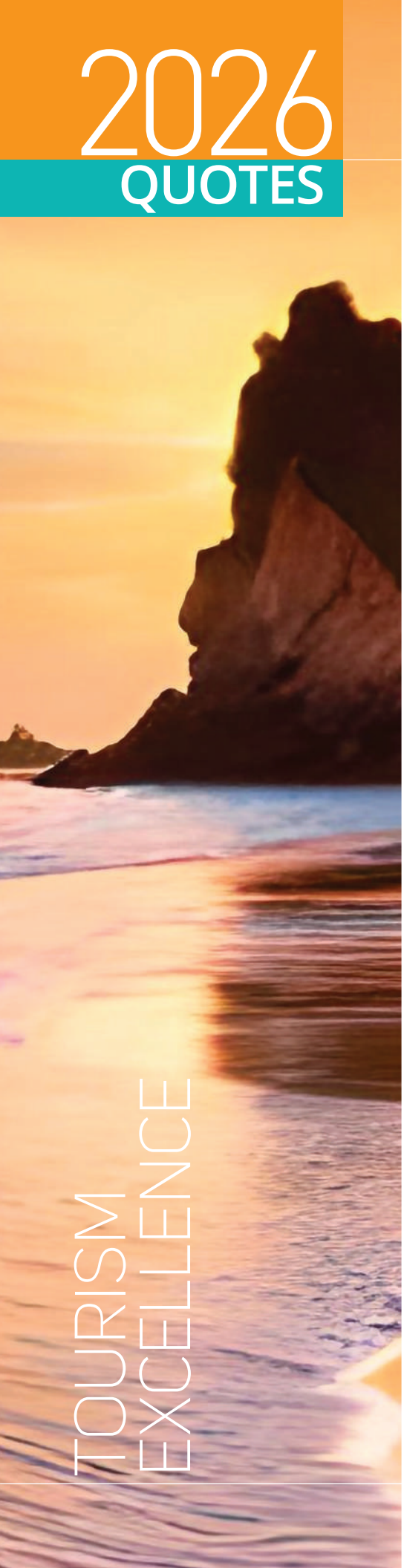
Mr. Vikas Sharma, Group Chief Executive Officer, Encalm Hospitality Pvt. Ltd.



"This award validates the 27-year commitment and purpose of Aeropuertos Argentina towards passengers, the country and the industry. In recent years, we have grown in traffic, infrastructure and connectivity, achieving quality standards recognised at an international level. We work daily to connect people, cargo and culture all around the world."

Mr. Daniel Ketchibachian, Chief Executive Officer, Aeropuertos Argentina

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ORGANISATIONAL EXCELLENCE



"We are very honoured and humbled to receive the PATWA Gold for the Best Tourism Organisation in Asia, days after we celebrated our milestone 60th anniversary. It is a befitting acknowledgement of both our lived legacy of excellence as well as the various initiatives we have taken to remain relevant and future ready, leveraging tech, data and marketing."

Ms. Mugdha Sinha, IAS -Managing Director, India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC)

TRAVEL SERVICES



"We are honoured to be recognised with two prestigious accolades from PATWA — the Company of the Year – Travel Services (Subcontinent) and the PATWA Gold Award – Excellence in Tourism (Subcontinent). These recognitions are a testament to the unwavering dedication of our team, the invaluable support of our partners across India, and the continued trust of our global clientele. At Sita, we continue to support PATWA's dedication to advancing travel writing that promotes growth of tourism worldwide."

Mr. Dipak Deva, Managing Director & CEO, SITA



"We're honoured by PATWA's recognition. This award strengthens our belief that tourism thrives on diversity that lives within empowered local communities, driving regeneration, sustainability, and shared prosperity through innovation and collaboration."

Mr. Michele Zavoli, Chief Executive Officer, Travelware



"This recognition affirms our belief that transformative communication can shape a more connected, inclusive tourism future. We remain committed to bold ideas that elevate communities and inspire progress worldwide."

Mr. Peter Finn, CEO, Founding Managing Partner
Mr. Noah Finn, Founding Managing Partner, FINN Partners



"We are honoured that The WICO Dock has been recognised by PATWA as the Best Port for Cruise Liners in the Caribbean. This award reflects our commitment to operational excellence, partnership, and delivering a world-class cruise experience in St. Thomas and St. John.

Mr. Joseph B. Boschulte, President & CEO, The West Indian Company Limited (WICO)



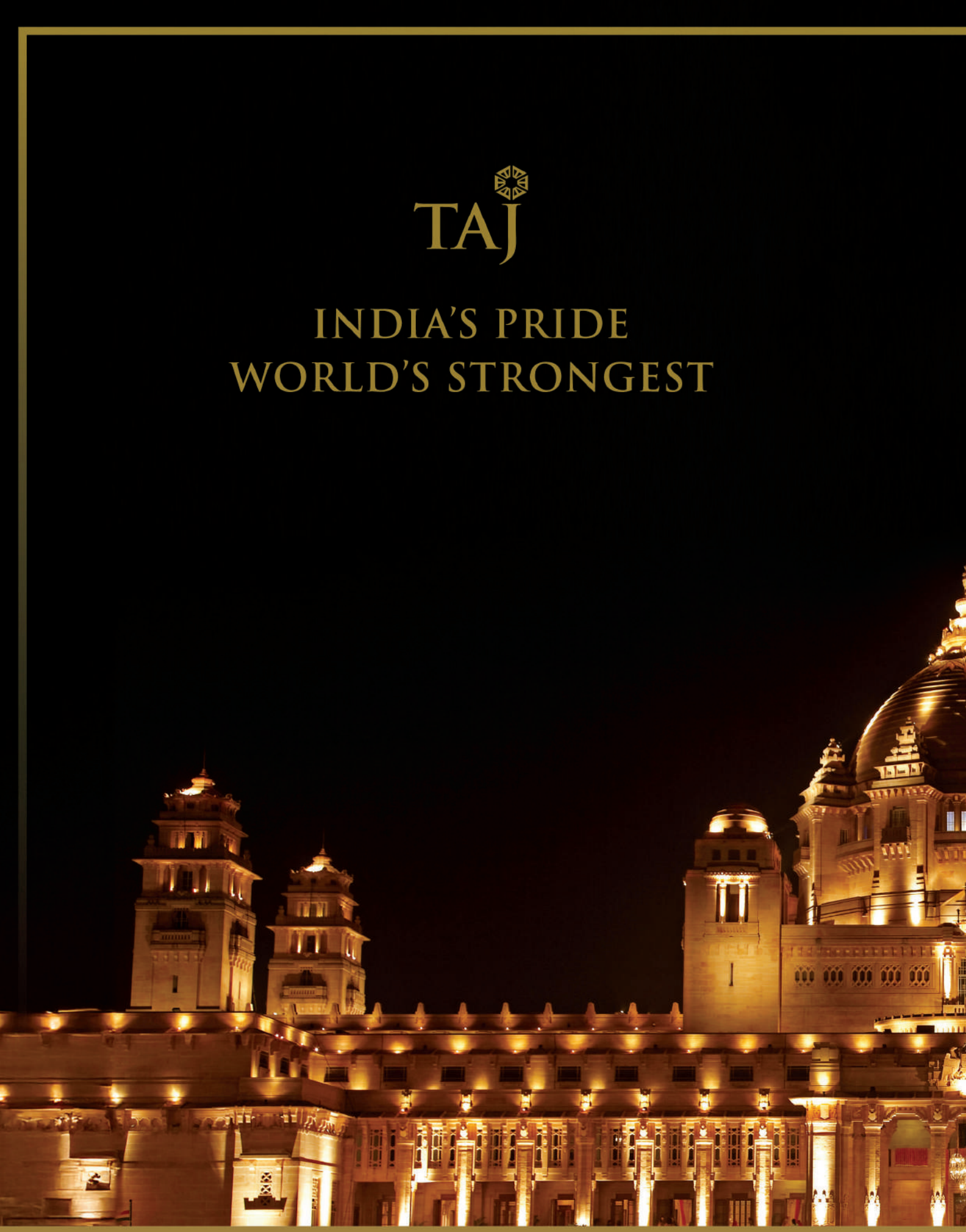
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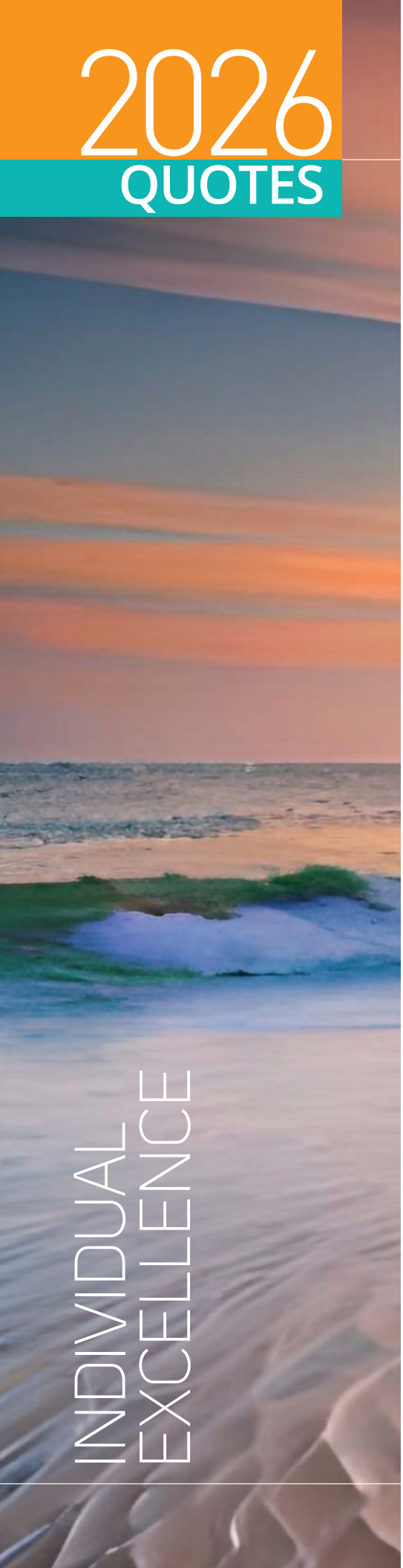
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TOURISM



"These recognitions stand as a testament to the unwavering dedication of our team, the invaluable support of our partners across India, and the continued trust of our global clientele."

Mr. Dipak Deva,
Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, SITA



"This award affirms our commitment to authentic storytelling through sharing the people, culture, and places that make Nassau & Paradise Island unique, ensuring the world experiences who we truly are while promoting our destination."

Ms. Joy Jibrilu, Chief Executive Officer,
Nassau & Paradise Island Promotion Board



"Winning the PATWA Gold Award for Excellence in Destination Development is a testament to Grenada's commitment to sustainable tourism and innovation. I'm honoured to share this recognition with our dedicated team and partners."

Ms. Stacey Liburd, Chief Executive Officer,
Grenada Tourism Authority



"We are deeply honoured to receive this award for Bhutan. It reaffirms our unwavering commitment to regenerative tourism advancing ecological stewardship and empowering communities while safeguarding our natural and cultural heritage for generations to come."

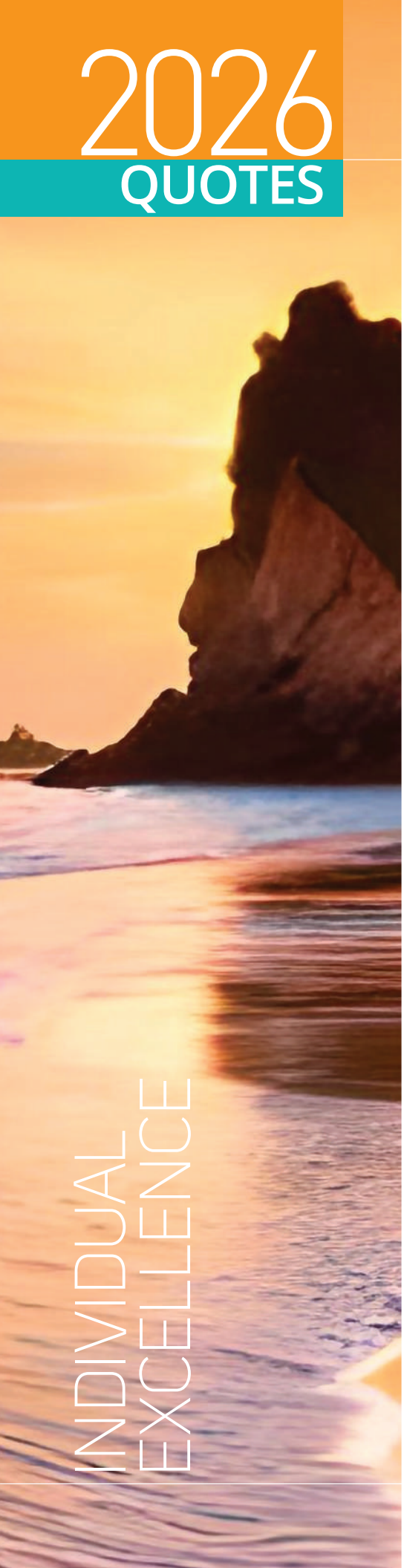
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Ms. Alessandra Priante, President,
ENIT SpA

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Mr. Alain St. Ange,
Former Minister for Tourism & Culture, Seychelles



"I am most grateful and privileged to join the ranks of those distinguished recipients of the International Travel Lifetime Excellence Achievement Gold Award from the Pacific Area Travel Writers Association. This award is yet another recognition of The Bahamas' achievement of excellence as a world-class tourism destination and the privilege afforded me to participate on behalf of our country in the great enterprise in the development and promotion of tourism both within our region as well as internationally."

Sir Baltron Bethel, The Bahamas

HOSPITALITY



"I am truly honoured to receive the PATWA Gold Award for Excellence in MICE Hospitality, reflecting the values that guide my leadership—service, integrity, and belief in Jamaica's global leadership potential."

Ms. Mureen James, Executive Director,
Montego Bay Convention Centre



"My belief in the genuine warmth of our Jamaican hospitality team to offer a world-class vacation experience has made this award possible."

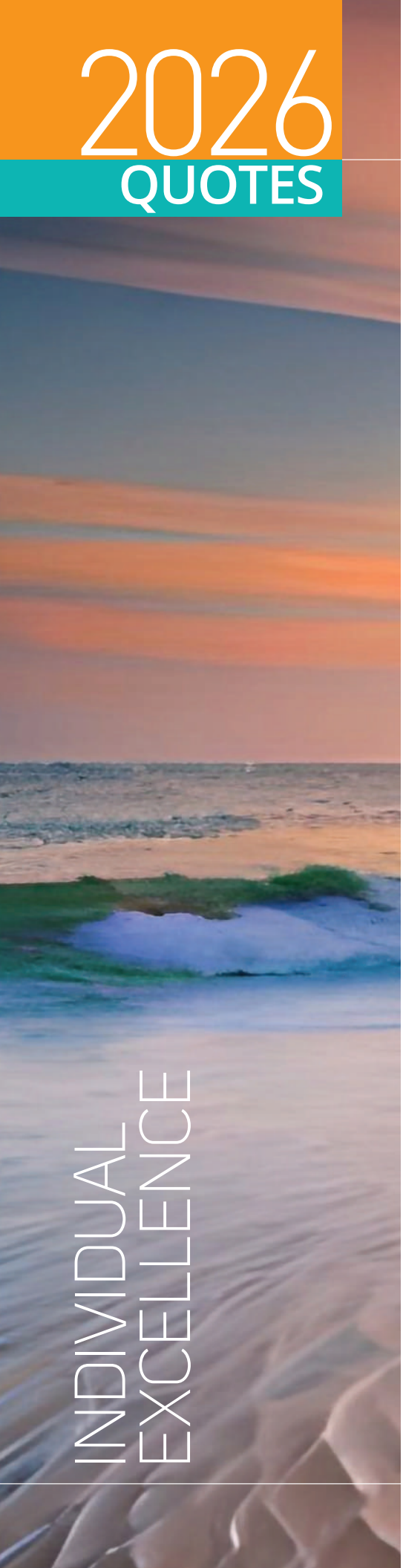
Mr. Christopher Issa, Chief Executive Officer
S Hotels Jamaica



"I am deeply humbled to receive the PATWA Woman of the Year Award. This celebrates Caribbean leadership, inspires future women in tourism, and reflects unwavering commitment to hospitality excellence and purposeful industry leadership."

Ms. Janelle M. Hopkin, President & Managing Director,
Spice Island Beach Resort

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INDIVIDUAL EXCELLENCE



"The PATWA Gold Award for Hospitality Innovation is a proud acknowledgement of the progressive thinking and high standards that define GRT Hotels. This personal recognition motivates us to keep advancing transformative ideas, responsible growth, and the evolution of hospitality in India."

Mr. Vikram Cotah, Chief Executive Officer, GRT Hotels



"Honoured to receive the PATWA Award, a testament to IHCL's teams' dedication in setting operational benchmarks, driving profitability, and creating exceptional guest experiences—while celebrating India's hospitality legacy with innovation and excellence."

Mr. Satyajeet Krishnan, Senior Vice President – Operations, South, IHCL



"I am truly honoured to receive this award from PATWA. Hospitality begins with people and this recognition is a tribute to the passion, resilience, and service ethos of our teams across IHCL. As we move forward, our focus remains on creating an environment where individuals are inspired to excel, supported to grow, and encouraged to create meaningful impact—shaping not just strong careers, but the future of hospitality."

Mr. Gaurav Pokhariyal, Executive Vice President, Human Resources, IHCL



"This PATWA International Travel Award 2026 belongs to our Ayurvedic doctors, therapists, and team who serve with heart. We are honoured to represent Kairali and share Ayurveda's timeless healing with travellers globally."

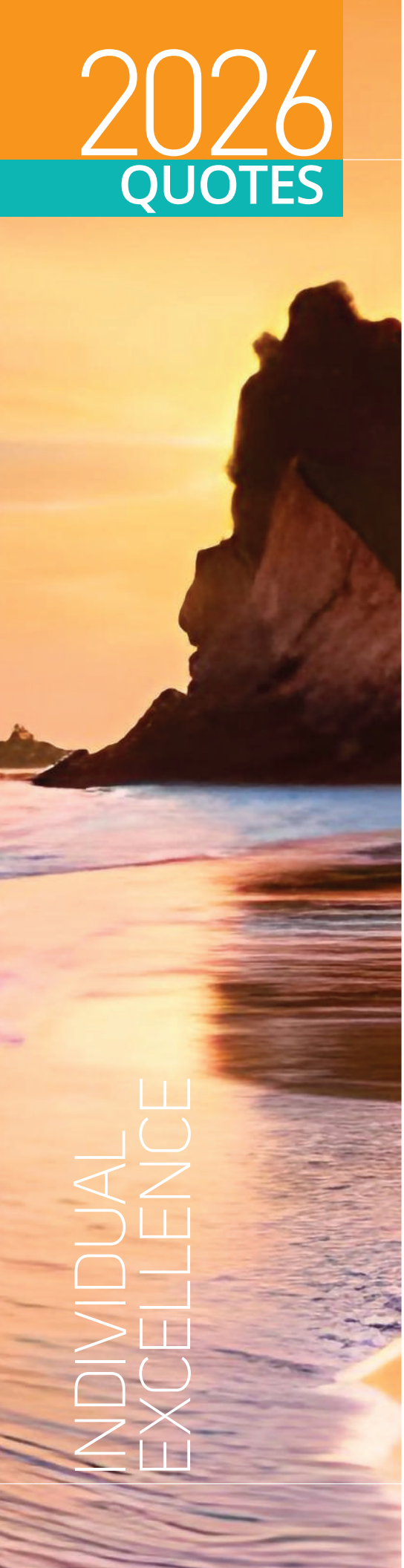
Mr. Abhilash K. Ramesh, Executive Director, Kairali Ayurvedic Group



"I am deeply honoured to receive the PATWA Gold Award for Excellence in Innovation – Commercial – Hospitality. At IHCL, innovation is not merely about technology or new platforms; it is about reimagining how we engage with our customers, how we unlock value across markets, and how we build sustainable growth. This recognition belongs to our commercial teams whose agility, insight-led strategies, and relentless focus on excellence continue to redefine hospitality leadership in India and beyond."

Mr. Parveen Chander, Executive Vice President, Sales & Marketing & EVP, Commercial, IHCL

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INDIVIDUAL EXCELLENCE



"It is a privilege to be recognized by PATWA with the Gold Award for Excellence in Leadership – Hospitality (South Asia). This honour reflects Hilton's dedication to delivering exceptional lifestyle experiences across South Asia. I am grateful to my colleagues whose passion and commitment make such achievements possible."

Mr. Zubin Saxena, SVP, Region Head South Asia, Hilton

AVIATION



"Thank you to the Pacific Area Travel Writers Association for this recognition. We've been connecting Caribbean communities for 34 years – this award belongs to the team that makes those operations happen every day."

Mr. Trevor Sadler, Chief Executive Officer, interCaribbean Airways



"I am deeply honoured, yet this achievement belongs to the entire Thai Airways family – the people who turned our airline's rehabilitation into a renaissance. Together, we have restored trust, expanded our network to twelve European cities, including the return to Amsterdam, and proven that an airline built on heartware can compete with the very best in Asia."

Mr. Chai Eamsiri, Chief Executive Officer, Thai Airways International



"I am deeply honoured to receive the PATWA Excellence in Leadership – Airports (Asia) award as the main airport operator of six international airports in Thailand: Suvarnabhumi Airport, Don Mueang International Airport, Chiang Mai International Airport, Mae Fah Luang – Chiang Rai International Airport, Phuket International Airport, and Hat Yai International Airport."

Ms. Paweena Jariyathitipong, President of Airports of Thailand PLC



"It is a personal honour to receive this recognition. Leading an airport network in full expansion, with record-breaking figures and connectivity to five continents, is the result of an entire team's commitment."

Mr. Daniel Ketchibachian, Chief Executive Officer, Aeropuertos Argentina

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INDIVIDUAL EXCELLENCE

TRAVEL SERVICES



"I am deeply honoured to receive this recognition from PATWA. This award reflects the collective passion and dedication of the entire Encalm team, who pursue excellence every day.
Our commitment remains unwavering - to create lasting value for our stakeholders, to raise the benchmark for hospitality, and to build an institution that sets global standards while remaining proudly rooted in India."

Mr. Vikas Sharma, Group Chief Executive Officer, Encalm Hospitality Pvt. Ltd.



"We believe the future of travel lies in celebrating diverse cultures and empowering communities. Recognitions like this one motivate us to continue storytelling that uplifts voices and creates lasting impact."

Ms. Debbie Flynn, Managing Partner, Global Travel Practice Leader, FINN Partners



"After many years working on sustainable tourism development, this award is a powerful motivation to continue on my path to make tourism a systematic driver of regeneration for territories and concrete support for local communities, until this becomes a new standard for the industry. Empowering communities through technological innovation is essential to create a virtuous cycle capable of protecting the cultural and natural diversity of our planet, the very spark that inspires people to travel. With Travelware, we are committed to building human-centric technologies to redesign tourism and make it natively regenerative."

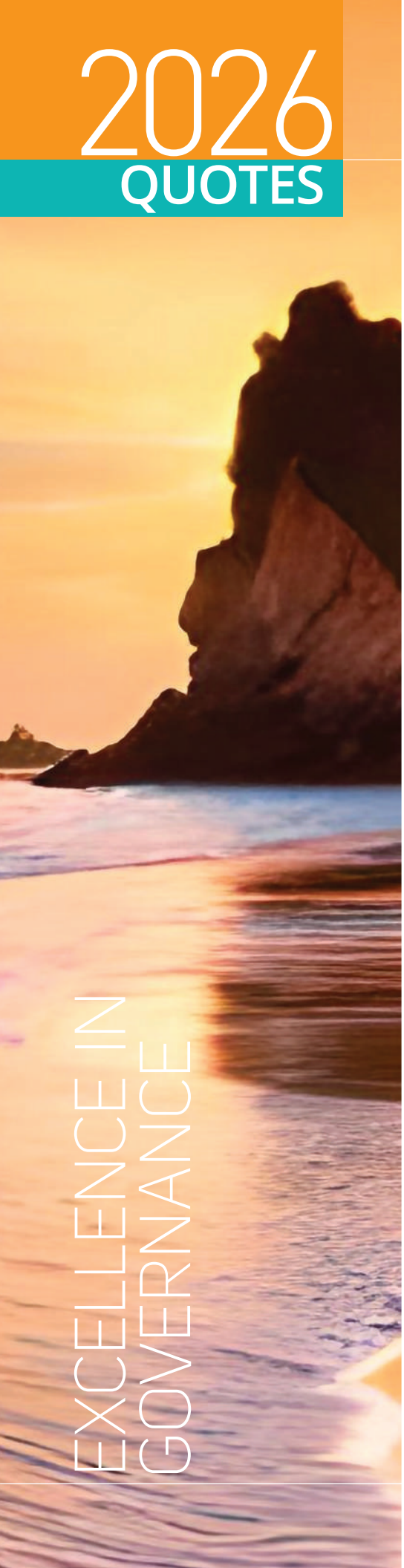
Mr. Michele Zavoli, Chief Executive Officer, Travelware



"I am truly honoured to receive this recognition from PATWA and to be recognised among so many respected leaders in the global tourism and maritime community. This award reflects the dedication and hard work of the entire WICO team, whose commitment, along with the support of our partners, continues to strengthen our position as a premier cruise destination in the Caribbean."

Mr. Joseph Boschulte, President & Chief Executive Officer, The West Indian Company Limited (WICO)

2026 QUOTES



EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNANCE



"I thank PATWA for this award, which affirms our dedication to responsible leadership, cooperation, and effective tourism governance. I am grateful to all partners contributing to our shared success."

H.E. Lusine Gevorgyan, Chairman of the Tourism Committee of the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Armenia



"This honour puts the emphasis on transparent governance, innovation-driven policy, and building a tourism model that is sustainable, inclusive, and future-ready."

H.E. Rohan Khaunte, Minister for Tourism, IT, E & C, Printing & Stationery, Goa



"I humbly accept this honor on behalf of the people of Fiji, where happiness comes naturally. Our warmth inspires tourism as we protect our heritage, welcome the world, and build a sustainable future together."

H.E. Viliame Gavoka, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation, Republic of Fiji



"I'm honoured to receive Tourism Minister of the Year – Inclusive Growth. It validates a clear public policy: tourism must reduce inequality and expand opportunity. In Ecuador, we are opening markets for small businesses and community enterprises, supporting families, women and youth entrepreneurship, and taking investment and training to the territories—so growth is shared, measurable, and sustainable."

H.E. Mateo Julián Estrella Durán, Vice Minister of Tourism, Republic of Ecuador



"Receiving the Tourism Minister of the Year award for Sustainable Development is a proud moment. It reflects our dedication to fostering sustainable growth and preserving Grenada's natural beauty for future generations."

H.E. Adrian Thomas, Minister for Tourism, Creative Economy, and Culture, Grenada

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"As the global tourism industry continues to evolve, The Bahamas' selection as a partner country reflects its growing profile as a destination committed to thoughtful tourism development, sustainability and global engagement. PATWA's founding philosophy supports sustainable development across tourism value chains, crossing international borders and establishing standards of excellence."

H.E. Chester Cooper,
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Tourism, Investments and Aviation, The Bahamas



"I am deeply honoured by PATWA's recognition. Jamaica has demonstrated that sustainable tourism leadership means preparing before crises strike, empowering women and youth, and preserving our cultural heritage. Through initiatives like Jamaica First and the Global Tourism Resilience Centre, we're proving that Small Island Developing States can lead global conversations on tourism transformation."

H.E. Edmund Bartlett, C.D., M.P.,
Minister of Tourism, Jamaica



"It is a great honour. This award recognises the collective efforts made to strengthen and modernise Mauritius' tourism sector. Tourism is a pillar of our economy, and this distinction belongs to all stakeholders — government, private operators, industry professionals and local communities — whose collective commitment, innovation and collaboration have driven our progress. The Government has consistently embraced a consultative and participatory approach, grounded in dialogue and partnership. It is this collaborative spirit that is being recognised today at the international level. Above all, it reinforces international confidence in Mauritius as a resilient, high-quality and forward-looking destination."

H.E. Christian Harold Richard Duval,
Minister of Tourism, Republic of Mauritius

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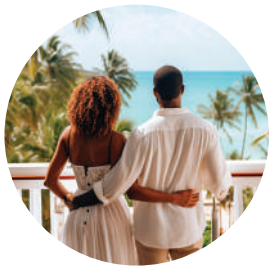
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INDIVIDUAL EXCELLENCE



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PATWA GOLD AWARD
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FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRASIL



TOURISM MINISTER OF THE YEAR – HIMALAYAN REGION

H.E. BADRI PRASAD PANDEY

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WOMAN TOURISM MINISTER OF THE YEAR – CARIBBEAN

H.E. MARSHA T. HENDERSON

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WOMAN TOURISM MINISTER OF THE YEAR – INDIA

H.E. DIYA KUMARI

RAJASTHAN



TOURISM MINISTER OF THE YEAR – INDIA

H.E. ROHAN KHAUNTE

GOA



TOURISM MINISTER OF THE YEAR – INNOVATION

H.E. EDMUND BARTLETT

JAMAICA



TOURISM MINISTER OF THE YEAR – ECOLOGICAL TOURISM

H.E. ONEIDGE WALROND

CO-OPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA



TOURISM MINISTER OF THE YEAR – SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

H.E. CARLOS JAMES

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