

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Air Mauritius receives the Award of Best Airline from Virgin Holidays

Air Mauritius received the Gold Award in the Best Airline category from Virgin Holidays, one of the leading UK tour operators at a ceremony held ahead of the World Travel Market on Sunday 07<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

The Awards are an annual Virgin Holidays event where the tour operator rewards its most valued suppliers worldwide for their support and commitment. Runners-up this year are Continental Airlines (Silver) and Delta (Bronze).

Donald E Payen, Executive Vice President, Commercial and Communications speaking on behalf of the Management stated, "We are delighted to receive this Award from one of our major partners in the UK. The British market has faced many challenges over the past two years leading to one of the airline operators exiting the route. In line with our role as national airline, we immediately stepped in and added the required capacity to bridge the gap and allow the market to continue to grow. We have in fact carried 30% more passengers this year from the UK and resumed leadership position in the market. This has been yet another team effort and we would therefore wish to dedicate this Award to all our colleagues working in the frontline and also those working behind the scene to ensure we make each trip a voyage of discovery."



The banner features a background image of an airport terminal with flight information screens. On the left, it reads "HEATHROW AIRPORT" and "FLIGHTS MOVE TO TERMINAL 4". In the center, it says "DATE" and "24 NOV 10". On the right, the Air Mauritius logo is displayed above the text "Up to 6 weekly non-stop flights Mauritius - London Heathrow".

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*Air Mauritius is the national carrier of the Republic of Mauritius. 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-five destinations in Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa and the Indian Ocean*