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***EXECUTIVE TRAVEL* MAGAZINE ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF  
2009 LEADING EDGE AWARDS READERS' SURVEY**

**Delta Air Lines Named Best Domestic Airline; Southwest Airlines Is Top Low-Cost Carrier; Denver Rated #1 Airport In America**

NEW YORK, NY (June 3, 2009) – Delta and Singapore Airlines are Best Domestic and Best International Airline respectively, as selected by the readers of *Executive Travel* magazine. Winners were chosen in the seventh annual\* **Leading Edge Awards** readers' survey, recognizing travel related companies for their first-rate customer service, products and innovations. The winners, selected in 42 travel categories, are featured in the July/August issue of *Executive Travel* and online at [www.ExecutiveTravelMagazine.com](http://www.ExecutiveTravelMagazine.com).

A new category to this year's awards are five "Editor's Picks": The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, Asiana Airlines, Kimpton Hotels, Midwest Airlines, and Seattle-Tacoma Airport. Chosen by *Executive Travel* magazine editors, these companies are recognized for being ahead of the pack from maintaining and attracting business travelers in a difficult economic climate to commitment to the environment and service.

"The Leading Edge Awards honor companies that exceed our readers' expectations in the areas of innovation and service --a commendable feat given the daunting challenges faced by the industry this year," says Janet M. Libert, editor in chief of *Executive Travel* magazine. "The results reflect the stellar customer experience that frequent global travelers rely on when they are away from home."

**Executive Travel 2009 Leading Edge Awards Winners Highlights:**

Best Domestic Airline: **Delta Air Lines**

Best International Airline: **Singapore Airlines**

Best Domestic Airline for Business-Class Service: **United Airlines**

Best Frequent Flyer Program - Europe: **British Airways**

Best Airline Customer Service - Domestic: **Southwest Airlines**

Best Airline for Flights to Central and South America: **American Airlines**

Best Domestic Airport: **Denver**

Best International Airport: **Amsterdam**

Best Hotel Chain: **Marriott**

Best Hotel Frequent Guest Program: **Starwood Preferred Guest**

Best Hotel for Meetings: **Hilton**

Best Carry-On Case: **Travelpro**

Best Credit Card Rewards Program: **American Express Membership Rewards**

Best Car Rental Company: **Hertz**

Best Private Jet Service: **Delta Air Elite**

The **Leading Edge Awards** are unique because winners are selected by business executives who travel very frequently, averaging more than 38 airline trips and over 100 nights in a hotel annually.

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](http://LeadingEdgeAward.com) or [ExecutiveTravelMagazine.com](http://ExecutiveTravelMagazine.com), and had to be completed by May 1, 2009 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.

**Executive Travel**

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