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PROPELLER AIRPORTS RECEIVES COVETED ‘TRAVEL TOP 50’ RECOGNITION FROM MONOCLE AS BEST REGIONAL AIRPORT

SEATTLE (May 23, 2019) — Propeller Airports is pleased to announce its recognition in Monocle’s annual Travel Top 50 Awards, which this month named Paine Field’s Passenger Terminal the World’s Best Regional Airport. Paine Field is recognized alongside leading global travel brands like Cathay Pacific, Park Hyatt, Lufthansa, and boutique travel experiences from every corner of the World.

Paine Field is entering its third month of service and represents a new concept for American air travel: it was privately financed, designed and built, and operates under a public-private partnership between Propeller and Snohomish County, Washington. This type of partnership model has seen tremendous success for airports abroad, and Paine Field is demonstrating that the model can be successfully replicated here in the United States.

“With Paine Field, we’ve proven that privately financed airports can yield revenue for governments, save valuable taxpayer dollars and provide meaningful economic impact while delivering a high quality and enjoyable experience to travelers,” said Brett Smith, CEO of Propeller Airports. “We’re proud to offer an unparalleled airport experience for Seattle-area residents and to provide a level of service and comfort that is winning over passengers and leading travel and design influencers like Monocle.”

The innovative model and size of Paine Field allows for a higher quality of comfort and service than the business-as-usual approach at larger airports. Paine Field focuses on the customer experience with unique amenities and services – like full time concierge services and valet parking – and a more relaxing experience for passengers through higher quality finishes and detailing, spacious and comfortable lounge areas, highspeed internet, accessible power outlets at every seat and intuitive wayfinding.

Over one hundred and fifty thousand passengers have passed through Paine Field since Alaska and United Airlines began commercial service from the terminal in March, with 24 daily flights to nine destinations.

To View Monocle’s Complete Travel Top 50 List Please Scroll Down

About Propeller Airports

Based in Everett, WA, Propeller identifies untapped potential for commercial air travel by working with local communities and government to maximize airport assets. Propeller Airports is focused on opportunities to invest, develop and manage both general aviation and commercial service airports throughout the U.S. For more information please visit: www.flypainefield.com.
About MONOCLE
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We’d like to announce the winners of our annual Travel Top 50 Awards. In part, our rundown is a celebration of travel and hospitality but our recommendations are also supposed to start a debate: one that we’ll continue in print, on Monocle 24 and at a dedicated event in June.

Since launch, MONOCLE has taken a singular view on travel that celebrates service and quality. We’re not impressed by a lick of paint or a glossy rendering and we’d rather see an age-old hotel revived rather than bulldozed. This is reflected in our winners. Our 50 favourite travel experiences of the year shine a spotlight on the opportunities, benchmarks and must-sees from planes, to places to new faces.

We have a few guarantees too. In the interest of independence MONOCLE won’t accept press trips or freebies – you won’t find our journalists parlaying a place in our list for free flights to the Bahamas. As such, our awards represent something deeper and more fundamental than what you get up to on your holidays (although we’ve got tips aplenty if you need them).

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01 Best Med addition
Can Bordoy, Palma

02 Best in-flight media
‘Air France Madame’, France

03 Winning rolling-stock concepts
Glacier Express’s Excellence Class & RhB’s InnoTren, Switzerland

04 Most anticipated aviation project
Qantas, Australia

05 Exciting new airport-food concept
Manufactory Food Hall, San Francisco International

06 Most handsome crew
TAP, Portugal

07 Place to tackle the bigger questions
Fireside at Schloss Elmau, Bavaria

08 Cosiest carrier
Edelweiss Air, Switzerland

09 Most intriguing bit of M&A
LVMH buying Belmond, global

10 Best lounge concept
Cathay Pacific, Hong Kong

11 Best regional airport
Paine Field, Seattle

12 Top front-of-house staffer
Erik the Leonberger, Hotel Jungfrau Wengernalp, Switzerland

13 Leading First Class, Europe
Swiss & Air France, Switzerland & France

14 Amenities we want more of
Claus Porto, Lisbon

15 Best First Class, Asia
Japan Airlines, Japan

16 Best uniforms for a greeting
Hôtel de Crillon, Paris

17 Coffee concept we need more of
Autogrill’s Motta outlets, Milan

18 Greatest city-hopper
Airbus A220 series, global

19 Flight attendant of the year
Marianne Zumofen, Swiss

20 Dish we most look forward to
Roastbeef mit Bratkartoffeln & Remoulade, Fairmont Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten, Hamburg

21 Most anticipated aviation runabout
Dornier Seastar, global

22 Excellence in Economy
Finnair, Finland

23 Top southwest Europe switch-off
São Lourenço do Barrocal, Portugal

24 Cleverest roadside concept
Mollie’s Motel, UK

25 Most anticipated new opening
Park Hyatt Kyoto, Japan

26 Most dependable GM
Markus Odermatt, Villa Feltrinelli, Italy

27 Sturdiest luggage
Rimowa, Germany

28 Leading Europe hub
Zürich Airport, Switzerland

29 No-nonsense room award
Belmond Reid’s Palace, Madeira

30 Europe’s most underrated short-haul weekend
Madeira

31 Best Business Class
Qantas, London to Perth

32 Most conveniently located long-haul hub
Lisbon Airport

33 Most ambitious in-flight catering
Turkish Airlines & Do & Co, Turkey & Vienna

34 Sharp-thinking transport CEO
ÖBB’s Andreas Matthä, Austria

35 Top highway pit-stop
Marché, Switzerland

36 Top taxi
Toyota’s JPN Taxi, Tokyo

37 Most welcome hotel shake-up
Rosewood Hotel, Hong Kong

38 Most scenic railway ride
Odakyu’s Romancecar service, Tokyo to Hakone

39 Queen of the sky
Lufthansa’s 747-8, Germany

40 Hotelier on the up
Valeri Chekheria, Georgia

41 Smartest station addition
Swiss Federal Railways (SBB), Zürich

42 Best hotel shop
BBB Haus, Japan

43 Best fleet addition
ANA’s first Airbus A380, Japan

44 Best buffets
The Four Seasons Hotel Ritz & Mandarin Oriental, Lisbon & Hong Kong

45 Top TGV accompaniment
Nanashi bento box, Paris

46 Leading Asian airport
Hong Kong International

47 Leading literary outpost
Ludwig, Leipzig

48 Greatest pre-journey pit-stop
Union Station Food Court and Front Street Promenade, Toronto

49 Top way to go high speed on land
Gran Class, Hayabusa Shinkansen, Japan

50 Most consistent carriers
Lufthansa & Finnair, Germany & Finland

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The media brand also produces three dedicated seasonal publications per year: THE FORECAST, packed with key insights into the year ahead; THE ESCAPIST, a travel-minded summer magazine that delivers a dose of business ideas and global affairs; and the Drinking & Dining Directory, with plenty of tasty reports and sumptuous photography to get your teeth into.

MONOCLE’s scope goes further: a round-the-clock radio station, Monocle 24; a dynamic website; high-quality films and slideshows; live events; retail and café locations; and a collection of travel books and lifestyle guides, in partnership with Berlin publisher Gestalten.

ABOUT TYLER BRÛLÉ

Brûlé is widely considered to be one of the most influential media innovators of his generation. He is the youngest-ever recipient of the British Society of Magazine Editors Lifetime Achievement award and has been named Ad Age’s editor of the year, an unprecedented honour for an international editor.

Brûlé moved from Canada to the UK to pursue his career, working as a reporter for the BBC before turning his hand to print journalism, writing for publications including The Independent, The Sunday Times and Vanity Fair. Brûlé launched award-winning magazine Wallpaper in 1996, a publishing phenomenon that brought together the worlds of design, architecture, fashion, food and travel in one title for the first time (and went on to sell in more than 50 countries). In 2007 he launched MONOCLE, which has since grown into a unique global media entity.