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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 through-out the U.S. For more information please visit: www.flypaineairport.com.

About MONOCLE

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TT50 AWARDS

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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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.

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