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**THE WORLD TRAVEL INDUSTRY ELECTS DUBAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
AS THE LEADING AIRPORT MIDDLE EAST**

Dubai International Airport consolidated its status as the Leading airport in the region and its competitive ranking worldwide as experts in the travel industry gathered in Montego Bay - Jamaica for the 7th World Travel Awards. The award was received in London at the annual World Travel Market exhibition.

The idea behind the awards was to reward excellence in the field of airport services. It was appropriate therefore that senior representatives from one of the industry's primary customers - the international travel agents - be the judge in this selection. During this forum Dubai International Airport was selected as the Leading Airport in the Middle East.

While Frankfurt Airport was awarded the best Airport in Europe, and Hong Kong in Asia, the World Leading Airport went to Heathrow Airport. HH Sheikh Ahmed Bin Saeed Al Maktoum, President of Department of Civil Aviation, Chairman Emirates, commented:

"Our vision is to have a world class airport which will sustain Dubai's growth as the aviation hub of the Middle East in the years to come. The World Travel Award reiterates the challenges that we have to meet by maintaining and ensuring delivery of the highest standards of service at all time. Travellers comfort and satisfaction is as always a central commitment of the Department of Civil Aviation."