



STAR ALLIANCE BUILDS NEW LOUNGE AT LOS ANGELES' UPGRADED TOM BRADLEY INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL

Air New Zealand to Lead the Project

Lounge to Open in May 2013

AUCKLAND, New Zealand / LOS ANGELES, USA – July 30, 2012 – Star Alliance member carrier Air New Zealand has been selected to design and manage the Alliance's new lounge at Los Angeles International Airport. The creation of this facility has been made possible by the US\$ 1.7 billion redevelopment and make-over of the Tom Bradley International Terminal which has been commissioned by Los Angeles Worldwide Airports.

The Los Angeles Lounge will be the first Star Alliance branded lounge to feature a new design concept that will meet the changing needs of today's traveller and will also introduce a unique local flavour in each location. The Los Angeles lounge, designed by global architectural firm Gensler, will be inspired by a contemporary interpretation of modernist L.A. architecture of the 1950s and 1960s and incorporate defined spaces to suit passenger needs ranging from social gatherings around the bar to quiet time in the library.

Mark Schwab, CEO Star Alliance said: "I would like to thank Air New Zealand for accepting the lead role in this project. Over the years the airline has built a reputation for unique product innovation. I am confident that this will blend well with our requirements as an alliance to offer a highly attractive lounge experience to our customers as they travel through Los Angeles."

Roger Poulton, Air New Zealand General Manager Americas commented: "We are proud that Star Alliance has entrusted us with such a prestigious project. We look forward to working with our fellow Star Alliance members and the Alliance organisation to create a new lounge product which will be highly rated by our culturally very diverse customers."

The new lounge is set to open in May 2013 and will replace the existing Star Alliance Lounge which was opened in 2007 as well as the Air New Zealand Koru Lounge in Terminal 2, as the airline will be relocating to the Tom Bradley International Terminal in early 2014.

In total, eight Star Alliance member carriers will operate out of the Tom Bradley International Terminal – Air New Zealand, ANA, Asiana Airlines, Lufthansa, Singapore Airlines, SWISS, THAI and Turkish Airlines.

In addition to the lounge in the Tom Bradley terminal, Star Alliance member carriers offer the following lounge facilities at LAX International Airport:

Terminal 1 US Airways Club

Terminal 2 Air Canada Maple Leaf Lounge

Terminal 6 United Club

Terminal 7 United Club and United International First Class Lounge

LAX International Airport is currently served by over 500 flights per day operated by Star Alliance member carriers.

About Star Alliance:

The Star Alliance network was established in 1997 as the first truly global airline alliance to offer worldwide reach, recognition and seamless service to the international traveller. Its acceptance by the market has been recognised by numerous awards, including the Air Transport World Market Leadership Award and Best Airline Alliance by both Business Traveller Magazine and Skytrax. The member airlines are: Adria Airways, Aegean Airlines, Air Canada, Air China, Air New Zealand, ANA, Asiana Airlines, Austrian, Avianca, TACA Airlines, Blue1, Brussels Airlines, Copa Airlines, Croatia Airlines, EGYPTAIR, Ethiopian Airlines, LOT Polish Airlines, Lufthansa, Scandinavian Airlines, Singapore Airlines, South African Airways, SWISS, TAM Airlines, TAP Portugal, Turkish Airlines, THAI, United and US Airways. EVA Air and Shenzhen Airlines have been announced as future members. Overall, the Star Alliance network offers more than 21,500 daily flights to 1,356 airports in 193 countries.

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