

Travelport bags India Travel Awards West 2016

Travelport by InterGlobe Technology Quotient (ITQ) has once again been hailed as the best performing GDS in the western region. In an award ceremony held on August 5, 2016 in Pune, it was conferred this valued title at the India Travel Awards West 2016.

This award is a testimony to the price-less contribution Travelport is making in the travel industry. Be it for the online travel agencies, corporates, destination management companies, travel management companies or offline agencies, it has made travel selling much faster, smarter and easier through its benchmark innovations in the field of travel technology.

Sandeep Dwivedi, Chief Commercial Officer, InterGlobe Technology Quotient said, "This award is a token of appreciation that the travel fraternity has bestowed on us. It is with their continued support we keep on introducing advanced technology to reinstate finesse in our services. Thank you for supporting us, our work is a continuous



endeavor to make travel industry more organised and upscale."

Meanwhile, ITQ recently offered a helping hand to the children of Blind Relief Association, Lodhi Road, New Delhi. As a gesture to obliterate differences and make them stand as united and free, the members of the ITQ family lend a hand in various activities like candle and paper bag making, arranging library, data entries, Hindi reading, content writing, and assistance in room decoration. Anil Parashar, President and CEO, ITQ, said, "I want to thank the organisers of Blind Relief Association for allowing us the opportunity. Assisting the youngsters

was in itself a great learning for us. They have helped us understand that disability cannot hinder you from achieving your goal. Their ability to struggle and survive in spite of all adversities is the real achievement, and these children have helped us realize that. This experience was both educative and informative for us and we will continue to keep emulating this knowledge in our day to day life."



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"Our (Etihad's) economy (class) is probably as good as most people's premium economy. We put a lot of effort into it. What's important for a traveler in economy is Wi-Fi. We're one of the few airlines in the world with Wi-Fi. You got your phone. You got your laptop. You've got all the plugs and the USB — everything you need is there. It's pretty compact."

James Hogan, President and Chief Executive Officer of Etihad Aviation Group

FlightGlobal acquires two pioneering US businesses

FlightGlobal has acquired two pioneering US businesses that will help create a powerhouse in data analytics for the global air travel sector. Diio LLC, a leading provider of airline market intelligence tools, and FlightStats Inc., a pioneer in flight data services, will now sit alongside FlightGlobal's existing portfolio of fleet, aircraft finance and schedules data services.

With these latest transactions, FlightGlobal has emerged with a world-class air travel data and analytics capability, building on the acquisition of the Innovata airline schedules business in 2014. Diio and FlightStats already work closely with FlightGlobal as long-standing commercial partners and significant users of the group's schedules data.

Christopher Flook, who heads the FlightGlobal business as Reed Business Information (RBI) Managing Director, said: "With the talent, technology and resources we have now assembled, FlightGlobal is well-placed to help the air travel sector take the next significant step forward in managing, integrating and analysing its data. We already worked well together as standalone businesses, but coming together as a single group now allows us greater ability to combine



our data and experience to deliver huge value for our customers."

David Hoppin, Diio CEO, said: "Diio was founded fifteen years ago with the vision that we could combine fast database technology and expert user-interface design to make it easy for airline decision-makers to assemble facts in time to inform the decision at hand. The company's uninterrupted growth since 2001 confirmed the vision. Now, as part of the FlightGlobal family, we can leverage best-in-class data assets and the resources of a much larger organisation to go after exciting growth opportunities in all parts of the world."

FlightStats founders, Jeff Kennedy, the Chairman, and Tod Hutchinson, the CEO, said: "As a standalone company we've invested heavily in a modern data management platform that enables us to acquire, process and deliver data at huge scale and speed. With the additional resources that the FlightGlobal group now brings, we're excited about the ability to move faster still and to combine data in new and innovative ways to solve high value problems for the industry. Together we're well-positioned to be a critical hub in the travel ecosystem."