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### **Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre Will Host Tax Free World Association (TFWA) from 2006 - 2009.**

**Singapore, 15 December 2005** – After months of intensive lobbying and concerted efforts of many parties, Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre is proud to announce that yet another major event was secured for Singapore for another 3 years. Suntec Singapore is to host the TFWA (Tax Free World Association) Asia Pacific and GATE ONE events for the next three consecutive years starting 2006, beating rival cities Shanghai and Hong Kong which also competed for this event.

TFWA is the world's largest Duty Free and Travel Retail Association, with a membership of more than 350 high-end and luxury brands. Singapore has been chosen as the city to host the event with collaborations with the Singapore Tourism Board and Pacific World, a destination management specialist.

“TFWA is a very significant event and we are delighted to welcome them back to Singapore and Suntec Singapore. This announcement also further confirms that Singapore, as a host city, offers an exciting destination which is cost competitive and value-for-money and yet world-class facilities,” said Warren Buckley, CEO of Suntec Singapore. “It’s an excellent example of what team effort among everyone in the convention and travel industry in Singapore can do when we all work together.”

This year’s TFWA Asia Pacific show, which was held in Singapore from 16 to 19 May, drew 2,008 visitors – 12% more than last year with more than 160 prestigious international companies, including key buyers from Asia, the Middle East, the Americas West Coast and around the world.

“We are very glad and happy that TFWA has selected Singapore as the host city for the next three years. It truly is a wonderful team effort in Singapore, with participation from Singapore Tourism Board, Suntec Singapore, CAAS (Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore), Reed Exhibitions, Kingsmen and Pacific World,” said Bob Guy, Managing Director of Pacific World.

Next year, the event promises to unveil an array of both international and Asian products, whilst the Gate One Conference was created in association with the Airports Council International to specifically address the challenges and opportunities that face airport managers and vendors, is set once again to address the challenges and opportunities of the airport industry.

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### **About Suntec Singapore**

Suntec Singapore is a world-class venue located in the heart of Asia's most integrated meetings, conventions and exhibitions hub. With 100,000sqm of floor space on six levels, this award-winning facility can cater to events from 10 to 12,000 persons. In addition, Suntec Singapore - Asia's Convention City offers direct access to 5,200 hotel rooms, 1,000 retail shops, 300 restaurants and the region's new centre for the performing arts, Esplanade-Theatres on the Bay. While only 20 minutes from Changi International Airport, Suntec Singapore is conveniently located adjacent to the Central Business District and just minutes from the city's entertainment and cultural attractions.

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