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GLOBAL TRAVEL NETWORKS JOIN FORCES TO HOST ITMC SUMMIT 2020

Global travel management networks, WIN, GlobalStar, Hickory Global Partners and the ITS Network have come together to jointly host the Independent Travel Management Company (ITMC) Summit 2020 to be held from 14 to 16 June at Hyatt Regency Newport Beach, California, USA.

The annual ITMC Summit, now in its third year, is open to all independent TMCs from around the world regardless of network affiliation providing the opportunity to meet with TMC peers and travel suppliers to build business relationships. Summit sessions will enable sharing of knowledge, global insights, opinions and practical advice from TMCs, leading industry professionals and speakers on a wide range of topics that are critical to the business travel industry.

On behalf of all the participating travel networks, Neil Armorgie, CEO of WIN Global Travel Network, said: "The business travel market is developing at a terrific rate and we are pleased to be working closely with the various networks to address the changes, challenges and opportunities that exist for independent TMCs. The Summit is now recognised as the principal forum for leading independent TMCs to come together with each other, industry leaders, opinion formers and suppliers from around the world to address the key topics and issues affecting the business travel industry and to learn from each other."

Collectively, WIN Global Travel Network, GlobalStar Travel Management, Hickory Global Partners and the ITS Network have over 10,000 offices worldwide and book US\$34 billion of corporate travel spend a year.

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WIN Global Travel Network

WIN is a select group of corporate travel specialists working together to provide a superior service to global clients. They provide local service excellence using global products and technology to build a truly Locally Global solution. There are around 6,000 travel agent members in over 75 countries worldwide.

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Hickory Global Partners

Founded over 40 years ago, Hickory Global Partners is an industry-leading global alliance for corporate travel agencies and corporate travel departments (CTDs) that delivers unparalleled negotiated discounts and commissions, resources, support and value that significantly benefits its members, and ultimately, their clients. Hickory Global Partners bridges the gap between members and suppliers and raises the bar on what being a global corporate travel alliance is all about. Its visionary hotel program, robust air program, one-of-a kind ground transportation program, comprehensive ancillary portfolio and cutting-edge technology and tools, make HICKORY an important strategic partner in the corporate travel industry.

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GlobalStar Travel Management

GlobalStar is a worldwide Travel Management organisation, operating through 3,500 locations in over 85 countries globally with a combined turnover in excess of US\$14 billion. Established in 2001 they are specialists in executing multinational Travel Management programmes backed up by significant buying power, consistent service levels and cohesive travel technology solutions around the world. They make sure that travellers arrive at their destinations comfortably, securely and with as little stress as is humanly possible.

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ITS Network

A burgeoning offshoot of Travel Solutions International, the ITS Network brings together agencies from around the world for the purpose of selling, ticketing and fulfilling for Corporate, Events, Expense and Airline business. United by the ITS-developed tripeasy platform (tripeasy.com), the group looks to apply a progressive and tech focused approach to travel management and counts some of the world's best-known brands as both development partners and clients.

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