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## Mercian Travel takes the top award at Worldchoice Awards

Mercian Travel Centre has scooped a top national award at a prestigious industry ceremony.

The business was named as **'Member of the Year'** at The Travel Network Group's Strength and Vision conference in PortAventura, Spain.

The Travel Network Group is the UK's largest travel consortia comprising of nearly 800 independent travel businesses, operating under the Group's core brands of Worldchoice and TTA (Travel Trust Association).

Mercian Travel triumphed over 400 members in its class to walk away with the most coveted award of the ceremony at a gala dinner held on September 25.

Elaine Jeavons, Operations Manager at Mercian Travel said she was thrilled to have won the award, which was recognition for years of hard work from the Mercian Travel team.

**She said:** "We have been members of The Travel Network Group for more than 20 years, with some of our team being here during the full time period, and this award is recognition for all the work we have put in. It is particularly pleasing that our efforts to develop the business this year have been recognised".

Simon Hargreaves, Managing Director of The Travel Network Group, said Mercian Travel had shown great strength and vision to manage this change so positively and respond to the current business challenge.

**He said:** "Change always brings with it an element of uncertainty - but for this team, they have had the strength to manage this change positively and responded to the challenging business climate by repositioning themselves for future. This has entailed the vision to move further into business travel through joining the TTA Worldchoice Uniglobe partnership.

*Pictured above (L-R) Rob Kenton, Triangle Travel, winner Elaine Jeavons and Abi Hyslop - Both Mercian Travel with Gary Lewis, The Travel Network Group.*

  
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# Ski Holidays in Poland

Mercian Travel and Good Travel Management have teamed up with WhiteSide Holidays to offer you affordable skiing and snowboarding in Zakopane, Poland.

Zakopane is a hidden winter wonderland in the south of Poland, located at the foot of the truly amazing Tatra mountain range. Just 108km south of Krakow, Zakopane is a world-class winter destination offering high quality winter sports facilities and is



ideal for those of you who have never skied or snowboarded before and perfect for those at a more intermediate level.

If you are wanting a family holiday with the children, a break away with your partner or looking to host a corporate event with a twist simply give our Leisure Department a call on:

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## Mercian Travel Management extends its services with Partnership deal

Mercian Travel Management has joined forces with an events management company to expand the range of services we offer. We have agreed an exclusive partnership deal with Nimbus Solutions International Ltd, which delivers managed corporate events across the globe.

The deal means we can organise events anywhere in the world, ranging from one-to-one business meetings up to full-blown conferences, as well as all the relevant delegate travel, as a single package.

Dianne Hepworth, who established Nimbus Solutions International 11 years ago, said the partnership came about after she attended a networking event last year.

**She said:** "By establishing an exclusive deal like this one, we can work together to offer clients the complete travel and event experience. I personally have been organising large, international corporate events for more than 20 years, 11 of those with Nimbus, and Mercian Travel Management has many years of providing international travel, so between us our skills are unparalleled."

"The arrangement is already starting to pay dividends as we have a number of businesses looking to book international events and travel in the new year."

**If you would like further information on the services offered by Nimbus Solutions, please speak to one of the team here at Mercian Travel Management**

## Airline updates

**Turkish Airlines** has recently commenced a new service from Istanbul to Mitiga in Libya. This service will operate four times a week.

**Brussels Airlines** has launched two new weekly flights to Bamako in Mali, flights will operate on a Wednesday and a Sunday.

With effect from 13th November, **Emirates** will commence flights to Baghdad in Iraq, this will be their fifth international destination to launch this year after Basra, Geneva, Copenhagen and St. Petersburg.

**Asiana Airlines** is increasing its scheduled departures from London Heathrow Terminal 1 to Seoul. From 30 October 2011, Asiana will offer a daily nonstop service between London Heathrow and Seoul Incheon airport.

## Fly Birmingham to Amritsar

A new route to India, launched from Birmingham Airport less than a fortnight ago, has had so much interest the airline plans to increase the number of weekly services.

Comtel Air, began flights to Amritsar from Birmingham at the beginning of October and planned to operate two weekly services each Saturday and Sunday. However, the airline says it has had such an overwhelming response from the region's Indian community it will be increasing the flights from Birmingham in the near future, and will be taking an aircraft from another European base to accommodate the Midlands' demand.

Since launching the first Birmingham flight, Comtel Air has carried 744 passengers on its four flights between Birmingham and Amritsar. The flights, which are made on Boeing 757-200 aircraft, have a short stop in Vienna before flying onward to Amritsar in the Punjab. This stop is due to restrictions on the number of direct flights permitted from the UK, imposed by the Indian Government.

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