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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS CELEBRATES A SWEET 16 VICTORY AS AFRICA'S BEST AIRLINE BY GLOBAL TRAVELER MAGAZINE**

**Fort Lauderdale, FL (December 12, 2019)** – South African Airways (SAA), a Skytrax 4-star rated airline, has been selected by the readers of *Global Traveler* as the “Best Airline in Africa” for the 16th consecutive year in the magazine’s annual reader survey. *Global Traveler* presented the award to SAA at a ceremony held on December 11, 2019 at The Peninsula Beverly Hills Hotel in California.

Each year, *Global Traveler* (GT) readers are polled on their travel preferences in its annual survey that recognizes the best in business travel, including airlines, hotels, airports, destinations and other travel related services. According to MediaMark Research (MRI), GT readers have an average net worth of \$2 million and 50 percent are either CEO’s and business owners. Their readers average nine domestic flights per year and 93 percent travel internationally on a regular basis, flying primarily in First and Business Class. More than 55 percent stay in 4- and 5-star hotels, at an average of 60 nights per year.

*“The readers of Global Traveler are true road warriors and impressing them is no easy feat, given their extensive travel to all corners of the globe,”* said Todd Neuman, executive vice president, North America for South African Airways. *“We are very honored to be named their favorite airline to the African continent, for 16 years in a row. This award is also a reflection of the dedicated commitment by SAA employees to continue earning their business by offering world-class service on our flights between North America and Africa.”*

## SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS NAMED “BEST AIRLINE IN AFRICA” BY GLOBAL TRAVELER MAGAZINE

*“Travelers greatly value a consistent experience and product, and it’s clear with its 16th consecutive win, South African Airways delivers just that to savvy travelers around the globe,”* said Francis X. Gallagher, publisher and CEO. *“Congratulations to the Best Airline in Africa for another year of award-winning service!”*

As the leading carrier from the U.S. to Africa, South African Airways offers non-stop service from New York–JFK Airport to Johannesburg and daily non-stop service from Washington, DC-Dulles to Accra, Ghana, with continued service to Johannesburg. From its hub in Johannesburg, SAA together with its regional partners SA Express, Airlink and Mango offer easy, convenient connections to more than 75 destinations throughout Africa. SAA’s awarding – winning premium Business Class offers 180 fully lie-flat seating with duvet and full-size pillows, gourmet cuisine designed by renowned South African celebrity chefs, a wine cellar featuring some of South Africa’s finest vintages and extensive programming of on-demand audio and visual entertainment.

For further information on South African Airways product and services, please visit [www.flysaa.com](http://www.flysaa.com) or for reservations call 1-(800) 722-9675.

### **About South African Airways**

South African Airways (SAA), South Africa’s national flag carrier and the continent’s most awarded airline, serves over 75 destinations worldwide in partnership with SA Express, Airlink and its low cost carrier Mango. In North America, SAA operates daily nonstop flights from New York-JFK and direct flights from Washington D.C.-IAD (via Accra, Ghana) to Johannesburg. SAA has partnerships with United Airlines, Air Canada, JetBlue Airways, Hawaiian Airlines, Alaska Airlines and American Airlines, which offer convenient connections from more than 100 cities in the U.S. and Canada to SAA’s flights. SAA is a Star Alliance member and the recipient of the Skytrax 4-Star rating for 17 consecutive years.

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