

ETIHAD AIRWAYS SIGN DECLARATION TO PREVENT ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE

DUBLIN: Five Etihad Airways equity partner airlines signed up to the Buckingham Palace Declaration, committing to major steps to fight illegal wildlife trafficking and efforts to help protect many of the world's iconic wildlife species. The Declaration of the United for Wildlife International Taskforce on the Transportation of Illegal Wildlife Products was signed at the IATA Annual General Meeting in Dublin. Alitalia, Airberlin, Air Serbia, Air Seychelles and Virgin Australia signed the Declaration following the lead of Etihad Airways which became a signatory in March this year.

United for Wildlife is an alliance of conservation organizations and The Royal Foundation of The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry. The initiative aims to address current conservation issues with an initial focus on supporting efforts to prevent the growing trade in illegal wildlife and products around the world. The Transport Taskforce, launched at the World Bank in December 2014, has identified specific actions that the transport industry can take in supporting what HRH the Duke of Cambridge refers to as 'the race against extinction'. Jet Airways signed the Declaration in April to coincide with the visit to India by the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

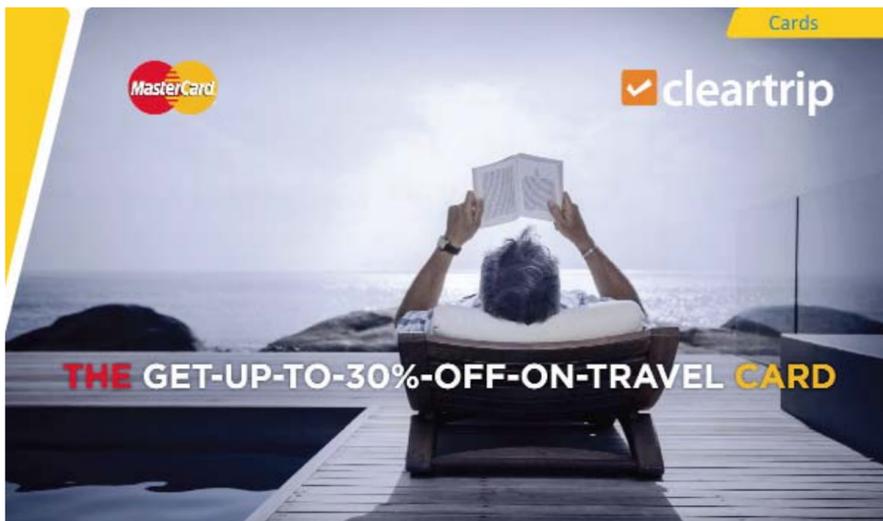
Etihad Aviation Group President and Chief Executive Officer, James Hogan said: "Having six of the Etihad equity partner airlines as signatories ensures a more extensive and impactful result over 348 destinations. Led by our Head of Sustainability we are developing a group wide action plan to help prevent this abhorrent practice."

The Rt Hon Lord Hague of Richmond, Chair of the United for Wildlife Transport Taskforce welcomed the commitment of Etihad Airways and its partner airlines saying: "Combating the Illegal wildlife trade through all modes of transport is essential to tackling the problem. I commend Etihad Airways and its partner airlines for signing this declaration and taking an active step in supporting this initiative."

The Declaration includes eleven commitments developed to support global efforts to prevent illegal wildlife smuggling, which encourage the transport industry to specifically help shut down the routes exploited by wildlife traffickers. Airlines are able to support in a number of ways including increasing passenger awareness, providing capacity building at airports and working closely to support the efforts of customs and law enforcement authorities.



Pictured from left to right (front row, seated) are Peter Baumgartner, Chief Executive Officer of Etihad Airways, and Stefan Pichler, Chief Executive Officer of airberlin and left to right, top row, are Cramer Ball, Chief Executive Officer of Alitalia, Dane Kondi, Chief Executive Officer of Air Serbia, Tony Tyler, Director General IATA, Jane McKeon, Group Executive Government Relations Virgin Australia, Roy Kinnear, Chief Executive Officer of Air Seychelles, and Naomi Doak, United for Wildlife representative, at Ballsbridge, Dublin after the five Etihad Airways equity partners - Alitalia, airberlin, Air Serbia, Air Seychelles and Virgin Australia - signed the Declaration of the United for Wildlife International Taskforce on the Transportation of Illegal Wildlife Products at the 2016 IATA Annual General Meeting.



ABK ANNOUNCES SPECIAL TRAVEL OFFER FOR ABK MASTERCARD CARDHOLDERS

KUWAIT: Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) recently announced an exclusive offer for their MasterCard cardholder which gives a discount of up to 30% on hotel and flight bookings from kw.cleartrip.com until 30th June, 2016.

ABK MasterCard customers who book on cleartrip.com are eligible to receive a variety of flight discounts based on the number of travelers, with higher discounts presented to larger groups. The discounts are 10% for a single traveler, 15% for two travelers, 20% for three travelers, 25% for four travelers and 30% for a group of up to five travelers.

Additionally, through this offer ABK MasterCard cus-

tomers can enjoy hotel discounts based on the number of nights booked with higher discounts offered for longer stays. The discounts are 10% for a single night, 15% for two nights, 20% for three nights, 25% for four nights and 30% for up to five nights.

The offer is available to ABK MasterCard Classic, MasterCard Gold, MasterCard Titanium, MasterCard World and MasterCard Freedom Prepaid Cards. ABK continuously seeks to engage in partnerships that bring more value and benefits to its customers, to create a more enjoyable experience when banking with ABK.

ANGOLA PRESIDENT APPOINTS DAUGHTER BOSS OF OIL FIRM

LUANDA: Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos has named his billionaire daughter Isabel to head the state oil firm Sonangol, according to a government statement published late Thursday. He appointed the 43-year-old Isabel dos Santos chairwoman of a new board of directors of Sonangol, after sacking the previous board last month.

Isabel dos Santos has been ranked by Forbes magazine as the richest woman on the continent. Critics say she amassed her vast fortunes thanks to the backing of her father who has ruled Angola for 35 years. In a statement Friday Isabel dos Santos vowed that the new Sonangol board "will work to decrease production costs and optimize resources in order to increase the international competitiveness of the Angolan oil sector". The eldest daughter of the Angolan leader, she is nicknamed the "Princess" and is ranked Africa's eighth wealthiest by Forbes magazine after building a vast business empire. She grew up in London, where she studied mechanical and electrical engineering at King's College. Her first business venture was a restaurant, Miami Beach, which she opened as a 24-year-old in Luanda. Her wealth is estimated at \$3.3 billion.

The mother of three holds a quarter of the shares in Angola's mobile phone company Unitel and a significant stake of Angola's Banco BIC. She also controls 19 percent of Portugal's fourth-biggest bank BPI and has bought shares in several Portuguese companies in recent years, including a cable television firm. Isabel dos Santos has recently spread her banking empire into neighboring Namibia, after a banking



PORTO: This file photo taken on March 5, 2015 shows Angolan businesswoman Isabel dos Santos arriving at the opening of an art exhibition. — AFP

license was approved by the country's central bank. Angola is sub-Saharan Africa's second largest oil producer after Nigeria. But a global decline in the price of oil has deprived Angola of vital resources, prompting the regime of longtime ruler President Jose Eduardo dos Santos in April to ask for financial help from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). — AFP

PERU: A CHAMPION OF GROWTH IN S AMERICA

LIMA: Peru elects a new president on Sunday, with Keiko Fujimori tipped by polls to become its first woman leader. It has been 16 years since her father, who is now in jail for crimes against humanity, resigned from the job. Here are key points about the South American country of 31 million people.

Silver and gold
Peru has one of the strongest economies in the region. Annual growth averaged more than six percent between 2006 and 2013. It slowed in 2014 due to a drop in mineral and fish production. The International Monetary Fund forecasts it will grow by 3.7 per-

cent this year. The country is rich in minerals, ranking among the world's five biggest producers of gold, silver, copper, zinc, tin and lead. Despite its growth record, Peru had a poverty rate of nearly 23 percent in 2014, down from 59 percent in 2004.

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Once ruled by the Inca empire, Peru was conquered by Spain in the 16th century. It gained independence in 1821. It has seen a string of military dictatorships and coups. It is bordered by Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Ecuador, with the South Pacific Ocean to the west. Crossed by the Andes mountains and the Amazon river, it has a total area two and a half times the size of France.

Between 1980 and 2000 a conflict between the state, the Shining Path communist guerrilla group, and the Tupac Amaru revolutionary movement left 70,000 people dead and missing. Keiko's father Alberto Fujimori, son of Japanese immigrants, ruled the country from 1990 to 2000. He was jailed for corruption and crimes against humanity for authorizing death squads. — AP



PARIS: Ollanta Humala, President of Peru, delivers a speech during the launch of the Latin America program, at the OECD headquarters. — AP

GULF BANK ANNOUNCES THE WINNERS OF THE AL DANAH DAILY DRAWS

KUWAIT: Gulf Bank held its Al Danah daily draws on 29 May 2016 announcing the names of its winners for the week of 22 May - 26 May 2016. The Al Danah daily draws include draws each and every working day for two prizes of KD 1,000 per winner.

The winners were:

(Sunday 22/5): Hanadi Zaid Ali Al-Khabbaz, Belal Abad Rabah Husain Abu Omar
(Monday 23/5): Fatimah Salem Mohammad Hamad, Ali Abdulrazaq Abdullatif Al-Nesef
(Tuesday 24/5): Ahmad Abdulwahab Taher Al-Herz, Jassem Mohammad Mubarak Al-Mezaal
(Wednesday 25/5): Badriya Solaiman Al-Qattan, Mohammad Mahmoud Anis Zaid Al-Kilani
(Thursday 26/5): Nourah Hussain Zayed Al-Weaili, Abdulredha Abdullah Hashem Al-Ali

Gulf Bank's Al Danah 2016 draw lineup includes daily draws (2 winners per working day each receive KD1000). Al Danah's 2nd Quarterly draw for the prize of KD250,000 will be held on the 30th of June and the 3rd Quarterly Draw for the prize of KD500,000 will be held on September 29th. The final Al Danah draw for 1 Million Kuwaiti Dinars will be held on 5 January, 2017 whereby the Al Danah Millionaire

will be announced. Open an Al Danah account now or deposit more to increase your chances of winning the KD500,000 or Millionaire Draw!

Al Danah offers a number of unique services including: the Al Danah Deposit Only ATM card which helps account holders deposit their money at their convenience; as well as the Al Danah calculator to help customers calculate their chances of becoming an Al Danah winner.

Gulf Bank's Al Danah account is open to Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti residents of Kuwait. Customers who open an account and/or deposit more will enter the draw within two days. To take part in the Al Danah 2016 upcoming quarterly and yearly draws, customers must have an Al Danah account containing at least KD 200; customers can visit one of Gulf Bank's 56 branches, transfer on line, or call the Customer Contact Center on 1805805 for assistance and guidance. Customers can also log on to www.e-gulf-bank.com/alldanahwinners, to find out more about Al Danah and its winners.



KFH OFFERS WIDE RANGE OF BANKING, FINANCIAL SERVICES

KUWAIT: Kuwait Finance House (KFH) offers a wide range of innovative products ranging from various types of accounts, financing services, banking cards, deposits, and comprehensive investment plans, emanating from its endeavors to optimally meet customer's banking needs and keep pace with their future aspirations, whilst reflecting the bank's prestigious status and pioneering position in rendering high-end services as per the international standards of quality.

Furthermore, KFH offers personal and consumer financing services that include a comprehensive variety of financial options to suit all customers' needs and expectations with easy installments. The personal financing includes the financing of construction materials and works and Real estate financing, while the consumer financing includes the financing of cars, boats, furniture, electronics, education, and health care.

Also, the bank offers various services in the field of cars as it grants customers the chance to select their cars from a variety of car brands from all categories of new cars, used cars, leasing with maintenance and lease to own.

The bank renders comprehensive bouquet of banking cards that satisfy customers' various needs. It offers Al-Tayseer credit cards package which is perfect for paying the customers purchases in an easy, affordable and secured way, with flexible monthly installments. This includes Classic, Gold, Platinum Standard, Platinum Premium and Diamond cards.

In addition, KFH offers Charge cards which have a range of credit cards that deduct purchases monthly within pre-set credit limit. This includes Visa Tamweel Net, Visa/MasterCard Classic, Visa/MasterCard Gold, Visa/MasterCard Platinum, Visa MasterCard Diamond and Dollar Card. With regards to prepaid cards, customers can easily load balance on them, yet use them for secure and streamlined purchases, cash withdrawal and online shopping.

Numerous benefits

KFH offers a wide range of prepaid cards with numerous benefits and discounts such as Al-Khair, Nojoom (KFH&Ooredoo co-brand prepaid card), Oasis Club (KFH&Kuwait Airways co-brand prepaid card), and Al-Osra Card that has up to 7 prepaid cards issued for the cardholder, his family and other dependents.

KFH provides a comprehensive and diversified range of investment deposits in Kuwaiti Dinar. This includes the deposits of Continuous, Al-Dimah, Al-Nuwair, Al-Khumasiya, Al-Kawthar, Al-Sedra in addition to the investment deposit in foreign currencies. These deposits meet customers' aspirations in terms of investment period and rate as well as profit distribution periods.

KFH offers the savings and investment account to different age groups with different features and advantages. The account can be opened in Kuwaiti Dinar and other foreign currencies. Profits are credited to the account quarterly.

Also, KFH offers the Gold account which is the first of its kind in Kuwait. This account enables customers to buy and sell Gold biscuits issued and certified by KFH easily and securely. The account can be opened for ownership, savings or investment purposes.

Furthermore, the bank is distinguished by its long term investment plans that provide KFH customers with the opportunity to monthly save and invest for future needs. These plans give a competitive investment returns while protect the customers by a "Takaful" insurance coverage. Long term Investment plans include "Jameati" for higher education, "Injaz" for achievement, "Rafaa" for marriage and "Thimar" for retirement. It is worth noting that KFH offers high-end e-services, in addition to KFH online that offers over 140 e-services including the newly launched service to open Gold account, buy and sell Gold biscuits in an easy and secure manner.

