



WORLD AVIATION SUMMIT: ETHIOPIAN CARRIER WINS AIRLINE OF THE YEAR

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Ethiopian Airlines, the largest, fastest growing and most profitable airline in Africa has won the CAPA **Airline of the Year** Award, one of the top airline awards, at the 2015 CAPA Aviation Awards for Excellence, held on 7 October, 2015 in Helsinki as part of CAPA's 2015 **World Aviation Summit**.

CAPA – Centre for Aviation (formerly the Centre for Asia Pacific Aviation) is the leading provider of independent global expertise in aviation market intelligence, analysis and data services covering worldwide developments. The CAPA awards for Excellence are independently researched by CAPA and Heidrick & Struggles and selected by an independent International panel of judges.

Ethiopian was selected by the judging panels for its ability to establish pan-African operations and thrive in an increasingly important emerging market; being the biggest standout strategically during the year and emerging as the leader in Africa with a pioneering strategy, which has the greatest impact on the development of the airline industry thereby establishing itself as a leader, providing a benchmark for others to follow.

Group CEO of Ethiopian Airlines, Mr Tewolde GebreMariam, remarked while receiving the award

at a gala dinner, “I am humbled to be honoured with this prestigious award of CAPA Airline of the Year which is a demonstration and recognition of our fast and continuous growth, outstanding performance and our Pan-African stance in bringing Africa together and closer to the world. I wish to thank CAPA and the panel of judges for recognizing our contribution in serving Africa and our contribution to the development of the African Aviation. The award goes, first and foremost, to the more than 9000 employees at Ethiopian who are working hard day-in and day-out and managed to make our beloved airline the leading, fast growing and the most profitable airline in Africa, despite the uniquely challenging operating environment prevailing in the continent. It is also a testimony of the remarkable success of our Vision 2025 fast, profitable and sustainable growth strategy.

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