



## **GRUPO PUNTACANA LAUNCHES OFFICIAL WEBSITE AND INAUGURATES NEW RUNWAY FOR PUNTA CANA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT Airport for the Leading Destination in the Caribbean continues robust expansion in international travel**

**NEW YORK, NY (July 20, 2011)**— Punta Cana International Airport (PUJ), the leading destination for travel in the Dominican Republic, announced today the launch of their official website ([www.puntacanainternationalairport.com](http://www.puntacanainternationalairport.com)), which has been designed to streamline the process of booking travel to the Dominican Republic. Through the website, travelers will be able to book flights, hotel and car services, as well as track flights and access information on the region such as history, weather and customs details.

Additionally, Punta Cana International Airport is inaugurating a new runway that will increase the lift capacity of the rapidly expanding airport. Punta Cana is the leading port of entry in the Republic and one of the fastest growing in the Caribbean. The new runway was built to support the growing demand for direct flights from major international cities. Direct flights are currently operated from major cities around the world such as New York, Chicago, Miami, Paris, London, Moscow, and Sao Paolo.

“Punta Cana is the most highly visited vacation destination in the Caribbean, and we are thrilled to offer travelers the opportunity to find all the information they need to book a trip in one place,” said Frank R. Rainieri, President and CEO of Grupo PUNTACANA. “Our goal has always been to showcase the beauty of our country to as many people as possible, and with the launch of the site as well as the new runway, travel to the Dominican Republic has never been easier.”

Punta Cana International Airport is owned and operated by Grupo PUNTACANA, which was founded in 1969 with a vision of a resort that protects and embodies the essence of the Dominican Republic’s rich culture and scenery. The resulting world-class eco-chic luxury property, PUNTACANA Resort & Club, includes hotels, golf courses, restaurants, lounges, yachting facilities, private estates, the international airport and ecological reserve. Since 1997, the owners of Grupo PUNTACANA are Theodore W. Kheel, Frank R. Rainieri, Julio Iglesias and Oscar de la Renta.

### **About GRUPO PUNTACANA**

The development of Grupo PUNTACANA dates back to 1969 when Dominican businessman and hotelier Frank R. Rainieri and Theodore W. Kheel, the prominent New York attorney and labor mediator, created a partnership to construct a resort and real estate community that respects the natural habitat of Punta Cana while offering a world-class vacation experience. Maintaining a dedication to sustainable tourism, PUNTACANA Resort & Club has since grown to encompass over 26 square miles and now includes Tortuga Bay; Six Senses Spa; the PUNTACANA Ecological Foundation; four residential communities (Corales, Hacienda, Marina and Arrecife); a full-service marina; nine restaurants; a shopping village; two 18-hole golf courses; and Punta Cana International Airport, a modern facility that incorporates innovative and eco-friendly design. In 1997, Julio Iglesias and Oscar de la Renta joined the Group as co-investors and have made PUNTACANA Resort & Club their home. Currently, Punta Cana is the most highly visited Caribbean destination and is easily accessible from all over the globe. For more information, please visit [www.puntacana.com](http://www.puntacana.com)