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**Plaza Premium Group Partners with Air India to Open Maharaja Lounge  
at San Francisco International Airport**



**San Francisco, CA – June 2 2026** – Plaza Premium Group (PPG), the global leader in integrated, 360-degree airport hospitality experiences and passenger service solutions, has announced the opening of a brand-new lounge project developed for Air India, India’s premier global airline, at San Francisco International Airport (SFO).

Managed by Plaza Premium Group, The Maharaja Lounge is designed to bring the ‘New Air India Experience’ to one of Air India’s prime international hubs. Located at the international terminal near Gate A1, every design detail is curated to evoke a sense of culture, pride and timeless sophistication, setting the tone for a premium travel experience.

With seating for up to 80 guests, the lounge is open to First and Business Class travelers, as well as Maharaja Club Platinum and Gold members. The lounge is also part of the PPG affiliate network, granting PPG guests access to the facility. Blending Indian heritage-inspired design with contemporary comfort, the lounge offers a refined gateway to India before passengers even board their flight.

“It is an honor for Plaza Premium Group to partner with Air India in managing the Maharaja Lounge at SFO. We are thrilled to extend our decades of award-winning airport hospitality to one of the world’s most important West Coast gateways, delivering an unmatched standard of comfort and service to global travelers,” said Eric Pateman, Senior Vice President, North America, Plaza Premium Group.

The Maharaja lounge is designed to offer a differentiated premium experience across distinct zones, including a speakeasy-inspired bar, tarmac-facing seating and dining areas, a social space that encourages conversation, and a dining area with Indian and international cuisine.

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The lounge reflects PPG and Air India's shared commitment to service, comfort and a consistently elevated experience for travelers from the moment they arrive at the airport.

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## **About Plaza Premium Group**

Plaza Premium Group (PPG) is the global leader in integrated airport hospitality and passenger service solutions, operating the largest network of airport lounges worldwide and offering a 360-degree airport hospitality experience with 14 brands under its portfolio, operating in 150 countries across 600 international and domestic airports and serving 30 million passengers annually. With a mission to Make Travel Better, the group introduced the world's first independent airport lounge concept in 1998.

Plaza Premium Lounge, Plaza Premium First - award-winning airport lounges, Aerotel - the world's largest airport transit hotel chain, Refreshhh by Aerotel, ALWAYS - airport passenger services, airport dining concepts, Smart Traveller - innovative digital experience and rewards platform, and One Travel Experience Ecosystem (OneTECO), the group is at the forefront of transforming airport experiences for the better through innovative and human-led solutions. PPG's commitment extends beyond its brands, as it also provides lounge management and hospitality solutions to leading airlines, alliances, and corporations worldwide.

Plaza Premium Group has over 180 accolades, demonstrating its exceptional achievements and commitment to service excellence. Notably, the group has received the prestigious "World's Best Independent Airport Lounge" award at the World Airline Awards by Skytrax for nine consecutive years from 2016 to 2025. With a team of over 7,000 dedicated professionals worldwide, and through a continuous pursuit of innovation and excellence, the group is experiencing exponential growth globally.

## **About Air India group**

The Air India group – comprising full-service global airline, Air India, and value carrier, Air India Express – is spearheading a new era of Indian aviation. The Air India story began in 1932 when JRD Tata piloted the airline's inaugural flight and opened the skies for aviation in India. Today, Air India group employs more than 30,000 people, operates over 300 aircraft and carries travellers to 60 domestic and 51 international destinations across five continents.

Returning to Tata Sons in 2022 following 70 years under Government ownership, Air India group is in the midst of a five-year transformation program, Vihaan.AI. As part of the transformation, Air India has placed orders for 600 new aircraft. In addition to taking new aircraft deliveries, Air India progressively retrofitting all its legacy aircraft.

The Air India group operates South Asia's largest aviation training academy in Gurugram, India. The construction of a new flying school and a greenfield maintenance base is in progress.

With transformation underway across all facets of the business and India's rich legacy of hospitality, Air India is committed to being a world class global airline with an Indian heart.

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