



**SAHIC Cuba Announces Copa Airlines
As Official Carrier Sponsor Of
Inaugural Hotel Investment Conference in Havana**

February 21, 2017 – Arturo Garcia Rosa, President and Founder of the SAHIC Latin America Hotel Investment Conferences has announced that Panama-based Copa Airlines will serve as the official airline sponsor for **SAHIC Cuba**, the first hospitality investment conference to be held in Havana, Cuba May 15-16, 2017.

Copa Airlines will offer a 20% discount off airline tickets for conference attendees and their companion. This offer is valid for travel between May 10-21, 2017, on flights operated by Copa Airlines or Copa Airlines Colombia with routes to Havana, Cuba.

According to the Cuban Ministry of Tourism, conference attendees flying to Havana must have a valid passport or travel document, as well as a visa from the Cuban consular office. For U.S. Citizens, this visa application must be through the Cuban Consular office in Washington D.C., under the “**research and professional meetings**” criteria. By applying for this visa, attendees will be able to attend the conference and also organize meetings prior to and post-SAHIC Cuba. Additional information can be found on www.cubaminrex.cu.

Conference attendees arriving from the United States must also take into consideration the changing of currency upon arrival into Havana. U.S. currency is not accepted in Cuba and must be exchanged into the Cuban Convertible Peso (CUCs). The currency exchange from U.S. dollars to Convertible Pesos is subject to a 10% charge. Transactions in other currencies including Canadian dollars, Euro, UK pounds and Swiss Francs are not taxed when exchanged for Convertible pesos.

The following credit cards are accepted in Cuba (if they have **not** been issues by U.S. banks or their affiliates): Visa, Mastercard International, Access, International Bancomer, Eurocard, Banamex, Diners Club International, and JCB and Carnet.

For more information regarding SAHIC Cuba hotel accommodations, visas, and car transfers to and from the airport, please see the **Attendee Guide** at <http://sahiccuba.com/en/attendee-guide/>.

ABOUT SAHIC and SAHIC Cuba

SAHIC, the premier Latin American hotel and tourism investment conference organizer promotes business and related real-estate projects in the region. The inaugural SAHIC Cuba, scheduled for May 15-16, 2017 will be the must-attend event, designed to promote the hotel, tourism and related real estate businesses in Cuba. The Conference is destined to be ‘the’ place to meet and network with the leading industry players in the island nation: hotel chains and groups, investors, banks, mutual funds, developers, architects, and interior designers, regional government representatives and other decision makers of the industry. For more information, visit www.sahiccuba.com

The 10th anniversary edition of SAHIC South America is scheduled for September 13-14, 2017 and will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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