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Welcome to new members

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Just in from RGBB Member Robert Lickley, is news of changes to Diamond Club benefits.

"We've launched a new service where you can use your destinations miles to upgrade into the next cabin on a bmi flight of your choice. As long as your ticket is booked in U, L, Y, S, O or B class." says Robert referring readers to the www.flybmi.com website for more detailed information.

Whether your destinations miles are earned from flights, hotel stays or online shopping, you can use them to upgrade. The great news is that these upgrades are confirmed before you arrive at the airport - giving you peace of mind.

[Editors note: For flights from Riyadh to the UK the website advises 20,000 miles will be required to upgrade from Economy to Business class.]

Robert also advises that from 01 December 2009 family membership will be available to all Diamond Club members.

Family membership will allow you and your family to combine your destinations miles and take advantage of awards sooner.

You'll become the 'Head of Account' and invite up to eight members to the family, which can even include staff such as nannies and security. All family members continue to be Diamond Club members in their own right and are invited by the 'Head of Account' to join the family membership. Plus you'll now be able to enrol under 18's as long as they are part of a family account.

To set up an account, you'll need to simply log into your Diamond Club account on or after 01 December 2009.

These changes are part of a revised Diamond Club

Club package due to rolled out at the end of November which includes new airline partners in the shape of Continental Airlines, who fly mainly from their hubs in Cleveland, Newark & Houston to 262 destinations worldwide; Brussels Airline, with its fleet of 51 aircraft connecting the European capital to 70 premium European and African airports; Tam Airlines, who in 2009 flew more than 700 daily flights to over 60 destinations in Brazil, USA, Europe and South America.

Destination miles can also be earned by staying with bmi partner hotels. Hotel Missoni is the newest member of the Rezidor family. The worldwide licence agreement signed with the Italian fashion house of the same name saw the very first Hotel Missoni debuting in the heart of Edinburgh in June 2009 - featuring 136 rooms, a "cucina" and a bar, and combining the iconic, colourful Missoni style with the experience of an international hotel operator. Further Hotels Missoni are under development in Kuwait, South Africa, Oman and Brazil. A new and distinctively different kind of hotel, Hotel Missoni sets itself quite unashamedly out to capture the increasingly important lifestyle sector of the hospitality market - appealing to well-travelled individuals, who are independent, relatively cash-rich and time poor, and, are willing to pay for the difference.

From 1 December 2009, when you stay in any Missoni Hotel around the world, you'll earn 1,000 destinations miles per night, up to a maximum of 3,000 destinations miles per stay.

A range of other benefits have been launched including other ways to earn and spend your air miles. Diamond Club Gold members also get an extra range of benefits including being able to use the complimentary upgrade vouchers to confirm seating up to 7 days in advance of the flight

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