

## OMA reports December 2008 and full year 2008 passenger traffic

- **December passenger traffic decreases 14.4%**
- **Full year traffic decreases 1.1%**

**Monterrey, Mexico, January 8, 2009**—Mexican airport operator Grupo Aeroportuario del Centro Norte, S.A.B. de C.V., known as OMA (NASDAQ: OMAB; BMV: OMA), reports that total passenger traffic (terminal passengers) at its 13 airports decreased 14.4% in December 2008, as compared to December 2007. For the full year 2008, traffic reached 14.1 million passengers, a reduction of 1.1% as compared to 2007.

Traffic during 2008 was affected by changes in the business strategies of domestic and international airlines in response to increases in fuel costs and a high levels of competition during the first half of the year (reorganization of routes, postponement of expansion plans and acquisition of new airplanes, and fare increases) and in the second half of the year by the effects of the global financial crisis. OMA's full year traffic results reflect year over year increases for the first six months of 2008, followed by year over year reductions in the second six months. Full year traffic was in the range estimated by OMA in October 2008.

### Total Passengers\*

(Thousand)	Dec-07	Dec-08	Change %	Jan-Dec 2007	Jan-Dec 2008	Change %
<b>Domestic</b>	1,013.0	881.5	(13.0)	11,740.5	11,732.8	(0.1)
<b>International</b>	232.1	183.7	(20.9)	2,471.9	2,327.8	(5.8)
<b>OMA Total</b>	<b>1,245.1</b>	<b>1,065.3</b>	<b>(14.4)</b>	<b>14,212.5</b>	<b>14,060.7</b>	<b>(1.1)</b>

\* Terminal passengers: excludes transit passengers

**Domestic traffic** in December 2008 decreased 13.0% (-131,448 passengers), compared to the prior year period. Traffic decreased at 12 airports, with only Zacatecas reporting an increase. For the full year 2008, domestic traffic decreased 0.1% (-7,710 passengers). Five airports reported traffic increases for the full year, and eight airports had decreases. Domestic traffic was affected by the cancellation of frequencies and/or routes by Aviacsa and VivaAerobus and the suspension of operations during the course of the year by Aerocalifornia, Aladia, Alma, and Avolar. These reductions were partially offset by increased activity on the part of Volaris, Interjet, and Click Mexicana.

**International traffic** decreased 20.9% (-48,415 passengers) in December 2008, as compared to December 2007. Ten airports reported reductions. For the full year 2008, international traffic decreased 5.8% (-144,108 passengers), with reductions at eight of the airports. The principal factor affecting international traffic was a reduction in frequencies and cancellation of routes by U.S. carriers and by Aviacsa.

### By airport

Monterrey, OMA's principal airport, served 484,672 passengers in December 2008, a decrease of 13.1% (-73,225 passengers) compared to the same month of 2007. Full year traffic increased 0.4% in 2008 to 6.6 million passengers. Domestic traffic at Monterrey airport decreased 12.0% in December, while increasing 0.3% for the full year 2008, as compared to prior year periods. International traffic decreased 19.1% for the month and increased 1.3% for the full year.



Acapulco served 87,896 passengers in December, a reduction of 10.1%. For the full year 2008, Acapulco had a 2.9% increase in traffic to 1.1 million passengers. A 10.6% increase in domestic traffic offset a 15.1% reduction in international traffic during the full year.

Culiacán served 84,593 passengers in December, a reduction of 20.6%. For the full year, total traffic decreased 3.4% to 1.1 million. Full year domestic traffic decreased 2.7% while international traffic decreased 21.1%. The latter was principally the result of cancellation of routes to Los Angeles by Delta and Mexicana during the course of the year.

#### **About OMA**

**Grupo Aeroportuario del Centro Norte, S.A.B. de C.V., known as OMA, operates 13 international airports in nine states of central and northern Mexico. OMA's airports serve Monterrey, Mexico's third largest metropolitan area, the tourist destinations of Acapulco, Mazatlán, and Zihuatanejo, and nine other regional centers and border cities. OMA employs over 950 persons in order to offer passengers and clients, airport and commercial services in facilities that comply with all applicable international safety, security standards, and ISO 9001:2000. OMA's strategic shareholder members are ICA, Mexico's largest engineering, procurement, and construction company, and Aéroports de Paris Management, subsidiary of Aéroports de Paris, the second largest European airports operator. OMA is listed on the Mexican Stock Exchange (OMA) and on the NASDAQ Global Select Market (OMAB). Please visit our website, [www.oma.aero](http://www.oma.aero).**

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### Total Passengers\*

(Thousand)	Dec-07	Dec-08	Change %	Jan-Dec 2007	Jan-Dec 2008	Change %
Acapulco	97.8	87.9	(10.1)	1,057.3	1,088.0	2.9
Ciudad Juárez	88.1	59.3	(32.7)	908.8	903.1	(0.6)
Culiacán	106.6	84.6	(20.6)	1,137.6	1,099.0	(3.4)
Chihuahua	68.0	60.7	(10.8)	854.8	833.8	(2.5)
Durango	23.3	15.6	(33.0)	279.3	233.5	(16.4)
Mazatlán	86.6	75.0	(13.5)	905.0	833.7	(7.9)
Monterrey	557.9	484.7	(13.1)	6,559.6	6,586.2	0.4
Reynosa	21.7	18.9	(13.1)	191.3	247.3	29.3
San Luis Potosí	21.2	15.9	(25.0)	264.3	261.0	(1.2)
Tampico	49.0	47.2	(3.7)	580.1	582.3	0.4
Torreón	40.7	36.7	(9.7)	522.3	481.3	(7.9)
Zacatecas	20.1	22.7	12.9	277.3	267.3	(3.6)
Zihuatanejo	64.0	56.1	(12.4)	674.6	644.0	(4.5)
<b>OMA Total</b>	<b>1,245</b>	<b>1,065</b>	<b>(14.4)</b>	<b>14,212.5</b>	<b>14,060.7</b>	<b>(1.1)</b>

### Domestic Passengers\*

(Thousand)	Dec-07	Dec-08	Change %	Jan-Dec 2007	Jan-Dec 2008	Change %
Acapulco	67.7	66.2	(2.3)	740.2	818.7	10.6
Ciudad Juárez	87.9	59.1	(32.7)	907.0	901.6	(0.6)
Culiacán	103.2	83.3	(19.3)	1,097.8	1,067.6	(2.7)
Chihuahua	60.7	54.9	(9.6)	772.6	748.0	(3.2)
Durango	20.1	14.3	(28.8)	248.7	210.9	(15.2)
Mazatlán	42.7	38.8	(9.1)	456.3	437.0	(4.2)
Monterrey	472.1	415.3	(12.0)	5,616.9	5,631.4	0.3
Reynosa	21.6	18.7	(13.3)	190.7	246.2	29.1
San Luis Potosí	13.0	9.9	(24.3)	183.4	178.6	(2.6)
Tampico	45.0	42.7	(5.3)	532.0	530.9	(0.2)
Torreón	32.9	30.6	(7.0)	441.6	404.1	(8.5)
Zacatecas	12.5	14.8	18.4	185.3	187.7	1.3
Zihuatanejo	33.5	33.0	(1.4)	368.1	370.3	0.6
<b>OMA Total</b>	<b>1,013.0</b>	<b>881.5</b>	<b>(13.0)</b>	<b>11,740.5</b>	<b>11,732.8</b>	<b>(0.1)</b>

### International Passengers\*

(Thousand)	Dec-07	Dec-08	Change %	Jan-Dec 2007	Jan-Dec 2008	Change %
Acapulco	30.0	21.7	(27.6)	317.1	269.3	(15.1)
Ciudad Juárez	0.3	0.2	(23.1)	1.8	1.5	(14.5)
Culiacán	3.4	1.3	(60.3)	39.8	31.4	(21.1)
Chihuahua	7.3	5.8	(21.1)	82.1	85.8	4.5
Durango	3.3	1.4	(58.7)	30.6	22.6	(26.4)
Mazatlán	44.0	36.2	(17.7)	448.7	396.7	(11.6)
Monterrey	85.8	69.4	(19.1)	942.7	954.8	1.3
Reynosa	0.1	0.1	27.3	0.6	1.2	89.3
San Luis Potosí	8.1	6.0	(26.1)	81.0	82.4	1.8
Tampico	4.0	4.5	13.3	48.1	51.4	7.0
Torreón	7.7	6.1	(21.3)	80.7	77.2	(4.4)
Zacatecas	7.6	7.9	3.7	92.0	79.7	(13.4)
Zihuatanejo	30.5	23.1	(24.5)	306.6	273.8	(10.7)
<b>OMA Total</b>	<b>232.1</b>	<b>183.7</b>	<b>(20.9)</b>	<b>2,471.9</b>	<b>2,327.8</b>	<b>(5.8)</b>

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