

## OMA January 2009 passenger traffic decreases 14.8%

**Monterrey, Mexico, February 9, 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 14.8% in January 2009, as compared to January 2008.

### Total Passengers\*

(Thousand)	Jan-08	Jan-09	Change %
<b>Domestic</b>	922.9	788.0	(14.6)
<b>International</b>	251.7	212.3	(15.7)
<b>OMA Total</b>	<b>1,174.6</b>	<b>1,000.3</b>	<b>(14.8)</b>

\* Terminal passengers: excludes transit passengers.

**Domestic traffic** in January 2009 decreased 14.6% (-134,943 pax), compared to the same month of 2008. With the exception of Zihuatanejo, which recorded an 11.7% increase, the other airports of the Group recorded reductions in domestic traffic. The most affected airports were Monterrey, Ciudad Juárez, Culiacán, Mazatlán, and Durango. The common factors were: a) the departure from the market of Aerocalifornia, Avolar, Aladia, and Alma in the second half of 2008; and b) the reduction in frequencies or cancellation of routes by Aviaca and VivaAerobus. The opening of the Culiacán-La Paz and Culiacán-Los Cabos routes in January 2009 by VivaAerobus is noteworthy.

**International traffic** decreased 15.7% (-39,430 pax) in January 2009 compared to January 2008. The airports of Monterrey, Acapulco, Zihuatanejo, Torreón, San Luis Potosí, and Culiacán were the most affected, principally because of the reduction in frequencies and cancellation of routes by Continental, American, American Eagle, Delta, Aviaca, Alaska, and Frontier.

### By airport

Monterrey, OMA's principal airport, served 417,830 passengers in January 2009, a reduction of 16.4% (-81,886 pax) compared to the same month of the prior year. Domestic passenger traffic decreased 15.0%, and international passenger traffic decreased 24.0% as the result of the end of operations by several domestic airlines and the reduction in frequencies or cancellation of routes by U.S. carriers.

### Subsequent event

On February 4, 2009, the Ministry of Communications and Transportation (SCT) granted a concession to Grupo Mexicana to operate a new airline called Mexicana Inter S.A. de C.V. This new airline will initially operate 13 Bombardier CRJ-200 regional jets, each seating 50 passengers. Grupo Mexicana invested US\$7 million in the launch of the new airline, which will serve as a feeder to Mexicana and Click Mexicana, including routes at four OMA airports: Monterrey, Chihuahua, Ciudad Juárez, and Torreón.



### Total Passengers\*

(Thousand)	Jan-08	Jan-09	Change %
Acapulco	111.1	99.6	(10.3)
Ciudad Juárez	83.6	54.2	(35.1)
Culiacán	97.7	76.7	(21.4)
Chihuahua	62.0	56.3	(9.2)
Durango	20.9	14.8	(29.2)
Mazatlán	84.4	76.9	(8.8)
Monterrey	499.7	417.8	(16.4)
Reynosa	18.1	17.8	(1.7)
San Luis Potosí	20.8	15.0	(27.9)
Tampico	44.8	42.6	(5.0)
Torreón	37.9	33.4	(11.8)
Zacatecas	18.6	19.8	6.6
Zihuatanejo	75.1	75.2	0.1
<b>OMA Total</b>	<b>1,174.6</b>	<b>1,000.3</b>	<b>(14.8)</b>

### Domestic Passengers\*

(Thousand)	Jan-08	Jan-09	Change %
Acapulco	68.0	63.6	(6.5)
Ciudad Juárez	83.5	54.1	(35.2)
Culiacán	94.4	75.5	(20.0)
Chihuahua	55.0	50.8	(7.7)
Durango	18.4	13.6	(26.0)
Mazatlán	35.7	30.1	(15.7)
Monterrey	421.1	358.1	(15.0)
Reynosa	18.0	17.6	(2.3)
San Luis Potosí	13.3	9.7	(27.2)
Tampico	41.1	39.1	(5.0)
Torreón	31.0	28.8	(7.1)
Zacatecas	12.6	12.5	(0.3)
Zihuatanejo	30.8	34.5	11.7
<b>OMA Total</b>	<b>922.9</b>	<b>788.0</b>	<b>(14.6)</b>

### International Passengers\*

(Thousand)	Jan-08	Jan-09	Change %
Acapulco	43.1	36.0	(16.4)
Ciudad Juárez	0.1	0.1	(1.1)
Culiacán	3.3	1.2	(62.2)
Chihuahua	7.0	5.5	(21.2)
Durango	2.5	1.2	(53.2)
Mazatlán	48.7	46.9	(3.7)
Monterrey	78.7	59.8	(24.0)
Reynosa	0.1	0.2	144.4
San Luis Potosí	7.4	5.3	(29.2)
Tampico	3.7	3.5	(5.8)
Torreón	6.9	4.6	(32.9)
Zacatecas	6.1	7.3	20.8
Zihuatanejo	44.3	40.7	(7.9)
<b>OMA Total</b>	<b>251.7</b>	<b>212.3</b>	<b>(15.7)</b>

\* Terminal passengers: excludes transit passengers



## 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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