



OMA reports a 10.4% increase in August 2012 passenger traffic

- 12 consecutive months of traffic growth

Monterrey, Mexico, September 6, 2012—Mexican airport operator Grupo Aeroportuario del Centro Norte, S.A.B. de C.V., known as OMA (NASDAQ: OMAB; BMV: OMA), reports that terminal passenger traffic at its 13 airports increased 10.4% in August 2012, as compared to August 2011. Domestic traffic increased 10.9%, and international traffic increased 7.3%. Traffic volumes have increased for twelve months in a row, starting in September 2011, as a result of the recovery of the air transport industry in Mexico and OMA's actions in coordination with the government and private sector to promote greater air connectivity in the markets where our airports are located.

Of total August traffic, 97.5% was commercial aviation and 2.5% was general aviation.

Total Passengers*

	Aug-11	Aug-12	Change %	Jan-Aug 2011	Jan-Aug 2012	Change %
Domestic	931,042	1,032,507	10.9	6,615,863	7,148,667	8.1
International	134,491	144,285	7.3	1,227,040	1,248,234	1.7
OMA Total	1,065,533	1,176,792	10.4	7,842,903	8,396,901	7.1

* Terminal passengers: includes passengers on the three types of aviation (commercial, charter, and general aviation), and excludes passengers in transit.

Domestic traffic increased in ten airports in August, with the most noteworthy increases in Monterrey (+13.8%), Culiacán (+12.9%), Chihuahua (+17.1%), Reynosa (+35.0%), and Torreón (+18.6%). In Monterrey, traffic increased principally on the routes to Cancún and Mexico City. Culiacán traffic increased on the Tijuana route. The Chihuahua, Reynosa, and Torreón airports increased traffic on the Mexico City routes. The most significant reductions were at the Zihuatanejo (-9.2%) and Acapulco (-5.1%) airports, as a result of reduced traffic on the Mexico City routes.

International traffic also increased in ten airports in August, with the most significant increases in Monterrey (+17.0%) and San Luis Potosí (+23.5%). In Monterrey, traffic benefited from the increase in passengers on the routes to San Antonio, Las Vegas, and Panama. San Luis Potosi traffic increased on the Houston route. The largest decrease was recorded in Mazatlán (-48.9%) as a result of reductions on the Dallas, Toronto, and Los Angeles routes. Volaris started operating the Culiacán-Los Angeles route during the month.

The total number of **flight operations** (takeoffs and landings) in August 2012 decreased 1.8% as compared to the prior year period. Domestic flights decreased 2.3%, and international flights increased 1.9%.

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Acapulco	45,366	42,977	(5.3)	417,284	374,038	(10.4)
Ciudad Juárez	62,535	63,454	1.5	444,986	463,430	4.1
Culiacán	90,091	102,173	13.4	689,800	767,871	11.3
Chihuahua	72,999	85,487	17.1	515,802	563,562	9.3
Durango	19,996	21,478	7.4	150,665	161,388	7.1
Mazatlán	58,843	53,730	(8.7)	502,696	464,897	(7.5)
Monterrey	533,591	609,430	14.2	3,727,233	4,060,741	8.9
Reynosa	19,993	27,008	35.1	133,919	187,499	40.0
San Luis Potosí	23,755	24,113	1.5	161,261	181,451	12.5
Tampico	50,495	51,377	1.7	352,041	390,176	10.8
Torreón	32,699	39,255	20.0	241,416	273,194	13.2
Zacatecas	22,229	25,558	15.0	156,597	177,742	13.5
Zihuatanejo	32,941	30,752	(6.6)	349,203	330,912	(5.2)
OMA Total	1,065,533	1,176,792	10.4	7,842,903	8,396,901	7.1

Domestic Passengers*

	Aug-11	Aug-12	Change %	Jan-Aug 2011	Jan-Aug 2012	Change %
Acapulco	41,591	39,471	(5.1)	329,885	326,749	(1.0)
Ciudad Juárez	62,505	63,371	1.4	443,872	462,877	4.3
Culiacán	88,991	100,505	12.9	680,957	757,851	11.3
Chihuahua	66,878	78,306	17.1	469,454	515,293	9.8
Durango	17,849	18,867	5.7	136,258	143,862	5.6
Mazatlán	41,109	44,675	8.7	269,623	282,024	4.6
Monterrey	459,699	522,943	13.8	3,189,059	3,445,991	8.1
Reynosa	19,967	26,947	35.0	133,720	186,908	39.8
San Luis Potosí	15,595	14,037	(10.0)	109,950	111,361	1.3
Tampico	46,151	47,472	2.9	320,431	359,167	12.1
Torreón	27,629	32,769	18.6	208,516	232,036	11.3
Zacatecas	15,955	18,514	16.0	120,683	127,718	5.8
Zihuatanejo	27,123	24,630	(9.2)	203,455	196,830	(3.3)
OMA Total	931,042	1,032,507	10.9	6,615,863	7,148,667	8.1

International Passengers*

	Aug-11	Aug-12	Change %	Jan-Aug 2011	Jan-Aug 2012	Change %
Acapulco	3,775	3,506	(7.1)	87,399	47,289	(45.9)
Ciudad Juárez	30	83	176.7	1,114	553	(50.4)
Culiacán	1,100	1,668	51.6	8,843	10,020	13.3
Chihuahua	6,121	7,181	17.3	46,348	48,269	4.1
Durango	2,147	2,611	21.6	14,407	17,526	21.6
Mazatlán	17,734	9,055	(48.9)	233,073	182,873	(21.5)
Monterrey	73,892	86,487	17.0	538,174	614,750	14.2
Reynosa	26	61	134.6	199	591	197.0
San Luis Potosí	8,160	10,076	23.5	51,311	70,090	36.6
Tampico	4,344	3,905	(10.1)	31,610	31,009	(1.9)
Torreón	5,070	6,486	27.9	32,900	41,158	25.1
Zacatecas	6,274	7,044	12.3	35,914	50,024	39.3
Zihuatanejo	5,818	6,122	5.2	145,748	134,082	(8.0)
OMA Total	134,491	144,285	7.3	1,227,040	1,248,234	1.7

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