



OMA reports a 4.2% increase in April 2012 passenger traffic

- 8 consecutive months of traffic growth

Monterrey, Mexico, May 8, 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 4.2% in April 2012, as compared to April 2011. Domestic traffic increased 4.7%, and international traffic increased 1.9%. Traffic volumes have increased eight months in a row, starting in September 2011, as the air transport industry in Mexico continues to recover.

Of total April traffic, 96.9% was commercial aviation and 3.1% was general aviation.

Total Passengers*

	Apr-11	Apr-12	Change %	Jan-Apr 2011	Jan-Apr 2012	Change %
Domestic	808,004	845,795	4.7	2,968,412	3,223,750	8.6
International	152,442	155,405	1.9	683,600	673,145	(1.5)
OMA Total	960,446	1,001,200	4.2	3,652,012	3,896,895	6.7

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

Domestic traffic increased in eight airports in April, with the most noteworthy increases in Monterrey (+4.7%), Culiacán (+9.5%), Chihuahua (+13.1%), and Reynosa (+37.7%). In Monterrey, traffic increased principally on the routes to Mexico City and Cancún. Culiacán traffic increased on the Tijuana route. The Chihuahua and Reynosa airports increased traffic on the Mexico City routes. The most significant reduction was at the Zihuatanejo airport (-15.1%), as a result of reductions in traffic on the routes to Mexico City and Toluca.

International traffic increased most significantly in Monterrey (+16.6%) and San Luis Potosi (+41.8%). In Monterrey, traffic benefited from the increase in passengers on the routes to Las Vegas, San Antonio, Panama, and Dallas. San Luis Potosi traffic increased on the Houston route. The largest decreases were recorded in Mazatlán (-22.1%), Acapulco (-45.8%), and Zihuatanejo (-12.6%). In Mazatlán, the reduction occurred on the route to Seattle. Acapulco had decreased traffic on the Houston, Phoenix, and Dallas routes. Zihuatanejo traffic decreased on the Houston and Los Angeles routes.

The total number of **flight operations** (takeoffs and landings) in April 2012 decreased 6.2% as compared to the prior year period. Domestic flights decreased 7.0%, and international flights decreased 1.0%.

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Acapulco	53,833	49,345	(8.3)	240,670	202,013	(16.1)
Ciudad Juárez	50,469	52,590	4.2	188,891	216,184	14.4
Culiacán	89,608	98,170	9.6	333,051	361,147	8.4
Chihuahua	59,740	66,746	11.7	228,369	253,286	10.9
Durango	17,609	18,393	4.5	67,025	76,132	13.6
Mazatlán	65,731	60,538	(7.9)	267,415	253,529	(5.2)
Monterrey	444,982	473,860	6.5	1,648,825	1,762,675	6.9
Reynosa	16,650	23,000	38.1	55,730	83,221	49.3
San Luis Potosí	19,196	20,082	4.6	71,962	85,006	18.1
Tampico	44,775	46,950	4.9	152,079	186,312	22.5
Torreón	29,854	30,685	2.8	107,774	125,246	16.2
Zacatecas	20,095	19,717	(1.9)	71,050	84,172	18.5
Zihuatanejo	47,904	41,124	(14.2)	219,171	207,972	(5.1)
OMA Total	960,446	1,001,200	4.2	3,652,012	3,896,895	6.7

Domestic Passengers*

	Apr-11	Apr-12	Change %	Jan-Apr 2011	Jan-Apr 2012	Change %
Acapulco	46,176	45,196	(2.1)	169,369	169,038	(0.2)
Ciudad Juárez	50,389	52,480	4.1	187,927	215,927	14.9
Culiacán	88,511	96,942	9.5	328,818	356,742	8.5
Chihuahua	53,762	60,784	13.1	206,566	231,165	11.9
Durango	15,951	16,433	3.0	61,108	69,532	13.8
Mazatlán	32,281	34,483	6.8	111,934	117,678	5.1
Monterrey	378,157	395,938	4.7	1,409,465	1,484,972	5.4
Reynosa	16,628	22,902	37.7	55,664	82,913	49.0
San Luis Potosí	13,194	11,571	(12.3)	49,196	53,632	9.0
Tampico	40,976	43,463	6.1	138,056	171,991	24.6
Torreón	25,957	25,526	(1.7)	93,562	107,460	14.9
Zacatecas	15,825	14,433	(8.8)	56,256	60,134	6.9
Zihuatanejo	30,197	25,644	(15.1)	100,491	102,566	2.1
OMA Total	808,004	845,795	4.7	2,968,412	3,223,750	8.6

International Passengers*

	Apr-11	Apr-12	Change %	Jan-Apr 2011	Jan-Apr 2012	Change %
Acapulco	7,657	4,149	(45.8)	71,301	32,975	(53.8)
Ciudad Juárez	80	110	37.5	964	257	(73.3)
Culiacán	1,097	1,228	11.9	4,233	4,405	4.1
Chihuahua	5,978	5,962	(0.3)	21,803	22,121	1.5
Durango	1,658	1,960	18.2	5,917	6,600	11.5
Mazatlán	33,450	26,055	(22.1)	155,481	135,851	(12.6)
Monterrey	66,825	77,922	16.6	239,360	277,703	16.0
Reynosa	22	98	345.5	66	308	366.7
San Luis Potosí	6,002	8,511	41.8	22,766	31,374	37.8
Tampico	3,799	3,487	(8.2)	14,023	14,321	2.1
Torreón	3,897	5,159	32.4	14,212	17,786	25.1
Zacatecas	4,270	5,284	23.7	14,794	24,038	62.5
Zihuatanejo	17,707	15,480	(12.6)	118,680	105,406	(11.2)
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