



## OMA reports a 9.6% increase in July 2012 passenger traffic

- 11 consecutive months of traffic growth

**Monterrey, Mexico, August 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 9.6% in July 2012, as compared to July 2011. Domestic traffic increased 9.9%, and international traffic increased 7.4%. Traffic volumes have increased for eleven months in a row, starting in September 2011, as the air transport industry in Mexico continues to recover.

Of total July traffic, 97.8% was commercial aviation and 2.2% was general aviation.

### Total Passengers\*

	Jul-11	Jul-12	Change %	Jan-Jul 2011	Jan-Jul 2012	Change %
<b>Domestic</b>	1,014,750	1,115,265	9.9	5,684,821	6,116,160	7.6
<b>International</b>	159,497	171,222	7.4	1,092,549	1,103,949	1.0
<b>OMA Total</b>	<b>1,174,247</b>	<b>1,286,487</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>6,777,370</b>	<b>7,220,109</b>	<b>6.5</b>

\* 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 July, with the most noteworthy increases in Monterrey (+13.7%), Culiacán (+14.8%), Reynosa (+43.4%), and Chihuahua (+10.1%). In Monterrey, traffic increased principally on the routes to Mexico City and Cancún. Culiacán traffic increased on the Tijuana route. The Reynosa and Chihuahua airports increased traffic on the Mexico City routes. The most significant reductions were at the Ciudad Juárez (-3.4%) and Acapulco (-3.0%) airports. In Ciudad Juárez, general aviation decreased. In Acapulco, traffic decreased on the routes to Toluca and Mexico City. VivaAerobus opened the Ciudad Juárez-Cancún and Monterrey-Cuernavaca routes during the month.

**International traffic** also increased in ten airports in July, with the most significant increases in Monterrey (+15.1%) and San Luis Potosí (+38.7%). In Monterrey, traffic benefited from the increase in passengers on the routes to San Antonio, Panama, and Las Vegas. San Luis Potosi traffic increased on the Houston route. The largest decrease was recorded in Mazatlán (-42.2%) as a result of reductions on the Dallas, Phoenix, and Toronto routes. Aeroméxico Connect started operating the Monterrey-Chicago route during the month.

The total number of **flight operations** (takeoffs and landings) in July 2012 decreased 1.0% as compared to the prior year period. Domestic flights decreased 1.0%, and international flights increased 1.7%.

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	Jul-11	Jul-12	Change %	Jan-Jul 2011	Jan-Jul 2012	Change %
Acapulco	54,232	52,552	(3.1)	371,918	331,061	(11.0)
Ciudad Juárez	73,528	71,086	(3.3)	382,451	399,976	4.6
Culiacán	97,751	112,174	14.8	599,709	665,698	11.0
Chihuahua	83,791	92,048	9.9	442,803	478,075	8.0
Durango	23,399	23,567	0.7	130,669	139,910	7.1
Mazatlán	70,955	65,080	(8.3)	443,853	411,167	(7.4)
Monterrey	578,674	659,362	13.9	3,193,642	3,451,311	8.1
Reynosa	19,918	28,586	43.5	113,926	160,491	40.9
San Luis Potosí	22,387	26,338	17.6	137,506	157,338	14.4
Tampico	55,338	54,884	(0.8)	301,546	338,799	12.4
Torreón	35,536	38,722	9.0	208,717	233,939	12.1
Zacatecas	23,251	24,893	7.1	134,368	152,184	13.3
Zihuatanejo	35,487	37,195	4.8	316,262	300,160	(5.1)
<b>OMA Total</b>	<b>1,174,247</b>	<b>1,286,487</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>6,777,370</b>	<b>7,220,109</b>	<b>6.5</b>

### Domestic Passengers\*

	Jul-11	Jul-12	Change %	Jan-Jul 2011	Jan-Jul 2012	Change %
Acapulco	49,303	47,837	(3.0)	288,294	287,278	(0.4)
Ciudad Juárez	73,506	71,038	(3.4)	381,367	399,506	4.8
Culiacán	96,308	110,594	14.8	591,966	657,346	11.0
Chihuahua	77,127	84,949	10.1	402,576	436,987	8.5
Durango	20,031	19,257	(3.9)	118,409	124,995	5.6
Mazatlán	49,117	52,451	6.8	228,514	237,349	3.9
Monterrey	490,575	557,934	13.7	2,729,360	2,923,048	7.1
Reynosa	19,884	28,509	43.4	113,753	159,961	40.6
San Luis Potosí	14,137	14,898	5.4	94,355	97,324	3.1
Tampico	49,396	49,639	0.5	274,280	311,695	13.6
Torreón	30,166	31,851	5.6	180,887	199,267	10.2
Zacatecas	17,130	17,176	0.3	104,728	109,204	4.3
Zihuatanejo	28,070	29,132	3.8	176,332	172,200	(2.3)
<b>OMA Total</b>	<b>1,014,750</b>	<b>1,115,265</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>5,684,821</b>	<b>6,116,160</b>	<b>7.6</b>

### International Passengers\*

	Jul-11	Jul-12	Change %	Jan-Jul 2011	Jan-Jul 2012	Change %
Acapulco	4,929	4,715	(4.3)	83,624	43,783	(47.6)
Ciudad Juárez	22	48	118.2	1,084	470	(56.6)
Culiacán	1,443	1,580	9.5	7,743	8,352	7.9
Chihuahua	6,664	7,099	6.5	40,227	41,088	2.1
Durango	3,368	4,310	28.0	12,260	14,915	21.7
Mazatlán	21,838	12,629	(42.2)	215,339	173,818	(19.3)
Monterrey	88,099	101,428	15.1	464,282	528,263	13.8
Reynosa	34	77	126.5	173	530	206.4
San Luis Potosí	8,250	11,440	38.7	43,151	60,014	39.1
Tampico	5,942	5,245	(11.7)	27,266	27,104	(0.6)
Torreón	5,370	6,871	28.0	27,830	34,672	24.6
Zacatecas	6,121	7,717	26.1	29,640	42,980	45.0
Zihuatanejo	7,417	8,063	8.7	139,930	127,960	(8.6)
<b>OMA Total</b>	<b>159,497</b>	<b>171,222</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>1,092,549</b>	<b>1,103,949</b>	<b>1.0</b>

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