



OMA reports a 4.9% increase in December 2012 passenger traffic

- 16 consecutive months of traffic growth

Monterrey, Mexico, January 8, 2013—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 4.9% in December 2012, as compared to December 2011. Domestic traffic increased 6.2%, and international traffic decreased 0.9%.

Traffic volumes have increased for sixteen 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 December traffic, 97.4% was commercial aviation and 2.6% was general aviation.

Total Passengers*

	Dec-11	Dec-12	Change %	Jan-Dec 2011	Jan-Dec 2012	Change %
Domestic	872,051	925,811	6.2	9,988,332	10,769,224	7.8
International	181,104	179,445	(0.9)	1,784,252	1,825,145	2.3
OMA Total	1,053,155	1,105,256	4.9	11,772,584	12,594,369	7.0

* 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 December, with the most noteworthy increases in Monterrey (+7.1%), Reynosa (+51.5%), Culiacán (+7.9%), and Mazatlán (+12.6%). In Monterrey, traffic increased principally on the routes to Cancún, León, and Chihuahua. Reynosa traffic increased on the Mexico City route. Culiacán traffic increased on the Tijuana route, while Mazatlán traffic increased on the Mexico City route. The most significant reductions were at the Zacatecas (-13.1%) and Acapulco (-3.4%) airports as a result of reductions on the routes to Mexico City and Toluca, respectively.

International traffic increased in seven airports in December, with the most significant increases in Monterrey (+6.4%) and Culiacán (+163.8%). In Monterrey, traffic benefited from the increase in passengers on the route to Dallas. Chihuahua traffic increased on the Los Angeles route. The largest decreases were at the Mazatlán (-16.9%) and Zacatecas (-33.9%) airports. Mazatlán was affected by reduced traffic on the Houston, Kelowna, and Seattle routes; Zacatecas was affected by reductions on the Chicago and Los Angeles routes. Aeroméxico opened the Monterrey-Laredo route and United opened the Monterrey-Chicago route during December.

The number of **flight operations** (takeoffs and landings) in December decreased 2.9% as compared to the same month of last year. The number of domestic operations decreased 3.0% and international operations decreased 2.0%.

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Acapulco	52,089	50,601	(2.9)	596,326	546,951	(8.3)
Ciudad Juárez	60,708	62,769	3.4	673,364	699,394	3.9
Culiacán	98,790	107,952	9.3	1,070,706	1,168,380	9.1
Chihuahua	66,936	70,599	5.5	782,133	855,129	9.3
Durango	19,722	20,900	6.0	227,131	241,946	6.5
Mazatlán	67,726	65,931	(2.7)	722,492	669,407	(7.3)
Monterrey	483,350	517,223	7.0	5,582,794	6,105,910	9.4
Reynosa	21,542	32,517	50.9	216,599	302,934	39.9
San Luis Potosí	20,151	20,474	1.6	248,645	271,107	9.0
Tampico	52,690	52,063	(1.2)	548,083	594,797	8.5
Torreón	33,189	34,398	3.6	375,669	415,244	10.5
Zacatecas	27,546	21,921	(20.4)	248,029	265,264	6.9
Zihuatanejo	48,716	47,908	(1.7)	480,613	457,906	(4.7)
OMA Total	1,053,155	1,105,256	4.9	11,772,584	12,594,369	7.0

Domestic Passengers*

	Dec-11	Dec-12	Change %	Jan-Dec 2011	Jan-Dec 2012	Change %
Acapulco	47,067	45,472	(3.4)	495,018	486,268	(1.8)
Ciudad Juárez	60,686	62,639	3.2	672,046	698,503	3.9
Culiacán	97,891	105,580	7.9	1,057,611	1,150,805	8.8
Chihuahua	60,802	63,967	5.2	713,432	780,652	9.4
Durango	17,728	18,643	5.2	207,412	218,052	5.1
Mazatlán	32,766	36,893	12.6	399,451	417,924	4.6
Monterrey	398,671	427,141	7.1	4,751,883	5,163,153	8.7
Reynosa	21,408	32,427	51.5	215,819	302,015	39.9
San Luis Potosí	11,038	11,372	3.0	168,095	168,947	0.5
Tampico	48,013	48,218	0.4	501,562	550,918	9.8
Torreón	28,190	28,361	0.6	324,268	353,801	9.1
Zacatecas	17,887	15,535	(13.1)	186,735	191,866	2.7
Zihuatanejo	29,904	29,563	(1.1)	295,000	286,320	(2.9)
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International Passengers*

	Dec-11	Dec-12	Change %	Jan-Dec 2011	Jan-Dec 2012	Change %
Acapulco	5,022	5,129	2.1	101,308	60,683	(40.1)
Ciudad Juárez	22	130	490.9	1,318	891	(32.4)
Culiacán	899	2,372	163.8	13,095	17,575	34.2
Chihuahua	6,134	6,632	8.1	68,701	74,477	8.4
Durango	1,994	2,257	13.2	19,719	23,894	21.2
Mazatlán	34,960	29,038	(16.9)	323,041	251,483	(22.2)
Monterrey	84,679	90,082	6.4	830,911	942,757	13.5
Reynosa	134	90	(32.8)	780	919	17.8
San Luis Potosí	9,113	9,102	(0.1)	80,550	102,160	26.8
Tampico	4,677	3,845	(17.8)	46,521	43,879	(5.7)
Torreón	4,999	6,037	20.8	51,401	61,443	19.5
Zacatecas	9,659	6,386	(33.9)	61,294	73,398	19.7
Zihuatanejo	18,812	18,345	(2.5)	185,613	171,586	(7.6)
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