



OMA reports 10.0% increase in February 2012 passenger traffic

Monterrey, Mexico, March 7, 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 10.0% in February 2012, as compared to February 2011. Domestic traffic increased 13.1%, and international traffic decreased 2.8%.

Of total February traffic, 96.5% was commercial aviation and 3.5% was general aviation.

Total Passengers*

	Feb-11	Feb-12	Change %	Jan-Feb 2011	Jan-Feb 2012	Change %
Domestic	660,341	746,898	13.1	1,363,090	1,514,152	11.1
International	162,211	157,698	(2.8)	349,892	330,101	(5.7)
OMA Total	822,552	904,596	10.0	1,712,982	1,844,253	7.7

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

Domestic traffic increased in all thirteen airports in February, with the most noteworthy increases in Monterrey (+8.1%), Ciudad Juárez (+36.6%), Tampico (+36.3%), Culiacán (+11.1%), Torreón (+33.3%), and Reynosa (+54.8%). In Monterrey, traffic increased principally on the routes to Mexico City and Cancún. Ciudad Juárez traffic increased on the routes to Mexico City and Guadalajara. The Tampico, Torreón, and Reynosa airports increased traffic on the Mexico City routes. In Culiacán, traffic increased on the Mexico City and Tijuana routes.

International traffic increased most significantly in Monterrey (+13.6%), Zacatecas (+69.6%), and San Luis Potosi (+43.7%). In Monterrey, traffic benefited from the increase in passengers on the routes to San Antonio, Panama, and Las Vegas. In Zacatecas, there was an increase in traffic to Chicago. In San Luis Potosi, traffic increased on the Houston route. The largest decreases were recorded in Acapulco (-52.8%), Zihuatanejo (-10.2%), and Mazatlán (-6.6%). The reductions in Acapulco took place on the Houston and Dallas routes. In Zihuatanejo, the reduction was on the Houston route. In Mazatlán, the reductions occurred on the routes to Houston, Denver, and Saskatoon.

The total number of **flight operations** (takeoffs and landings) in February 2012 increased 6.5% as compared to the prior year period. Domestic flights increased 6.4%, and international flights increased 7.2%.

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Acapulco	58,168	47,991	(17.5)	124,070	101,551	(18.2)
Ciudad Juárez	37,217	50,886	36.7	87,435	105,193	20.3
Culiacán	75,273	83,481	10.9	154,231	167,455	8.6
Chihuahua	53,005	58,311	10.0	107,574	117,274	9.0
Durango	14,497	17,699	22.1	30,420	37,736	24.0
Mazatlán	61,395	61,448	0.1	129,489	122,578	(5.3)
Monterrey	370,523	403,391	8.9	763,966	814,122	6.6
Reynosa	11,595	18,000	55.2	23,583	37,354	58.4
San Luis Potosí	17,180	21,566	25.5	33,484	41,041	22.6
Tampico	33,287	44,697	34.3	66,632	90,286	35.5
Torreón	21,949	29,353	33.7	45,821	60,551	32.1
Zacatecas	15,204	17,831	17.3	32,135	42,077	30.9
Zihuatanejo	53,259	49,942	(6.2)	114,142	107,035	(6.2)
OMA Total	822,552	904,596	10.0	1,712,982	1,844,253	7.7

Domestic Passengers*

	Feb-11	Feb-12	Change %	Jan-Feb 2011	Jan-Feb 2012	Change %
Acapulco	36,978	37,990	2.7	79,420	82,212	3.5
Ciudad Juárez	37,197	50,824	36.6	86,586	105,085	21.4
Culiacán	74,240	82,460	11.1	152,073	165,323	8.7
Chihuahua	48,385	53,540	10.7	97,351	107,166	10.1
Durango	13,470	16,519	22.6	27,384	34,660	26.6
Mazatlán	23,587	26,154	10.9	51,210	54,365	6.2
Monterrey	319,724	345,686	8.1	650,930	687,161	5.6
Reynosa	11,581	17,930	54.8	23,561	37,211	57.9
San Luis Potosí	12,642	15,047	19.0	22,101	26,626	20.5
Tampico	30,524	41,614	36.3	60,185	83,022	37.9
Torreón	19,347	25,785	33.3	39,073	52,394	34.1
Zacatecas	12,338	12,971	5.1	25,529	28,936	13.3
Zihuatanejo	20,328	20,378	0.2	47,687	49,991	4.8
OMA Total	660,341	746,898	13.1	1,363,090	1,514,152	11.1

International Passengers*

	Feb-11	Feb-12	Change %	Jan-Feb 2011	Jan-Feb 2012	Change %
Acapulco	21,190	10,001	(52.8)	44,650	19,339	(56.7)
Ciudad Juárez	20	62	210.0	849	108	(87.3)
Culiacán	1,033	1,021	(1.2)	2,158	2,132	(1.2)
Chihuahua	4,620	4,771	3.3	10,223	10,108	(1.1)
Durango	1,027	1,180	14.9	3,036	3,076	1.3
Mazatlán	37,808	35,294	(6.6)	78,279	68,213	(12.9)
Monterrey	50,799	57,705	13.6	113,036	126,961	12.3
Reynosa	14	70	400.0	22	143	550.0
San Luis Potosí	4,538	6,519	43.7	11,383	14,415	26.6
Tampico	2,763	3,083	11.6	6,447	7,264	12.7
Torreón	2,602	3,568	37.1	6,748	8,157	20.9
Zacatecas	2,866	4,860	69.6	6,606	13,141	98.9
Zihuatanejo	32,931	29,564	(10.2)	66,455	57,044	(14.2)
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