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## AÉROPORTS DE MONTRÉAL THRILLED WITH AIR CANADA'S OPERATIONS GROWTH AT YUL IN 2015

**Montréal, December 10, 2014** – Aéroports de Montréal (ADM) is pleased with Air Canada's recent addition of new services out of its Montréal–Trudeau airport (YUL) hub for summer 2015. As well as the significant increase in capacity to Europe announced by Air Canada a few weeks ago, the carrier will launch a new flight to Mexico in May 2015 and will boost frequencies or capacity to Canadian and U.S. destinations.

"2015 is shaping up to be another excellent year for flights and traffic," James Cherry, ADM's President and Chief Executive Officer, said today. He added: "If the trend continues, we could attain the 15-million-passengers-a-year mark beginning next year."

The new Montréal-Mexico service will be operated by Air Canada rouge with five weekly flights using A-319 aircraft with 136 seats. Leisure airline rouge will also be handling Air Canada's regular services to Fort-de-France (Martinique) and Varadero (Cuba). Air Canada will also be adding flights to Las Vegas (Nevada), Los Angeles (California), and Orlando (Florida), as well as to Edmonton and Québec City.

Air Canada also announced several new services to European destinations for next summer, including a non-stop flight to Venice and a second daily flight to Paris. There will also be more flights to Barcelona (Spain) and Athens (Greece). In all, the airline is increasing the number of seats by 20% over 2014.

Overall, Montréal—Trudeau has never been so well-positioned since all passenger flights were grouped at the airport in late 2004. Among other things, the number of international destinations served by direct flights has risen to more than 75 from 30 in the past 10 years and Montréal—Trudeau has significantly enhanced its role as a hub. Montréal—Trudeau is now connected by direct flights to a total of over 130 destinations worldwide, including winter destinations, ranking it second among Canadian airports in terms of number of direct destinations.

## About Aéroports de Montréal

Aéroports de Montréal is the local airport authority that has been responsible for the management, operation and development of Montréal–Trudeau and Montréal–Mirabel international airports since 1992. The Corporation employs more than 650 people at both airports and at head office. ADM has been ISO 14001 certified since 2000 and BOMA BESt certified since 2008.

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