

## YUL MARKS THE FIRST DEPARTURE OF AN AIRBUS A220

**Montréal, January 17, 2020** – The first commercial flight of an Airbus A220 aircraft took off from Montréal's YUL airport yesterday morning. The first passengers travelling on this Air Canada-operated aircraft were welcomed with many surprises to mark this important event.

The A220 is equipped with state-of-the-art technology that saves fuel consumption per seat and reduces its noise footprint by 50% compared to previous generation aircraft.



“Québec is more than ever a reference in the aerospace sector. We are proud that the YMX International Aerocity of Mirabel is the assembly site for this next-generation aircraft. An impressive concentration of industry experts are working on our site and this aircraft underscores the talent of our local expertise. Through YMX, we will continue to support Québec’s aerospace industry and its efforts to innovate, which will help to provide passengers with high-level services,” said Philippe Rainville, President-CEO of Aéroports de Montréal.

Greater Montréal is the world’s third largest aeronautics capital after Seattle and Toulouse. YMX is expanding quickly and has a bright future. The announcement of a \$107 million investment to establish an aero-logistics hub at YMX will contribute significantly to the growth of air cargo activities, benefitting the entire aviation industry of Greater Montréal and the international scene.

YMX International Aerocity of Mirabel at a glance:

- An industrial zone with 5,000 workers; about 2,500 of them at Airbus;
- Aeronautical companies, including major players such as Airbus, Bombardier, Pratt and Whitney, Mecachrome, etc.;
- A \$1.1 billion contribution to Québec’s nominal GDP.

**About Aéroports de Montréal**

ADM Aéroports de Montréal is the airport authority for the Greater Montréal area responsible for the management, operation and development of YUL Montréal-Trudeau International Airport and YMX International Aerocity of Mirabel.

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