

Air Canada Reports Record January Load Factor

MONTREAL, Feb. 6, 2012 /CNW Telbec/ - For the month of January, Air Canada reported a record system load factor of 79.1 per cent, versus 78.0 per cent in January 2011, an increase of 1.1 percentage points. System traffic increased 3.3 per cent on a system-wide capacity increase of 1.9 per cent. Air Canada reports traffic results on a system-wide basis, including regional airlines from which Air Canada purchases capacity.

"I am pleased to report a record load factor of 79.1 per cent for the month of January," said Calin Rovinescu, President and Chief Executive Officer. "Air Canada generated greater traffic in all markets with system wide growth of 3.3 per cent on a capacity increase of 1.9 per cent through higher utilization of our existing fleet. These strong results underscore the effectiveness of our disciplined capacity management and award-winning product. I thank our employees whose focus on taking care of our customers has been instrumental in earning their loyalty."

		January			Year-To-Date		
		2012	2011	Change	2012	2011	Change
Traffic (RPMs mln)		4,354	4,215	+3.3%	4,354	4,215	+3.3%
Capacity (ASMs mln)		5,507	5,403	+1.9%	5,507	5,403	+1.9%
Load Factor		79.1%	78.0%	+1.1 pts	79.1%	78.0%	+1.1 pts
Canada	RPMs	1,176	1,133	+3.8%	1,176	1,133	+3.8%
	ASMs	1,514	1,481	+2.2%	1,514	1,481	+2.2%
	LF	77.7%	76.5%	+1.2 pts	77.7%	76.5%	+1.2 pts
US Transborder	RPMs	797	755	+5.6%	797	755	+5.6%
	ASMs	1,058	1,014	+4.3%	1,058	1,014	+4.3%
	LF	75.3%	74.5%	+0.8 pts	75.3%	74.5%	+0.8 pts
Atlantic	RPMs	800	788	+1.5%	800	788	+1.5%
	ASMs	1,099	1,087	+1.1%	1,099	1,087	+1.1%
	LF	72.8%	72.5%	+0.3 pts	72.8%	72.5%	+0.3 pts
Pacific	RPMs	830	797	+4.1%	830	797	+4.1%
	ASMs	939	911	+3.1%	939	911	+3.1%
	LF	88.4%	87.5%	+0.9 pts	88.4%	87.5%	+0.9 pts
Latin Amer & Other	RPMs	751	742	+1.2%	751	742	+1.2%
	ASMs	897	910	-1.4%	897	910	-1.4%
	LF	83.7%	81.5%	+2.2 pts	83.7%	81.5%	+2.2 pts

About Air Canada

Air Canada is Canada's largest domestic and international full-service airline providing scheduled and charter air transportation for passengers and cargo to more than 180 destinations on five continents. Canada's flag carrier is the 15th largest commercial airline in the world and in 2011 served over 34 million customers. Air Canada provides scheduled passenger service directly to 60 Canadian cities, 57 destinations in the United States and 63 cities in Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Australia, the Caribbean, Mexico and South America. Air Canada is a founding member of Star Alliance, the world's most comprehensive air transportation network serving 1,290 destinations in 189 countries. Air Canada customers can collect Aeroplan miles for future rewards through Canada's leading loyalty program, and Top Tier members enjoy reciprocal frequent flyer benefits including lounge and priority services. For more information on Air Canada visit aircanada.com and follow [@AirCanada](https://twitter.com/AirCanada) on Twitter and Facebook.

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