

Air Canada Reports Record September Load Factor

MONTREAL, Oct. 3, 2012 /CNW Telbec/ - For the month of September, Air Canada reported a record system load factor of 84.9 per cent, versus 82.8 per cent in September 2011, an increase of 2.1 percentage points. System traffic increased 3.1 per cent on a system-wide capacity increase of 0.5 per cent. Air Canada reports traffic results on a system-wide basis, including regional airlines from which Air Canada purchases capacity.

"For the month of September, Air Canada reported a record load factor of 84.9 per cent, surpassing our previous record for the month by 2.1 percentage points," said Calin Rovinescu, President and Chief Executive Officer. "Air Canada generated greater traffic in all markets the airline serves, with system wide growth of 3.1 per cent on a capacity increase of 0.5 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."

		SEPTEMBER			Q3			YEAR-TO-DATE		
		2012	2011	Change	2012	2011	Change	2012	2011	Change
Traffic (RPMs mln)		4,984	4,834	+3.1%	16,258	16,127	+0.8%	43,072	42,158	+2.2%
Capacity (ASMs mln)		5,869	5,837	+0.5%	18,836	18,799	+0.2%	51,785	51,170	+1.2%
Load Factor		84.9%	82.8%	+2.1 pts	86.3%	85.8%	+0.5 pts	83.2%	82.4%	+0.8 pts
Canada	RPMs	1,457	1,416	+2.9%	4,984	4,871	+2.3%	12,572	12,262	+2.5%
	ASMs	1,777	1,759	+1.0%	5,891	5,841	+0.9%	15,267	15,078	+1.3%
	LF	82.0%	80.5%	+1.5 pts	84.6%	83.4%	+1.2 pts	82.3%	81.3%	+1.0 pts
US Transborder	RPMs	659	634	+3.9%	2,216	2,183	+1.5%	6,858	6,670	+2.8%
	ASMs	858	838	+2.4%	2,771	2,735	+1.3%	8,713	8,469	+2.9%
	LF	76.8%	75.7%	+1.1 pts	80.0%	79.8%	+0.2 pts	78.7%	78.8%	-0.1 pts
Atlantic	RPMs	1,597	1,557	+2.6%	4,906	5,006	-2.0%	11,114	10,988	+1.1%
	ASMs	1,763	1,775	-0.7%	5,523	5,618	-1.7%	13,262	13,260	0%
	LF	90.6%	87.7%	+2.9 pts	88.8%	89.1%	-0.3 pts	83.8%	82.9%	+0.9 pts
Pacific	RPMs	859	845	+1.7%	2,733	2,718	+0.6%	7,610	7,419	+2.6%
	ASMs	974	984	-1.0%	3,003	3,019	-0.5%	8,605	8,476	+1.5%
	LF	88.2%	85.9%	+2.3 pts	91.0%	90.0%	+1.0 pts	88.4%	87.5%	+0.9 pts
Other*	RPMs	412	382	+7.9%	1,419	1,349	+5.2%	4,918	4,819	+2.1%
	ASMs	497	481	+3.3%	1,648	1,586	+3.9%	5,938	5,887	+0.9%
	LF	82.9%	79.4%	+3.5 pts	86.1%	85.1%	+1.0pts	82.8%	81.9%	+0.9 pts

* Includes Australia, the Caribbean, Mexico, Central America and South America

Air Canada is Canada's largest domestic and international airline serving more than 175 destinations on five continents. Canada's flag carrier is the 15th largest commercial airline in the world and in 2011 served more than 33 million customers. Air Canada provides scheduled passenger service directly to 59 Canadian cities, 56 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 1,356 destinations in 193 countries. In 2012, Air Canada was ranked Best International Airline in North America in a worldwide survey of more than 18 million airline passengers conducted by independent research firm Skytrax.

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