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## Air Canada to launch non-stop Montreal-Geneva service; Star Alliance partner SWISS to codeshare

MONTREAL and GENEVA, Switzerland, Nov. 17 /CNW Telbec/ - Air Canada today announced that it will introduce year-round non-stop service between Montreal and Geneva. Daily flights will begin June 1, 2009 (first flight departs Geneva June 2, 2009), with same-plane service continuing on to/from Toronto. The carrier's Star Alliance partner, Swiss International Air Lines, will offer seats on a codeshare basis on the new route. Tickets are now available for purchase.

"The introduction of the only non-stop service between Montreal and sister city Geneva is great news for customers traveling on business, including international organizations, as well as for leisure," said Daniel Shurz, Air Canada's Vice President, Network Planning. "Air Canada's new non-stop Geneva service, offered in cooperation with our Star Alliance partner, SWISS, will provide customers with even more choice for convenient international travel via our Montreal hub."

Air Canada will operate the new Montreal-Geneva non-stop service using 211-seat Boeing 767-300 ER aircraft offering a choice of Economy Class and Executive First service featuring 24 lay flat bed suites. Further details and a virtual tour of Air Canada's new cabin amenities including personal seatback entertainment are available at:

<http://www.aircanada.com/en/travelinfo/onboard/cabincomfort.html>

With the addition of non-stop service to Geneva, Air Canada expands its transatlantic network to complement its non-stop Toronto-Zurich flights operated on a codeshare basis with SWISS, and SWISS-operated Montreal-Zurich flights offered by Air Canada on a codeshare basis. The new Montreal-Geneva service will also provide easy access to a number of popular destinations in France served by train such as nearby Lyon, Annecy, Dijon and Grenoble.

Flights on the new Geneva route are timed to offer travellers convenient connections on Air Canada's extensive North America network via the carrier's Montreal hub to and from: Toronto (same plane), Ottawa, Quebec City, Halifax, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, Boston and New York. In Geneva, connecting flights are available to/from a number of destinations including Beirut, as well as alternate routings for Barcelona and Zurich on SWISS. Operation of the new route is subject to obtaining necessary government approvals.

Flight	Depart Toronto	Arrive Montreal	Depart Montreal	Arrive Geneva
AC830	18:00	19:19	20:45	10:05
LX4643			(+1)	

Flight	Depart Geneva	Arrive Montreal	Depart Montreal	Arrive Toronto
AC831	12:15	14:30	16:00	17:19
LX4642				

-----Montreal-based Air Canada provides scheduled and charter air

transportation for passengers and cargo to more than 170 destinations on five continents. Canada's flag carrier is the 14th largest commercial airline in the world and serves 33 million customers annually. Air Canada is a founding member of Star Alliance, providing the world's most comprehensive air transportation network.

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