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## AÉROPORTS DE MONTRÉAL INAUGURATES \$350 MILLION WORTH OF EXPANSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS

**Montréal, May 10, 2016** – Aéroports de Montréal (ADM) today inaugurated \$350 million worth of expansions and improvements at Montréal Pierre–Elliott Trudeau International Airport that will significantly increase the capacity of the international sector and enhance the customer experience.

The new, highly innovative facilities include an extension to the international jetty, including the addition of six boarding gates for wide-body aircraft such as the B-787 and A380, as well as a new commercial area between existing Gates 52 and 53. The project also features expansions in the domestic sector, including a commercial area near Gate 1.

The expansion of the terminal’s international jetty, the most significant project in terms of budget, was completed four months ahead of the original schedule.

These investments were financed entirely by ADM, without any public funding. They are in addition to sustainable investments required by the growing needs of air carriers and passengers.

“The project is part of a master plan to create a facility that is both functional and vibrant, as well as emblematic of Montréal,” says James Cherry, President and Chief Executive Officer of ADM. “It has been completed showing imagination and taking into account our limited financial resources.”

The main innovation is the development of an interior open-plan area designed to create a unique atmosphere through the integration of artistic and cultural elements, including a lighted ceiling installation titled *Nuée de verre (Veil of Glass)* composed of different-coloured glass triangles illuminated by spotlights. There are also large murals created by local artists, showcases dedicated to Montréal’s main museums, and a fanciful children’s play space.

“Although representing a small percentage of the budget, it is these little extras, in conjunction with the open-plan, transparent architectural design, that make all the difference,” Mr. Cherry says.

Added to all this is free Wi-Fi, like everywhere else in the airport, as well as some 1,000 chairs equipped with charging stations and USB ports, and shops and restaurants that further contribute to the customer experience.

Food services have been significantly enhanced with a typical Montréal flavour. Among the best-known names that have been added to the terminal are Auberge St-Gabriel, Burger Queue de Cheval, Le Grand Comptoir Wine Bar, the Avenue des Canadiens resto-bar, and Montréal Bagel & Deli. Moreover, the Montréal Cuisine de Rue food truck is certain to attract attention and add a touch of fun.

The international jetty expansion project also stands out in terms of sustainable development, since it incorporates many elements that should lead to a first LEED certification for Montréal-Trudeau.

In terms of construction, the use of building information modelling (BIM) technology and a construction-management approach helped to minimize do-overs and extras, ensuring that the project was completed on time and within budget.

### **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 625 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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