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Hartsfield-Jackson Named World’s Most Efficient Airport for 13th consecutive year
Academic researchers say ATL tops 200 other airports in efficiency

ATLANTA – Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) was honored over the weekend when it was named the world’s most efficient airport for the 13th straight year.

In its annual benchmarking study of commercial airports in Europe, Asia, Oceania and North America, the Air Transport Research Society (ATRS), the world’s leading academic society in the air transportation field, has again given its Global Efficiency Excellence Award to ATL.

“Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport made history last year as the first airport ever to serve 100 million passengers in a single year. Maintaining efficiency and operational excellence while hosting so many passengers speaks volumes about our employees and partners,” said interim Airport General Manager Roosevelt Council Jr. “We are honored to receive this award for the 13th consecutive year.”

“The ATRS goes to great efforts to assess the efficiency of airports around the world. Our hope is that the airport authorities will review these results in order to further improve their efficiency and reduce the costs to passenger and airline users,” says Martin Dresner, CEO and president of ATRS.

ATRS reviewed the productivity and efficiency of more than 200 airports worldwide and based its top award on factors such as passenger and cargo traffic, plane movements, flight bookings, landing fees and terminal charges, and percentage of airport revenue coming from non-aviation sources. Greater efficiency in the airport industry typically results in stronger financial stability and lower costs for travelers. The 2016 report includes 205 airports and 24 airport groups of various sizes and ownership forms in Asia Pacific, Europe and North America.

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Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

Hartsfield-Jackson (ATL) is the world's most traveled and most efficient airport, serving more than 101 million passengers annually with nonstop service to more than 150 U.S. destinations and nearly 70 international destinations in more than 45 countries. ATL boasts a direct economic impact of \$34.8 billion in metro Atlanta and a total direct economic impact of \$70.9 billion in Georgia. The Airport is the largest employer in Georgia, with more than 63,000 employees. The Airport is a frequent recipient of awards of excellence for concessions, operations, sustainability, architectural engineering, and construction. ATL is about to embark on a \$6 billion capital improvement plan, ATL Next, that will modernize the domestic terminal and concourses, create new parking decks, construct a 300-room hotel, Class A commercial office space, add a new runway, new concourse and expand cargo facilities. For more information, go to www.atlanta-airport.com.

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