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Media Advisory

Hartsfield-Jackson Welcomes Turkish Airlines to Atlanta
Turkish Airlines to begin daily flights to ATL Monday, May 16

ATLANTA – Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) officials will welcome a new international carrier to the world’s most traveled airport next week. Turkish Airlines begins daily, nonstop service between Atlanta and Istanbul on Monday, May 16. The inaugural flight will be greeted with a celebratory water cannon salute, a ribbon-cutting ceremony and reception at the Maynard H. Jackson Jr. International Terminal, and comments from Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed, ATL General Manager Miguel Southwell and Turkish Airlines Chairman Ilker Ayci.

“We are thrilled to welcome Turkish Airlines to Atlanta,” Southwell said today. “These daily flights will open up business and leisure opportunities for thousands of new customers from both sides of the Atlantic.”

The new daily, nonstop service between Atlanta and Istanbul will be operated using the airline’s Boeing 777-300ER aircraft.

NOTE TO REPORTERS: As this event is post-security, names and dates of birth of journalists attending the event must be submitted for security vetting. Please RSVP no later than 4 p.m. Friday, May 13 to media@atlanta-airport.com

WHO: Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed
Miguel Southwell, general manager, ATL
Ilker Ayci, chairman, Turkish Airlines

WHAT: Inaugural Turkish Airlines flight between Atlanta and Istanbul

WHEN: Monday, May 16, 2016
Media must arrive no later than 5 p.m.
Water cannon Salute 5:30 p.m.
Press conference and ribbon cutting 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Maynard H. Jackson Jr. International Terminal
Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
2600 Maynard H. Jackson Jr. Blvd
Atlanta, GA 30354

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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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