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## **Hartsfield-Jackson Wins Top Global Efficiency Excellence Award**

### ***Airport Again Named World's Most Efficient***

**ATLANTA** – Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport has been named the world's most efficient airport for the 12th consecutive 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 for large airports to Hartsfield-Jackson.

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.

"This award stands as a testament to Hartsfield-Jackson's unwavering dedication to operational and managerial efficiency and cost competitiveness," said Aviation General Manager Miguel Southwell. "We are proud to have claimed this recognition for the 12th consecutive year."

Professor Martin Dresner, President and CEO of ATRS, described Hartsfield-Jackson and the regional winners as "airports that serve as the benchmarks for the industry."

"Each year, the ATRS analyzes data on airport costs and outputs in order to arrive at the most efficient airports in all the major regions of the world," added Dresner. "As the aviation industry has become more competitive, airports have had to compete for business from airlines, as well as from passengers and shippers."

For more information on ATRS and the Global Efficiency Award, please visit [www.atrsworld.org/airportawards.html](http://www.atrsworld.org/airportawards.html).

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### **Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport**

Hartsfield-Jackson (ATL) is the world's busiest and most efficient airport, serving more than 96.1 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, architectural engineering and construction – including the 2013 Global Efficiency Excellence Award from the Air Transport Research Society, 2013 Project of the Year, Architectural Category for the Maynard H. Jackson Jr. International Terminal from the American Association of Airport Executives Southeast chapter and the 2012 Best Airport in North America, Business Travel Award from the Business Traveler Magazine. ATL has completed more than \$6 billion worth of capital improvements, including a new, energy-efficient rental car center, a gold LEED-certified international terminal and aesthetic and functional upgrades to its concourses, people movers and parking services. For more information, go to [www.atlanta-airport.com](http://www.atlanta-airport.com). Check out the Airport's YouTube channel by visiting [www.youtube.com/AtlantaHartsfield](http://www.youtube.com/AtlantaHartsfield), follow us on Twitter (@Atlanta\_Airport) and become a fan on Facebook (Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport).

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