

## PRESS RELEASE

### 263 000 PASSENGERS EXPECTED THIS WINTER

- Regular flights to 13 destinations
- Steady rise in charter traffic
- Soaring performance for business flying
- Launch of new airports magazine
- Frequent shuttle service
- Major investment programme

**Chambéry-Savoie airport reinforces its position as the gateway to the French Alps with a privileged access to France's largest ski resorts. Thanks to the combined efforts of the airport owner, Savoie county council, and the VINCI Airports and Keolis Consortium, airport operator from 2004, Chambéry-Savoie airport is expecting about 263 000 passengers this winter.**

#### ➤ **Regular flights to 13 destinations\* departing from Chambéry this winter**

In a turbulent economic situation, Chambéry-Savoie airport has maintained a traffic almost identical in volume to last year's. Three airlines will be present this winter:

Flybe with 10 weekly flights is serving the cities of Southampton, Birmingham, Exeter and Norwich.

Jet2 is also maintaining its schedule exactly as it was, with notably 5 weekly flights to Manchester and Leeds, 2 to Newcastle and Edinburgh, and one to Belfast.

New this year: Snowjet inaugurates a new route to Stansted, adding on to that for Gatwick opened in 2007. The traffic towards Bristol and Manchester is maintained.

The flights of the 2 airlines which went bankrupt this year, XL Airways and Sterling Airlines, will be maintained by other airline companies, thus reducing the impact on traffic at Chambéry-Savoie airport.

#### ➤ **Charter traffic on the rise due to British and Russian TOs**

This winter, the British will once more be the airport's main client, with tour companies TUI, Satellite Travel and Esprit Holidays among others. The Russian Tour Operators have increased their traffic with 3 flights on Saturdays throughout the winter season, and more than 15 extra flights during the Russian holiday period (from 27/12 to 17/01). The Scandinavian tour operators are keeping to two flights on Saturdays.

Another factor which will promote charter traffic this winter: the increase in airplane seating capacity. On Saturday, the airport will receive 9 Boeing 757s with a maximum seating capacity of 238 passengers, the largest airplanes authorised at the airport.

Chambéry Savoie airport is still this year's leader in France's ski charter sector.

#### ➤ **Top regional airport for winter business flying traffic**

Business flying should continue to increase, marked by an upward trend in aircraft size. The airport should be receiving more than 8 000 passengers this winter with a clientele that is mostly British and Russian.

#### ➤ **Launch of new airports magazine**

This winter, Chambéry-Savoie airport, in association with Grenoble-Isère airport, launches the inaugural issue of a free, bilingual magazine which will be distributed on the first flight on 13 December. It will boast a circulation of 60 000 copies and distributed at the two airports, as well as in certain British airports. The annual magazine, called Rmag, will serve to promote the airports and provide travellers with information on the destinations, ski resorts and activities in Savoie and Isère.

#### ➤ **Frequent and upon request shuttle services to the Savoyard ski resorts**

The Trans'neige service, arranged by the county council and operated by Transavoie, provides transport upon request to the Maurienne and Beaufortain Val d'Arly resorts.

For the Tarentaise resorts, the county council proposes coaches for arrivals of regular scheduled flights during the weekend (4 on Saturday and 1 on Sunday) with a "door-to-door" service at an attractive fare (70 € return). Information, bookings and sales are made through the website [www.altibus.com](http://www.altibus.com), with the possibility of printing your tickets at home up until the last minute, a new feature this winter.

### ➤ An investment programme to accompany the airport's development

In 2008, the investment programme undertaken by the county council for nearly 5.7M€, has enabled notably the completion of works for bringing the operating buildings up to the required standards, as well as for extending the main aircraft parking area. Work will commence next year to create the future bus terminal (2.1M€) in order to improve user facilities and ease passenger transfers to the resorts via an exchange platform for planes, cars and taxis. Altogether, around 20 M€ will be invested by the county council for the period of 2004-2011 to accompany the airport's development.

### Shareholders of the Chambéry airport operating company, SEACA: VINCI Airports and KEOLIS

*VINCI Airports is a subsidiary of VINCI Concessions, Europe's leading operator of transport infrastructure concessions, which achieved a turnover of 4 580 million Euros in 2007, through 600 million clients. VINCI Concessions operates 3 airports in France in partnership with KEOLIS Airport, namely Grenoble-Isère, Chambéry-Savoie and Clermont-Ferrand-Auvergne, and 3 airports in Cambodia directly, with a total traffic of 4.5 million passengers.*

*Keolis Airport is the airport management specialist arm of the Keolis group, France's leading private operator of public passenger transport and world leader in the management of automated metro systems. More than 1.8 billion passengers are transported annually, thanks to the Group's 38 000 collaborators, generating 2.7 billion € in turnover in 2007. Keolis Airport operates 3 airports in partnership with VINCI Airports, namely Grenoble-Isère, Chambéry-Savoie and Clermont-Ferrand-Auvergne, and 3 airports directly.*

### **Practical information:**

- Getting to Chambéry Airport is extremely easy and parking is free.
- For airport information go to [www.chambery-airport.com](http://www.chambery-airport.com)

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