

PRESS RELEASE  
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## Winter traffic growth for Grenoble-Isere and Chambéry-Savoie

***A 21% growth in traffic was achieved for Grenoble despite our predictions of 10%. In particular, at Chambéry-Savoie airport we recorded a 30% growth in Business aviation traffic, mostly from Britain and Russian. Our British clientele is by far the most popular at Grenoble-Isere and Chambéry-Savoie, airports'. From December 2004 to April 2005, nearly 250 000 passengers arrived from United Kingdom. In addition, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year our passengers from Russia continued to rise making 40% of the total passengers Grenoble. Attractive growth rates were also recorded from our Scandinavian customers – 20% of the total passenger throughput at Grenoble-Isere and 10% at Chambéry-Savoie.***

**Grenoble-Isere airport** in the winter season 2004, recorded a 20.7% International traffic growth, representing 175,345 passengers. The daily scheduled service to/from London operated by **easyJet** - in service since January 2005 – had been a great success. The frequent services offered added benefits for both the ski market and also for the cultural attractions and leisure opportunities which exist in the region. This spring, passengers originating from Ardeche, Drome, Savoie and from Rhone and Haute-Savoie are using the airports. Moreover, we see our load factors rising through the festival season which is another popular event! We believe that the excellent position of Grenoble-Isere airport has been a key factor for the success that we experience through its convenience for charter ski traffic. More growth is further expected when tour operator Marmara-Etapes Nouvelles (First Choice) starts its operations in April through October 2005. Marmara-Etapes Nouvelles also announced the continuity of its two air services to Monastir and Marrakech, during winter 2005/2006.

**Chambéry-Savoie airport** had 1,500 more passengers compared to winter 2003/2004. The total traffic of the Savoie region airport was 184,081 passengers, despite the unfavourable weather conditions having lead to diversions of flights. General aviation traffic growth of 31% was recorded – 12,219 passengers. The regular air services to and from Southampton and to and from Birmingham operated by the low cost **Flybe** and the air services to and from Amsterdam by **Transavia** shall continue to operate this year also. Details of their timetable will be released in due course.

Two airports have proven beyond any doubt that they are the gateway to French Alps region.

→ New destinations from the two airports will be announced in the coming months.

*Traffic data from December 1st until April 30th, 2005*