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## **Paris-Charles de Gaulle becomes the 5<sup>th</sup> busiest airport in the world**

35 years after handling its first passenger, Paris-Charles de Gaulle airport is ranked 5<sup>th</sup> busiest airport in the world, according to the 2008 preliminary airport ranking by Airports Council international (ACI).

For the second consecutive year, Paris-Charles de Gaulle airport wins a position in the global ranking of airports. In 2008, it was ahead of Los Angeles airport.

Paris-Charles de Gaulle handled nearly 61 million passengers in 2008, an increase of 1.6% year on year. A total of 950 million passengers have travelled through Paris-Charles de Gaulle since its opening in March 1974. Paris-Charles de Gaulle has become the most dynamic economic area of the Ile-de France region in terms of job creation with 90 000 direct jobs on the airport site. Between 1995 and 2007, 10 jobs a day on average were created on site.

These good results are due to the numerous competitive assets of Paris-Charles de Gaulle:

- Its exceptional geographical location next to Paris and at the heart of the 2<sup>nd</sup> catchment area in Europe, with 25 million inhabitants at less than 200 kilometers from the airport.
- Paris-Charles de Gaulle accommodates the most powerful hub in Europe, the Air France-KLM hub, with 24 000 possible connections in less than 2 hours\*.
- Thanks to its recent investments in the terminals at Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport (La Galerie Parisienne, Terminal 2<sup>E</sup> boarding pier), Aéroports de Paris has increased its capacities by more than 21 million passengers in 2 years as well as the quality of services offered to passengers.

The 2008 ranking by ACI coincides with the total reopening of the central area in Terminal 1 unveiled exactly 35 years ago. After a 5 year overhaul, the "historical" terminal of Paris-Charles can now handle 10.8 million passengers per year.

\* Possible connecting flights in less than 2 hours during a week in summer 2008.

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Aéroports de Paris builds, develops and manages airports including Paris-Charles de Gaulle, Paris-Orly and Paris-Le Bourget. Aéroports de Paris is Europe's second-largest airport services group in terms of airport revenues and the European leader for cargo and mail. Aéroports de Paris accommodates nearly 460 airlines, including the main companies in the air transport industry. With an exceptional geographic location and a major trading area, the Group is pursuing its strategy of modernizing its terminal facilities and upgrading quality of services, and also intends to develop its retail and real estate business. In 2008, Aéroports de Paris Group had revenues of €2,527 million, and the company handled 87.1 million passengers.