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AIR ONE LAUNCHES NEW SERVICE AT O'HARE

Featuring nonstop service from Chicago to Milan

CHICAGO – The Department of Aviation welcomes Air One to O'Hare International Airport as the Italian air carrier begins nonstop service from Chicago to Milan. Yesterday's inaugural flight to Chicago marks Air One's first intercontinental flight between the United States and Italy.

"We are pleased to include Air One as part of the Chicago Airport System," said Aviation Commissioner Richard L. Rodriguez. "This new service provides an important and valuable connection between our city and Milan, a Chicago Sister City since 1973."

Air One will operate daily flights, except for Wednesdays, from Chicago to Milan on an Airbus A330-200 aircraft configured to seat 279 passengers. On board, passengers will experience Italian cuisine prepared by Chicago Chef Phil Stefani and in-flight entertainment featuring Italian films.

"Air One is looking forward to forging a strong relationship between the cities of Chicago and Milan, as well as the many Italian and European destinations our passengers can connect to," said Air One Chief Revenue Officer Giorgio De Roni. "This expansion marks a milestone in our ongoing commitment to providing excellent quality and efficiency for our customers."

Air One was established in November 1995 when the company began operating scheduled flights on the Roma Fiumicino-Milano Linate line. Last year, Air One transported more than 7.5 million passengers. Air One provides service to 21 destinations in Italy, 10 international destinations and two intercontinental destinations.

With the addition of Air One, O'Hare International Airport now has 52 passenger airlines providing direct and nonstop service to 213 cities worldwide.

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The Chicago Airport System is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O'Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago's airports generate more than \$45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit www.flychicago.com to learn more about the Chicago Airport System.

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Photo Caption - The City of Chicago welcomed Italian air carrier Air One to O'Hare International Airport at a downtown reception on June 25, 2008. Chicago Department of Aviation Commissioner Richard L. Rodriguez, right, and Air One Chief Revenue Officer Giorgio De Roni, display a letter from Mayor Richard M. Daley to the airline and a gift book presented to the City.

Photo: Chicago Dept. of Aviation



Photo Caption - Italian air carrier Air One launched its inaugural nonstop flight between Chicago and Milan on June 26, 2008 at O'Hare International Airport. The new service operates six days a week and features Italian cuisine by Chicago chef Phil Stefani. Chicago Department of Aviation Commissioner Richard L. Rodriguez, right, joined Italian Consul General Alessandro Motta, left, and Air One Sales Director Antonio Temporini at the ribbon-cutting ceremony in International Terminal 5.

Photo: Chicago Dept. of Aviation