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## **Detroit Metro Airport Welcomes New Non-Stop Service to Rome**

*-- Daily flight is Delta's second major route launched this week from Detroit*

DETROIT, Mich. -- Detroit Metro Airport (DTW) welcomes the return of non-stop flights between Southeast Michigan and Rome, Italy, today as Delta Air Lines (NYSE: DAL) begins daily service between Motown and the Eternal City. The launch of this new Rome flight comes just three days after Delta, which operates its second-largest hub at Detroit Metro Airport, inaugurated new non-stop service between Detroit and Shanghai, China.

“In what has otherwise been a very difficult week for Detroit, the launch of two major international routes by Delta is a much needed vote of confidence in Southeast Michigan and further evidence of our airports’ leading role in our region’s future,” said Lester Robinson, CEO of Wayne County Airport Authority, which operates DTW. “We congratulate Delta on the launch of this new service and look forward to more great things to come for Detroit as a result of the Delta/Northwest merger.”

The new Rome flight will depart DTW daily at 7:45 p.m., arriving into Rome’s Leonardo da Vinci-Fiumicino Airport (FCO) at 10:45 a.m. local time the next day. The return flight departs FCO at 12:45 p.m. with a scheduled arrival time at DTW of 5:20 p.m. The route will be operated by Delta’s Northwest Airlines subsidiary.

Serving more than 35 million passengers in 2008, DTW is the largest airport in Michigan and among the 20 busiest air transportation hubs in the world. Following Delta’s merger with Northwest Airlines, Delta became the world’s largest airline and DTW its second-largest hub. DTW’s award-winning McNamara Terminal, home exclusively to Delta and its SkyTeam alliance partners, continues to rank among the most loved air transportation facilities in the world by travelers for its convenient layout, modern amenities and wide selection of more than 90 shops and restaurants. Altogether, DTW offers more than 1,200 daily flights to over 160 destinations worldwide.

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