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# MERIDIAN NAMES LADOUCEUR VICE PRESIDENT

Teterboro, NJ, November 23, 2011 – Meridian Air Charter, the charter sales arm of Meridian, is pleased to announce that Andrew Ladouceur has been promoted to the position of Vice President of Charter Sales and Client Services. Ladouceur has extensive industry experience, having worked in corporate aviation for over twenty years. He graduated from the State University of New York at Farmingdale with a degree in Aviation Management. Andrew began his career at Meridian in 2003 as Director of Charter Sales, and he was responsible for managing and developing the Air Charter group over the last 8 years.

Dennis O'Connell, President of Meridian Air Charter, had this to say, "We at Meridian feel that Andrew's promotion was an appropriate way to recognize the many contributions that he has made to the development and growth of our charter business over the years. He truly understands the needs of our clients, and how to navigate the rough waters of a business that can be very difficult to manage at times".

In his new role as VP, Mr. Ladouceur will continue to be responsible for managing the Air Charter business domestically, as well as have new responsibilities for seeking to grow the business internationally as private aviation expands into emerging markets.

#### About Meridian:

Meridian is a full-service, private aviation company based in Teterboro, NJ, located just minutes from New York City. The company has earned numerous industry awards and accolades for its outstanding service and state-of-the-art facility. Meridian owns and operates businesses that include Aircraft Management, Aircraft Maintenance, Air Charter, and a world-class Executive Terminal / FBO that was completed in 2006.

The historical roots of Meridian originated in 1946 when company founder and former WWII test pilot, Ken Forester, Sr., began converting military transport aircraft for executive operation. Opened at Teterboro in 1958, Meridian was one of the early pioneers of private aviation in the New York City market. Today, the company is led by Ken Forester, Jr., making Meridian the longest continuously operating aviation services company in the New York Metropolitan Area, and the only remaining family-owned business at Teterboro Airport (TEB).

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