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MERIDIAN NAMES CARLOS RODRIGUEZ HAYWARD GENERAL MANAGER

Hayward, CA, September 1, 2017 – Meridian, the award-winning private aviation company with locations at Teterboro Airport and Hayward Executive Airport, is pleased to announce that Carlos Rodriguez has been named General Manager of Meridian Hayward. Mr. Rodriguez had been serving as Operations Manager at the same location. In his new role, he will be responsible for overseeing and managing the daily operations of the facility, developing the customer base by communicating the intrinsic value of Hayward Executive Airport in the Bay Area, and assuring the service experience reflects Meridian's high-quality standards. Carlos will be managing a staff of 18 employees.

Carlos began his career with Meridian in 2002 when the company was part of the Million Air franchise. Through hard work and determination, Carlos moved up through the ranks and became the company's first Training & Safety Coordinator in February of 2013. In 2015, when Meridian decided to expand westward to Hayward, CA, a motivated leader was needed to head up operations and get things off the ground. Carlos had excelled in his role as a Training & Safety Coordinator at Meridian Teterboro and he had an interest in moving West, so it was a natural step to promote him to Operations Manager at Hayward.

After a successful launch in October 2016, the new FBO is continuing to grow under Carlos' management. "In 2016, I was very excited to join Meridian's expansion to the west coast as the company was in the process of laying the foundation of its culture in the heart of the San Francisco Bay area" said Mr. Rodriguez. "Now that we have been operational for almost a year, I look forward to taking the customer experience to the next level. As GM, I hope to incorporate everything I learned at Meridian Teterboro alongside the best team in the industry and deliver the same extraordinary service to our customers here. I am really excited to have the opportunity to grow our brand and service culture in the Bay Area."

"I am extremely proud of Carlos and all he has accomplished over the last 14 years," said Ken Forester, Meridian CEO. "He exemplifies what we stand for at Meridian. Our entire team is committed to giving our customers, both at Hayward and Teterboro, the very best service every day."

About Meridian

Meridian is an award-winning, private aviation company with locations at Teterboro Airport (TEB) near New York City, and Hayward Executive Airport (HWD) near San Francisco. Meridian owns and operates businesses that include FBOs, Air Charter, Aircraft Management, and Aircraft Maintenance. We also have charter sales offices located at Van Nuys Airport (VNY) and Sonoma County Airport (STS) in California.

Meridian has earned numerous industry awards and accolades for its exceptional service: 2017 Top Rated FBO in Northeast by AIN FBO Survey; 2017 Top US FBO in Northeast by FltPlan.com; 2017 Best CSRs by *Professional Pilot* PRASE Survey (#1 for Betsy Wines and #3 for Victor Seda); Meridian was voted the #1 FBO at Teterboro Airport in all three surveys.

Meridian's safety standard is one of the best in the industry. In addition to our own internal evaluation program, we also regularly undergo rigorous third-party audits conducted by the industry's leading vendor and international industry auditing associations. Meridian is one of only 135 operators worldwide to hold the ARG/US Platinum rating, the highest level awarded. We are also IS-BAO Stage 2 Certified and IATA TCO Approved. We maintain the Wyvern Wingman Certification, which fewer than 100 operators currently hold worldwide.

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