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MERIDIAN NAMES CHRIS BATTAGLIA DIRECTOR OF CHARTER SALES

Teterboro, NJ, August 12, 2015 – Meridian, the award-winning private aviation company based at Teterboro Airport in Teterboro, NJ, is pleased to announce that Chris Battaglia has been named Director of Charter Sales. Mr. Battaglia is a seasoned business aviation veteran with thirteen years of charter sales experience, six years of financial management experience, and is a graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Mr. Battaglia will be responsible for executing the long-term sales strategy of Meridian Air Charter, managing the daily operations of charter sales, and developing the West Coast charter business, which will be based at Hayward Executive Airport (HWD) in Hayward, CA, once the FBO and hangar facilities are completed in 2016.

Chris began his aviation career in 2002 with TAG Aviation starting as a Charter Services Representative. Over the years, he was promoted to roles of increasing responsibility, until he left the company as Director of Charter Services. In 2009, he continued his aviation career at TWC Aviation, where he was eventually promoted to VP of Charter Sales. He was responsible for all charter activities in both the wholesale and retail sales areas, while managing a large team of charter sales directors and representatives.

Dennis O'Connell, President of Meridian Air Charter, had this to say, "Chris brings a wealth of charter experience and knowledge to our company. He is joining us during an exciting period of growth as we continue to expand our fleet and build our operation in California. We are looking forward to him helping us get to the next level, and we are very happy to have him on our team."

About Meridian:

Meridian is a full-service, private aviation company based at Teterboro Airport (TEB) in Teterboro, NJ, located just minutes from New York City. Meridian owns and operates businesses that include Air Charter, Aircraft Management, Aircraft Maintenance, and a world-class Executive Terminal / FBO. It also has charter sales offices located throughout Northern California, including Hayward Executive Airport (HWD), San Jose International Airport (SJC), and Sonoma County Airport (STS). In 2016, the company is planning to open its second FBO at Hayward Executive Airport (HWD) in Hayward, CA.

Meridian has earned numerous industry awards and accolades for its exceptional service and high safety standards: 2015 Best US & Northeast FBO by FltPlan.com, 2015 Best CSRs by *Professional Pilot* PRASE Survey (#3 for Victor Seda and #4 for Betsy Wines), 2015 Best FBO at TEB by AIN FBO Survey, 2015 Best FBO at TEB by *Professional Pilot* PRASE Survey, ARG/US Platinum Rated, IS-BAO Registered (Stage 2), and Wyvern Wingman Certified.

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