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#### COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

## Malta International Airport plc (the "Company")

# **Traffic Results – July 2017**

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In terms of Chapter 5 of the Listing Rules

### QUOTE

Malta International Airport announces that the number of passengers passing through the terminal in July increased by more than 90,000, signifying an upturn of 15.5 per cent over the same month last year.

July's 675,111 passenger movements exceeded the airport's previous passenger traffic record, held by August 2016, by 12 per cent.

As noted also in previous months, July's thriving numbers resulted from an increase in aircraft movements. These grew by 13.6 per cent to reach an all-time record of 4,562 take-offs and landings by the end of July. In parallel with this growth, seat capacity registered an increase of 16.5 per cent. Despite a slight drop of 1.3 percentage points, last month's seat load factor (SLF) still stood at a healthy 86.7 per cent.

The top five drivers of traffic to Malta International Airport remained unchanged from June, with the United Kingdom topping the list followed by Italy, Germany, France, and Spain. These markets recorded varying levels of growth, and cumulatively were responsible for a leap of around 53,000 passenger movements when compared to July 2016.

Passenger numbers from these markets flourished as a result of enhanced capacity and flight frequencies on routes such as Glasgow, Bari, Frankfurt, Lyon, and Madrid, as well as the launch of new routes including Bordeaux and Valencia.



July's traffic brought the total number of travellers welcomed at Malta International Airport in the first seven months of the year up to around 3.3 million. Towards the end of the month, the airport published its mid-yearly forecast, whereby it announced that it is expecting circa 5.8 million passengers to go through the terminal by the end of the year.

## **UNQUOTE**

Signed:

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Some changes in data collection have come into effect as from January 2017, with the numbers reported being marginally different to those reported in previous years. This, however, does not have a material impact on our reported results. If further details are required, kindly contact the Marketing & Brand Development team via communications@maltairport.com.

#### **About Malta International Airport**

Malta International Airport is the only airport serving the Maltese Islands, connecting the tiny island state to more than 80 destinations in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East, through over 30 partner airlines. With 97% of all Malta's tourists flying through it, the airport handles more than 5 million passengers and over 15,000 tonnes of freight annually. Since becoming fully operational in 1992, the terminal has received continuous investment and now accommodates more than 20 retail outlets, 14 catering establishments and parking for over 1,500 cars. Malta International Airport owns SkyParks Business Centre, which contains nearly 10,000m² of Malta's hardest working office space and 4,000m² of retail and amenities for the business and local community. The building is eco-certified by BREEAM and has become one of Malta's most sought-after corporate addresses.

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