# MALTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

# COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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### **Traffic Results – September 2016**

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#### QUOTE

September became the third consecutive month to register more than half a million passenger movements this year with a total of 531,962 passengers welcomed at Malta International Airport. This translates to an increase of 5.8% over the same month in 2015.

September's upturn was bolstered by improved connectivity to the Maltese islands throughout the summer. Seat capacity, which indicates the number of seats available to Malta, registered a 4.2% rise over last year; a natural development following the combined efforts to improve the airport's network. Moreover, at 87.5%, September's seat load factor (SLF) experienced a growth of 1.3 percentage points, indicating that airlines were very efficient in filling up these available seats.

Malta's top drivers of traffic remain the UK, Italy, Germany, France and Spain, with all five markets registering varying degrees of growth ranging from 2% to 14%. The growth of the French market mainly stems from an increased capacity to one of France's major airports, Paris Orly. Furthermore, September marks Spain's third consecutive appearance among Malta International Airport's top five markets, following added flights on the Madrid route.

Although they did not secure a spot among the top five markets last month, both Poland and Switzerland experienced a remarkable hike in passenger movements compared to 2015, amounting to 36% and 14%, respectively.

#### Year Round-up

Up until the 30th of September, Malta International Airport hosted 3,894,040 passengers - a growth of 7.5% over last year. Aircraft movements grew by 2.4% while seat capacity increased by 5.3%. The seat load factor also rose to 83.4% compared to 81.7% last year.

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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 34 airlines. It has the second most international connections among 180 European and Mediterranean airports in its class. The airport handles more than 4 million passengers and over 16,000 tonnes of freight annually. Since becoming fully operational in 1992, the airport has grown to accommodate more than 30 retail outlets and 14 catering establishments, and has helped position Malta as a key aviation industry player. The airport's terminal is spread across 74,000 square metres and accommodates parking for 1,500 cars. Malta International Airport also owns Skyparks, a business centre containing 9,000 square metres of office space, eco-certified by BREEAM.