

COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

Malta International Airport plc (the “Company”)

March Traffic Results

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Passenger traffic through Malta International Airport totalled 32,033 movements last March. Translating into a drop of 93 per cent compared to the same month in 2019, this traffic result reflects the hurdles - including low consumer confidence – still being faced by the aviation industry a year into the COVID-19 pandemic.

A rapid vaccination roll-out among the local population together with government’s recently announced plan for the restart of tourism on the 1st of June bode well for the second half of the year. However, the successful revival of air travel is also highly dependent on the restoration of consumer confidence in the industry in the build-up to summer.

“The fact that Malta is one of the European leaders in immunising its population is currently our strongest selling point with airlines and travellers looking for a safe destination this summer. Whilst commending the local Health Authority’s work with the vaccination roll-out, I would also like to stress the importance of technology at this critical point in our preparations for the safe restart of tourism,” said Malta International Airport CEO Alan Borg.

Mr Borg explained that travel has clearly become more complex following the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, and the use of technology would contribute significantly to facilitate the experience of tourists entering our islands.

A Malta app would allow passengers to upload all necessary documents - namely the passenger locator form, health declaration form, and COVID-19 test result or vaccine certificate - for verification by the authorities prior to their entry in Malta. In turn, this would give incoming passengers a heightened sense of safety and security and allow for a more seamless travel experience, whilst contributing to the restoration of consumer confidence.

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Signed:



Louis de Gabriele
Company Secretary

About Malta International Airport

Being Malta's only air terminal, the airport hosted more than 7 million passengers in 2019, of which the majority were inbound tourists. The company has consistently invested in the terminal since the airport's privatisation in 2002, with the Terminal Reconfiguration Project bringing about the most recent overhaul.

Malta International Airport recently opened its new multi-storey car park - Park East - which has brought the number of parking spaces available on the airport campus up to around 2,700 spaces. Additionally, 14,000m² of office and retail space are housed within SkyParks Business Centre, with projects in the offing set to bring about further expansion in this regard.

The airport team is guided by a vision of service excellence, which led MIA to clinch the title Best Airport in Europe in 2018 and 2019. In November 2020, Malta International Airport won two prestigious titles awarded by ACI: Best Airport and HR Excellence, both in the context of Covid-19.

To maximise its contribution to Malta's cultural heritage and environment, MIA set up the Malta Airport Foundation in 2014; an independently run non-profit organisation.

Malta International Airport plc is a public company listed on the Malta Stock Exchange, with its shareholders being the Malta Mediterranean Link Consortium (40%), with Flughafen Wien AG owning a 96% share, the Government of Malta (20%), the general public (29.9%), and VIE Malta Limited (10.1%).