

COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

Malta International Airport plc (the “Company”)

Traffic Results - January

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PASSENGER TRAFFIC AND TOP MARKETS

Malta International Airport started what is set to be another challenging year for the aviation industry with a drop of 90.7 per cent in January passenger traffic.

During the month of January, 38,938 passengers travelled through Malta International Airport, with this monthly total being comparable to the traffic handled by the airport in three days in January 2020.

The airport’s weakest traffic result since its reopening in July 2020 comes in the wake of the implementation of new travel bans and more stringent requirements in source markets such as the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Belgium.

Having slid four places when compared to January 2020, the United Kingdom ranked sixth in Malta International Airport’s top market list, with Italy, Germany, France, Turkey, and Belgium all outperforming it in terms of passenger movements.

CONNECTIVITY

Malta International Airport registered significant drops in January weekly flight frequencies. From among Malta International Airport’s top airports for the month, Rome Fiumicino was hit hardest, as the 27 weekly flights operated in January 2020 were whittled down to just eight last month.

Changing travel requirements and restrictions also had an impact on overall connectivity, with Malta International Airport’s direct connections being limited to just 28 scheduled routes in January 2021 as opposed to 99 scheduled routes operated in January 2020.

THE SITUATION IN EUROPE

Airports Council International recently highlighted that the number of routes European airports have lost since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic was fast nearing the 7,000 mark.

The same organisation issued a revised passenger traffic forecast for 2021, predicting that air traffic would remain low in the first half of the year and start recovering in the third quarter, subject to the effective roll-out of vaccinations and the partial lifting of existing travel restrictions.

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Signed:



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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%).