Malta International Airport welcomed 296,250 passengers in February, translating into a 25.2% increase in traffic over the same period in 2016, in spite of the fact that this year the month was a day shorter. This makes February the fourth, consecutive winter month to register double-digit growth, in line with the airport’s strategy to attract more traffic in the shoulder months.

On the busiest day in February, which coincided with Carnival weekend, the airport team was kept busy with a total of 13,679 passengers passing through the terminal.

Growth in passenger numbers was experienced in parallel with an upturn of 22.3% in aircraft movements and an increase of 29.4% in seat capacity. Standing at 76.8%, seat load factor (SLF), however, registered a decrease of 2.6 percentage points over last year.

Malta International Airport’s top markets remained largely unchanged from January, with the United Kingdom topping the list followed by Italy, Germany, Belgium, and France. More than half of the 59,602 additional passengers welcomed last month travelled from Italy, Germany and Belgium, with enhanced connectivity to these markets contributing to their notable growth.

Outside of the top five markets, Spain and Poland were important contributors to February’s total traffic, accounting for 12,435 passengers and 8,253 passengers, respectively. Both of these markets have been experiencing steady growth, following stepped-up efforts to redevelop the Spanish market and enhance connectivity to Eastern Europe.
The maximum take-off weight (MTOW) at the airport also experienced a 30.0% growth to reach 96,282 tonnes, while the weight of cargo and mail increased by 25.5% to reach 1,359 tonnes.

Malta International Airport further announces that it obtained a prestigious third place from among eighty-four European peers in Airports Council International’s globally acclaimed Airport Service Quality Awards 2016.

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Note
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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