

Edinburgh Airport Half-Year Update 2023

Edinburgh Airport has continued its strong recovery following the end of the COVID-19 pandemic. Passenger numbers for the 6 months ended 30 June 2023 were 6.6m, 93% of the equivalent period in 2019. Revenue for the 6 months to 30 June 2023 was £119m, a 15% increase on the equivalent period in 2019. The recovery has been led by international markets with a strong rebound in both outbound and inbound travel.

New routes

In the 6 months to 30 June 2023 both Ryanair and easyJet announced they were adding a further based aircraft to their existing fleets at Edinburgh Airport. The Airport also welcomed the return of a direct service to Beijing in Summer 2023 operated by Hainan Airlines. This is the only direct flight connecting Scotland and China.

A number of new destinations have also been added to the route network in the first 6 months of 2023, strengthening both the Airport's short-haul and long-haul portfolio:

- easyJet to Antalya, Catania, Santorini and Jersey
- Ryanair to Belfast, Newquay and Rhodes
- Hainan to Beijing
- WestJet to Calgary
- Delta to Atlanta
- Iberia to Madrid

In addition to the above, 5 further routes were confirmed as commencing in the second half of 2023:

- Sun Express to Izmir
- Aurigny to Guernsey
- Ryanair to Tirana
- Jet2 to Prague and Vienna

Retail / Property updates

The Terminal's retail offering was improved in the first half of 2023 with the opening of four new outlets:

- A second All Bar One
- A landside and an airside Pret outlet
- World Duty Free Express

Operational challenges

Edinburgh Airport is focussed on operational performance in the face of ongoing industry challenges including aircraft availability, disruption at other airports, and third-party resourcing. Edinburgh Airport is fully resourced and continues to proactively support third parties operating at the Airport, including Ground Handling Agents where necessary.

Capital investments

Edinburgh Airport continues to invest in its infrastructure to support future growth, provide a better passenger experience and ensure operational resilience. The Airport will invest £40 million during 2023 across a range of projects. The principal areas of focus include:

- Security regulatory change – The UK Department for Transport (DfT) has directed that UK airports must comply with 100% body-scanning of passengers and C3 x-ray screening of hand baggage by Summer 2024. Construction has commenced in preparation for the first of the new lane technology arriving in Q4 2023. The project will provide enhanced security control and an improved, safe and efficient passenger experience.
- An improved 'Pick up and drop off zone' – a £1.6m investment to revamp the zone which allows drivers to use a new one-way system spread across four lanes to provide a streamlined process with more

space. Digital signage, new lighting and new walkways and crossings have been designed to deliver a brighter, safer, and more modern facility.

Sustainability

Edinburgh Airport's Greater Good Sustainability Strategy enters its third year in 2023. Initiatives progressed in H1 2023 include:

- A finalised revised net zero roadmap, resulting in a net zero operation for scope 1, 2 & 3 emissions by 2045
- Submission of the Airport's Level 3+ Airport Carbon Accreditation (ACA) application
- Creation of the Airport's first Campus Partner Sustainability Standard for tenants and businesses within the airport estate
- The introduction of 6 more electric vehicles into the Airport's operational fleet, plus 2 new electric passenger coaches
- The allocation of £64,000 out of a total 2023 pot of £140,000 via the Airport's Community Fund. This fund is made available to community groups and charities that are local to the Airport
- An accessibility capital project with a value of over £600,000, looking at improving accessibility for EAL and EASL staff in the terminal and campus buildings
- Partnership with Work 180 to create the Airport's first Diversity, Equity & Inclusion strategy, alongside the formation of 4 new values champion groups for employees: Charity, Diversity, Wellbeing and Values

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