

# Edinburgh Airport Half-Year Update 2019

Edinburgh Airport's results for the 6 months ended 30 June 2019 show continued growth in revenue and passenger numbers. Edinburgh Airport continues to invest in its operations, infrastructure and teams to support growth and improve overall passenger experience.

## Growth

Revenue for the 6 months ended 30 June 2019 is up 11.7% to £100.9m (6 months ended 30 June 2018 - £90.3m). In the same period passenger numbers grew by 6.8% to 7,020,199 (6 months to 30 June 2018 – 6,568,942). 1,413,612 passengers passed through the terminal in June 2019 – making it the busiest June ever and third busiest month on record, demonstrating Edinburgh Airport continues to strengthen its position as Scotland's busiest airport.

Passenger growth came mainly from EU city and holiday destinations as well as from long-haul destinations. The greatest percentage increase is in passengers from long-haul traffic which is up 9.0% compared to the same period in 2018. International short-haul destinations also recorded a high growth with a 6.7% increase in passengers compared to the same period in 2018.

## Aviation Developments

There has been strong growth in international passengers in the 6-month period as more destinations are added to Edinburgh Airport's already impressive destinations list.

The first half year of 2019 has seen successful launches of two long-haul services. The long-haul services commencing in the first 6 months of 2019 are:

- American Airlines to Philadelphia
- Delta Airlines to Boston

In addition to the new routes launched, Delta Airlines increased frequency to New York JFK from 5 per week to daily during April & May 2019.

9 new international short-haul services have been added in the first 6 months of 2019, including:

- Jet2 to Bourgas, Corfu and Bodrum
- Ryanair to Luxembourg and Billund
- Loganair to Bergen & Stavanger
- Alitalia to Milan
- Great Dane to Aalborg

Furthermore, Aegean Airlines extended its season, which commenced in April 2019 (previously June).

2 new domestic services were launched in the first 6 months of 2019:

- Loganair to Islay & Guernsey

Flybe also increased frequency to London Heathrow from 4 per day to 6 per day for Summer 2019.

## Retail & Property Developments

The first half of 2019 has seen significant developments in the Terminal retail offering with the opening of six new outlets, listed below, and a number of 'pop up' retail offerings:

- Tartan Weaving Mill
- The Boy Wizard
- Burger King
- Hudson Grill
- WH Smith EAST
- PlayNation

The new Hampton by Hilton hotel has now opened and is trading well.

### **Car Parking Developments**

The first half of 2019 saw the completion of the new 'FastPark' product that opened to passengers on 23 July. This is a digital self-service parking product that provides a quick, convenient and secure start to our passengers' trips through the Airport and beyond. 'FastPark' represents a significant investment in high quality, at-terminal parking capacity.

'FastPark' is the biggest car-parking project delivered to date by Edinburgh Airport, and is the first phase of our Car Parking Futures project, which will also deliver self-park spaces in new car parking locations and future phases of block parking storage.

### **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 £70 million during 2019 across a range of projects. The principal areas of focus include:

- Completion and handover of 13 additional Code C stands, providing capacity for growth as well as building in operational resilience;
- Creation of a 'FastPark' car parking facility, as outlined above; and
- Development of an expanded and improved Baggage Hall to support growth in passengers and ensure compliance with evolving regulatory requirements. This four-year programme of investment, finishing in 2021, will transform the capability of the Airport's baggage operation.

The principal areas of investment over the next five years include:

- Investment in security facilities, which will allow the Airport to satisfy significant regulatory changes as well as providing sufficient additional capacity for, anticipated future growth in peak operations; and
- Exploration of the development of a new access road from the Gogar roundabout, east of the Airport, to link into a new East terminus drop-off and pick-up facility. If successful, the investment in the road will be led by Edinburgh Airport with contributions sought from developers of land in the surrounding area.

### **Community Commitment**

Edinburgh Airport continues its commitment to being an airport that invests in its growth, its city and the development of its people and the wider community.

In the first half of 2019, Edinburgh Airport made £67,000 worth of charitable donations through its Community Board (6 months ended 30 June 2018 - £64,000). These funds were awarded to charities and community groups throughout Scotland to help with local projects.

### **Airspace Change Programme**

Edinburgh Airport's application for airspace change was rejected by Civil Aviation Authority ['CAA'] in October 2018 and the Airport has since recommenced the process to modernise the airspace.

The Airport has now submitted a Statement of Need to the CAA, explaining an improved airspace with the correct flight paths and technology will ensure our Airport can meet existing and future demand by increasing the capacity of its runways and allow flights to depart with fewer delays and environmental impacts. This is the first step in the process and was successfully completed in June 2019.

The Airport continues its work with communities through a number of channels including the Edinburgh Community Fund, the Edinburgh Airport Consultative Committee and the Edinburgh Airport Noise Advisory Board.