

# Edinburgh Airport Half Year Update

Edinburgh Airport's results for the 6 months ended 30 June 2017 show passenger numbers continuing to grow at a significant rate. Edinburgh Airport continues to invest in its operations, infrastructure and teams to support future growth and improve the overall passenger experience.

## Growth

Revenue for the 6 months ended 30 June 2017 is up 14.1% to £83.9m (6 months ended 30 June 2016 - £73.5m). In the same period passenger numbers grew by 9.6% to 6,236,457 (6 months to 30 June 2016 - 5,692,466). 1,304,074 passengers passed through the terminal in June 2017 - making it the busiest June ever and second busiest month on record, showing that Edinburgh Airport continues to strengthen its position as Scotland's busiest airport.

Passenger growth is across both domestic and international markets. Year-on-year growth in European city and holiday destinations, London and New York markets all contributing to the busiest 6 months in the Airport's history. The greatest increase is in passengers to European destinations, which are up 16% on the same period in 2016. Overall long haul passenger numbers are up 10% on the same period in 2016.

## Aviation Developments

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

17 new European services have been added in the first 6 months of the year, including:

- Ryanair - Girona, Ibiza, Milan Bergamo, Porto and Vigo;
- Jet 2 routes - Almeria, Girona, Naples, Thessaloniki and Murcia;
- Eurowings- Munich; and
- EasyJet - Bilbao.

Domestically, growth in London passenger numbers was boosted by the launch of the Flybe Heathrow service, increasing options for domestic travellers and offering connectivity to Flybe long-haul codeshare partners such as Virgin.

Norwegian expanded the US offering with the launch of 3 low cost long-haul routes to New York Stewart, Providence [Rhode Island] and Bradley [Connecticut].

New routes from Edinburgh starting in winter 2017 have already been announced including 13 new Ryanair European routes plus new airline Powdair launches services to Sion, Switzerland.

## Capital Investments

Edinburgh Airport continues to invest in its infrastructure to support future growth, provide a better passenger experience and ensure there is sufficient operational resilience. The airport will invest in the region of £50 million during 2017 across a range of projects in the terminal and across the airfield. The principal areas of focus include:

- A terminal expansion that will expand the main terminal building by 15,000sqm across three floors. The extension provides space for an improved retail and food & beverage offering, improves passenger and aircraft connectivity and provides additional space for core operational activities. Construction commenced in May 2017 and is expected to be completed in 2018;
- Construction of 5 new Code C stands and improved Code E capability to support the airport's growth and an extensive programme of investment to re-life existing pavements and taxiways. The work completed in July 2017 and caused minimal disruption to airfield activities and passenger experience; and
- Development of an expanded and improved Baggage Hall to support growth in passengers and ensure compliance with evolving regulatory requirements. The four year programme of investment, finishing in 2020, will transform the capability of the airport's baggage operation.

## 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 community.