



# AIRBALTIC SERVES OVER 3.5 MILLION PASSENGERS IN 2017

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The Latvian airline *airBaltic* in 2017 has transported a total of 3 523 300 passengers or 22% more than last year to its network spanning Europe, Scandinavia, Russia, CIS and the Middle East. It is the highest number of passengers carried in airline's history.

Martin Gauss, Chief Executive Officer of *airBaltic*: "2017 was an outstanding year for *airBaltic*. We launched 13 new destinations, introduced seven brand-new *Bombardier CS300* aircraft and became the most punctual airline globally. During the second half of the year we beat our passenger records each month. Our team has done a fantastic job in making sure everything runs smoothly."

"Now *airBaltic* is off to a very good start for 2018. This year we will offer our passengers an even greater choice of convenient travel opportunities with at least 8 new destinations added to our route map. We will continue the sustainable growth path and good operational results envisaged by our business plan *Horizon 2021*," Gauss added.

The airline's load factor, which represents the number of passengers as a proportion of the number of available seats, was at a level of 76% in 2017, which is a 2.0 percentage points more than in 2016. In 2017, *airBaltic* operated a total of 50 093 flights.

The regularity of *airBaltic* reached 99.43% in 2017, exceeding company's internal target. That

means that the airline operated more than 99 out of every 100 scheduled flights last year.

	January – December, 2017	January – December, 2016	Changes
Number of passengers	<b>3 523 300</b>	2 891 365	+22%
Number of flights	<b>50 093</b>	43 872	+14%
Load factor	<b>76%</b>	74%	+2.0 percentage points

On January 3, 2018, it was announced that the Latvian airline *airBaltic* has been ranked No 1 globally in punctuality in 2017 by OAG analysts, who tracked the performance of a total of over 50 million flight records. *airBaltic* has been on the top of the global on-time performance ranking for the past four consecutive years. According to OAG, *airBaltic* achieved a punctuality rating of 90.01% for flights linking the Baltics to its network spanning Europe, Scandinavia, CIS and the Middle East. It means that more than 90 out of 100 *airBaltic* flights arrived on time in 2017.

*airBaltic* serves over 60 destinations from its home base in Riga, Latvia. From every one of these locations, *airBaltic* offers convenient connections via Riga to its network spanning Europe, Scandinavia, CIS and the Middle East. In addition, *airBaltic* also offers direct flights from Tallinn and Vilnius.

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