



AIRBALTIC LEADS GROWTH IN BALTIC REGION

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The Latvian airline *airBaltic* has achieved the fastest growth in passenger numbers among the top carriers serving the Baltic region in the peak summer month of July.

Martin Gauss, Chief Executive Officer of *airBaltic*: “We thank our customers for choosing to fly with *airBaltic* during the busiest travel season. As a result, we have achieved the fastest growth across all of the Baltic markets, and now outpace the largest carriers operating in Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania.”

In July 2016, *airBaltic* achieved +28% passengers in Vilnius, +4% in its home base in Riga, and +22% growth in passenger numbers in Tallinn compared to the same month a year ago. The growth in *airBaltic* passenger numbers is higher than the average passenger growth figures in the three capital airports. In July 2016 *airBaltic* carried 25 677 passengers from Vilnius, compared to 20 138 a year ago, 299 661 from Riga (288 879 in July 2015), while the number of passengers travelling from Tallinn has increased to a total of 34 109 passengers boarding *airBaltic* planes, compared to 27 895 a year ago.

As previously informed, *airBaltic* has improved its offering in Tallinn and Vilnius by opening additional direct services. As part of its *Horizon 2021* plan, *airBaltic* will operate 11 direct routes

out of Tallinn and Vilnius in the next five years, in combination with convenient transfers via Riga.

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 new direct flights from Tallinn and Vilnius.



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