



## AIRBALTIC PERFORMS 14 324 FLIGHTS DURING THREE SUMMER MONTHS

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In August 2017, the Latvian airline *airBaltic* carried 386 597 passengers or 21% more than in the same period of 2016. For already the third month in a row it has been the biggest number of transported passengers in the airline's history. During the first eight months of 2017, *airBaltic* has transported a total of 2 345 371 passengers to its network spanning Europe, Scandinavia, Russia, CIS and the Middle East.

Martin Gauss, Chief Executive Officer of *airBaltic*: "We have seen three very strong and successful summer months. With a bigger fleet, we have performed 16% more flights. Usually, when the number of flights increases, load factor becomes smaller. We have managed to increase both. Our load factor in July and August hit the highest mark in company's history."

“This summer has been exciting not only to the company, but our passengers as well. With more state-of-the-art *Bombardier CS300* aircraft joining our fleet, now already every fourth passenger has the benefit of travelling with increased comfort of bigger seats, windows and much quieter aircraft,” Gauss noted.

In August, the airline performed 4 799 flights, or 15% more than in the same period of 2016. During the first eight months of the 2017 *airBaltic* has operated 33 059 flights.

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 85.8% in August 2017. During the first eight months of 2017, *airBaltic*’s load factor was at a level of 77.7% and it is the highest in the history of the airline.

The 15-minute flight punctuality indicator for *airBaltic* reached a level of 85.1% in August 2017. This means that more than 85 of every 100 *airBaltic* flights departed at the planned time or with a delay of no more than 15 minutes. The flight punctuality indicator during the first eight months of 2017 reached a level of 87.4%.

|                                 | August, 2017 | August, 2016 | Changes                |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Number of passengers            | 386 597      | 319 526      | +21%                   |
| Number of flights               | 4 799        | 4 169        | +15%                   |
| Load factor                     | 85.8%        | 83.4%        | +2.4 percentage points |
| 15-minute departure punctuality | 85.1%        | 88.1%        | -3.0 percentage points |

|                      | January-August, 2017 | January-August, 2016 | Changes                |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Number of passengers | 2 345 371            | 1 951 197            | +20%                   |
| Number of flights    | 33 059               | 29 027               | +14%                   |
| Load factor          | 77.7%                | 75.7%                | +2.0 percentage points |

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**87.4%**

88.7%

-1.3 percentage points

For the summer season of 2018 *airBaltic* has added Malaga (Spain), Lisbon (Portugal), Split (Croatia), Bordeaux (France) and Gdansk (Poland). A complete schedule of *airBaltic* flights can be found on the company's homepage at [www.airbaltic.com](http://www.airbaltic.com).

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