

MILAN MALPENSA AIRPORT 2018 TRAFFIC RESULTS



RECORD-BREAKING YEAR FOR MALPENSA WITH 24.6 MILLION PASSENGERS; ONE OF EUROPE'S FASTEST GROWING MAJOR AIRPORTS; 25 MILLION PASSENGERS FORECAST IN 2019



Caption: Having passed the 24 million passenger mark in December, Milan Malpensa handled 24.6 million passengers in 2018 – it's highest annual throughput ever. The record-breaking performance was fueled by the fact that the airport sits at the heart of Europe's third richest region.

Milan, 25 January 2019 – The history books have been rewritten as SEA's Milan Malpensa Airport (MXP) confirmed the continuation of its positive traffic growth, with 24.6 million passengers being handled in 2018, seeing the facility not only reach but smash its previous throughput record (2007: 23.7 million).

This industry-leading result (+11.5% year-on-year) further consolidates a trend that has seen Malpensa not only grow continuously for three years with above-average rates, but also sees it rank highly among Europe's major airports (those over 20 million passengers) for its traffic growth rate. In 2019, the goal is for annual throughput to exceed 25 million passengers for the first time, and in breaking this threshold, it will push MXP into the top league of European airports.

The airport's development is robust, as it is supported by all the main traffic segments: long-haul; low-cost; and legacy. Together with several other European and overseas fast-growing airlines, Air Italy is undoubtedly one of the major contributing factors of MXP's continued success, thanks to its new positioning in the Italian market with Malpensa acting as its hub and base. Its intercontinental



connections (New York, Miami, Bangkok, Delhi and Mumbai) and domestic flights (Rome, Naples, Lamezia Terme, Catania, Palermo and Olbia) inaugurated in 2018, will be joined by the already announced new routes for S19, namely Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Toronto and Cagliari. “Despite some of the new destinations having had an annual O&D demand of over 100,000 travellers, surprisingly they had not been served by any airline for a decade,” says Andrea Tucci, VP Aviation Business Development at SEA.

Among the fastest growing European country markets from MXP in 2018 were the domestic Italian market, along with Germany and Spain. When it comes to long-haul the top markets were the US, China and Canada. “We fully expect the North Atlantic to be one of this year’s star performers,” explains Tucci. “2018 already gave a boost to our intercontinental traffic, growing by 7.8%, and we expect some further development in the short-term.”

The prolonged period of growth at Malpensa is not only driving its traffic volumes, but also the quality of its customer portfolio – the airport is now served by 105 airlines – and its network of 210 destinations. As a result of the expansion in the markets / countries served from MXP, in W18 the airport ranked ninth in the world, and sixth in Europe, in relation to the number of countries served on non-stop flights, ahead of many major hubs such as Munich and Madrid.

“Malpensa was built as a hub airport and it is exciting to see it being used in that way again,” enthuses Tucci. “The 10 million inhabitants of Lombardy, Italy’s wealthiest region, need and deserve a true hub and spoke carrier and the connecting opportunities that such a network approach brings. With 70% of the country’s outbound traffic generated in our Northern Italy catchment, we are confident about our future traffic development.”

In an attempt to push the airport’s passenger numbers even higher, SEA Milan, on behalf of Milan and the Lombardy Region, will host the 26th World Routes network development conference, taking place between 5-8 September next year. The three-day gathering allows senior airport and airline decision makers to meet face-to-face and discuss the future of air services, develop and plan network strategy and explore new route opportunities.

The Milan airport system closed 2018 with a total of 33.7 million passengers, an increase of 7% compared to 2017, with Milan Linate having delivered 9.2 million passengers, down -3.3% year-on-year. This result was due in a large part to the restructuring of both Alitalia and Air Italy at Linate, with the carriers’ major international business routes still undergoing a period of consolidation.

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Notes to Editors

SEA Group manages the two main airports of Milan, Malpensa and Linate.



Malpensa is located in Lombardy, Italy's richest region and the third richest in Europe, where the population is over 10 million inhabitants.

The Milan catchment area is wealthier, bigger and more dynamic than any other city in the country, with almost 70% of total Italian outbound traffic originating in Northern Italy. As a result, Milan's routes generate a high share of premium traffic, equivalent to other major European hubs.

The Milan airport system is the biggest Italian generator of origin and destination traffic: 47 million passengers in Milan area (plus another nine million within 150-minute radius).

Malpensa handled 24.6 million passengers in 2018, with Linate processing 9,2 million passengers during the same period, making them the second and fifth busiest airports in Italy respectively.

Malpensa is also the busiest cargo airport in Italy, handling more than 50% of the nation's air freight. The airport is also the sixth busiest in Europe in terms of cargo volumes.

More than 210 global destinations are served direct from the city's airports, which are operated by 105 airline partners.

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New routes already launched in 2019:

13 January – **Neos**, weekly service to Guiyan (new destination).

New routes still to launch in 2019:

22 February – **Wizz Air**, daily service to Vienna;

12 March – **Ernest**, twice-weekly service to Kharkiv (new destination);

14 March – **Neos**, weekly service to Luxor;

19 March – **Wizz Air**, twice-weekly service to Ohrid (new destination);

31 March – **Air Italy**, daily service to Cagliari;

1 April – **Ryanair**, daily service to Madrid;

2 April – **Ryanair**, twice-weekly service to Almeria (new destination);

3 April – **Air Italy**, four times weekly service to Los Angeles (new destination);

10 April – **Air Italy**, four times weekly service to San Francisco (new destination);

6 May – **Air Italy**, four times weekly service to Toronto Pearson;

14 May – **Air Italy**, three times weekly service to Chicago O'Hare (new destination);

21 May – **Neos**, weekly service to Mersa Matruh (new destination);

1 June – **Neos**, weekly service to Samos (new destination);

3 June – **Neos**, weekly services to Malaga and Corfu;

3 June – **Ryanair**, three times weekly service to Heraklion;

7 June – **Neos**, weekly service to Larnaca;

12 June – **Neos**, weekly service to Chania;

29 June – **SAS**, weekly service to Stavanger (new destination);

30 June – **SAS**, twice-weekly service to Bergen (new destination).