

# In the First Autumn Month airBaltic Carries a Record Number of Passengers

**Riga.** In September 2017, the Latvian airline *airBaltic* carried 342 645 passengers or 24% more than in the same period of 2016. For already the fourth month in a row it has been the biggest number of transported passengers in the airline's history. During the first nine months of 2017, *airBaltic* has transported a total of 2 688 016 passengers to its network spanning Europe, Scandinavia, Russia, CIS and the Middle East.



Martin Gauss, Chief Executive Officer of *airBaltic*: “This year we are showing great results and we are looking forward to the next year with excitement. In the future, we will grow further – with modernized fleet and extended route map we will be able to offer even better connectivity between the Baltics and the rest of the world. We are happy to take our passengers on this journey and offer wide variety of destinations.”

In September, the airline performed 4 604 flights, or 16% more than in the same period of 2016. During the first nine months of the 2017 *airBaltic* has operated 37 663 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 79.5% in September 2017. During the first nine months of 2017, *airBaltic's* load factor was at a level of 77.9% and it once again is the highest in the history of the airline.

The 15-minute flight punctuality indicator for *airBaltic* reached a level of 85.2% in September 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 nine

months of 2017 reached a level of 87.1%.

	<b>September, 2017</b>	<b>September, 2016</b>	<b>Changes</b>
Number of passengers	<b>342 645</b>	276 899	+24%
Number of flights	<b>4 604</b>	3 968	+16%
Load factor	<b>79.5%</b>	77.0%	+1.5 percentage points
15-minute departure punctuality	<b>85.2%</b>	90.6%	-5.4 percentage points
	<b>January-September, 2017</b>	<b>January-September, 2016</b>	<b>Changes</b>
Number of passengers	<b>2 688 016</b>	2 228 096	+21%
Number of flights	<b>37 663</b>	32 995	+14%
Load factor	<b>77.9%</b>	75.9%	+2.0 percentage points
15-minute departure punctuality	<b>87.1%</b>	89.0%	-1.9 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).

*airBaltic* operates direct flights from Riga to over 60 destinations. *airBaltic* offers convenient connections via Riga to its network spanning Europe, Scandinavia, the CIS and the Middle East. In addition, *airBaltic* also offers direct flights from Tallinn and Vilnius.