

## Press Release

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# Traffic developments at Leipzig/Halle Airport during the first quarter: growth in aircraft movements and passengers A new record set for freight handling

“The way that business developed at Leipzig/Halle Airport during the first quarter makes us optimistic as we look forward to the whole year. Thanks to new services in the low-cost sector and in tourist flights, the prospects that the positive trend will continue are excellent,” says Götz Ahmelnann, CEO of Mitteldeutsche Flughafen AG and Chairman of the Board at Leipzig/Halle and Dresden Airports. He adds, “The growth in freight traffic underlines the airport’s importance as Germany’s second-largest cargo airport; it is bucking the national trend by recording growth both in the express freight and general cargo segments.”

### Traffic developments during the first quarter

All the various traffic divisions registered growth at Leipzig/Halle Airport during the first quarter of this year. The number of passengers increased by 9.2 percent to a figure of 432,028 between January and March. Freight volumes rose by 1.1 percent to about 301,844 tonnes and the number of aircraft movements increased by 3.7 percent to 18,361 take-offs and landings.

### Traffic developments in March

The number of passengers passing through the airport rose by 12 percent to 171,393 during March. Tourist services to warm-water destinations were particularly responsible for this development. The growth was particularly triggered by people travelling to destinations in Spain, Egypt and Turkey. The number of aircraft movements in March totalled 6,466 take-offs and landings, which was 2.5 percent higher than the figure in the previous year.

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### **A new record for freight volumes**

At Leipzig/Halle Airport, Europe's fifth-largest air cargo hub, about 110,419 tonnes of freight were handled during March this year; this represents growth of 2.8 percent compared to the same month in the previous year. As a result, the airport was able to set a new absolute record in its corporate history.

### **About Leipzig/Halle Airport**

Flughafen Leipzig/Halle GmbH is a subsidiary of Mitteldeutsche Flughafen AG. About 2.57 million passengers and 1.22 million tonnes of air freight were handled in 2018. This makes it Germany's second-largest cargo airport and the number 5 in Europe.

The airport is connected to the A 9 and A 14 motorways and has a railway station that is an integral part of the central terminal. As a result, passengers can reach the check-in area directly from the station and the multi-storey car park.

Leipzig/Halle Airport has further vacant development space at its site measuring 1,400 hectares and in the surrounding area; this provides ideal conditions for companies operating in sectors closely related to logistics and air freight.