

## MAG Airports Continue to Grow with Stansted Airport Enjoying the Busiest February Since 2008

Passenger numbers at the MAG airports of Manchester, London Stansted and East Midlands showed continued strong growth during January. Together, the airports handled 3.0 million passengers - 17% up on the previous year.

Stansted Airport saw 1,470k passengers pass through the terminal in February 2015, up 25% on the same month last year and the busiest February since 2008. The total number of passengers flying from Stansted Airport in the year rose to 20.6 million, an increase of 2.6 million passengers and 14.4% over the previous 12 months, the highest annual rate of growth of any major UK airport.

Manchester saw 1,350k passengers pass through the terminal in February 2015, up 10% on the same month last year. The total number of passengers flying from Manchester in the year rose to 22.2 million, an increase of 14.4% over the previous 12 months.

Airports (passengers)	February 2015	% change	Moving annual total	% change
<b>Manchester</b>	1,350k	+10.2%	22,186k	+6.7%
<b>London Stansted</b>	1,470k	+24.6%	20,595k	+14.4%
<b>East Midlands</b>	203k	+13.1%	4,523k	+4.1%
<b>Bournemouth</b>	21k	(12.2%)	659k	(2.3%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,043k</b>	<b>+16.7%</b>	<b>47,964k</b>	<b>+9.5%</b>

Andrew Harrison, Stansted's Managing Director, said: "The extremely positive start to 2015 at Stansted continued at great pace during the month as passenger numbers increased by nearly 25% over the same month last year to make it the busiest February at the airport for seven years.

"The rapid growth in passenger numbers – Stansted is the fastest growing major airport in the UK – and the increasing support we are seeing right across the region for improved rail services between Cambridge, Stansted and London, clearly demonstrates the vital role the airport can and will play in supporting economic growth and activity through better international connectivity and access to overseas markets."

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