

MAG's passenger numbers take off for winter

Passenger numbers at the MAG airports of Manchester, London Stansted, East Midlands and Bournemouth showed continued strong growth during November. Together, the airports handled 3.2 million passengers - over 15% up on the previous year.

Stansted Airport experienced its busiest November in eight years as passenger numbers increased by 26% to 1.6 million, up by over 0.3 million passengers compared to the same month last year. The total number of passengers flying through the airport in the year rose to over 19.7 million, an increase of 11% over the previous 12 months and the highest rate of growth at any London airport.

The big increase in the number of passengers using Stansted is the result of flight frequencies on many key routes across Europe not reducing as is often the case during the off-peak season.

Airports (passengers)	November 2014	% change	Moving annual total	% change
Manchester	1,389k	+5.7%	21,873k	+6.0%
London Stansted	1,591k	+25.9%	19,735k	+11.2%
East Midlands	222k	+4.3%	4,500k	+4.0%
Bournemouth	21k	(7.8%)	665k	+1.5%
Total	3,224k	+14.5%	46,773k	+7.2%

Andrew Harrison, Stansted's Managing Director, said: "The significant increase in the number of passengers flying through Stansted reflects the growing confidence of our airline partners as many maintain summer flight frequencies and extend their peak flying schedules into the winter season.

"The very strong monthly performance and the double digit annual growth not only ensures Stansted remains the fastest growing airport in the London system but is also a clear demonstration that under MAG's ownership, the airport is being successfully transformed so it can attract more passengers and airlines and play an increasingly vital role in providing important international air connectivity over the next two decades."

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