



# PRAGUE AIRPORT BREAKS ANOTHER RECORD BY REACHING 16 MILLION HANDLED PASSENGERS A YEAR

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The third historical record in a row has been broken at Václav Havel Airport Prague when the number of serviced passengers per year reached 16 million milestone on Wednesday December 12. This confirms the current trend that Prague Airport has been growing faster than the European average of airports in the same category. By the end of the year, the number of passengers serviced at Prague Airport is estimated to be 16.8 million, which means a 9% increase compared to 2017. The airport is expected to experience further growth in 2019.

Since the beginning of the year, Václav Havel Airport Prague has serviced an average of 46,000 passengers every day. The busiest month was July with almost 1.9 million passengers. The largest number of passengers, a total of 1.7 million, travelled to London, where all six international airports have direct connections to Prague.

***“For the third year in a row, Prague Airport has reported a record number of serviced passengers. We are expecting approximately 1.4 million passengers more in 2018 compared to 2017. The growth is anticipated to continue in 2019, both in terms of the number of passengers, where the expected increase is 3 to 5%, and in the number of direct routes,”***said Vaclav Rehor, Chairman of the Board of Directors at Prague Airport.

### **The record numbers of serviced passengers at Václav Havel Airport Prague 2016 – 2018**

<b>Year</b>	<b>The number of passengers</b>
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<b>2016</b>	13.07 million
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<b>2017</b>	15.41 million
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<b>2018 (as of 11 December 2018)</b>	16 million
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Over the long term, Prague Airport has been among the fastest growing airports in Europe in the 0–25 million passengers category and has been growing faster than the European average. For example, for the third quarter of 2018, the airport recorded a 9.3% growth in the number of serviced passengers, while the European average over the same period was 5%.

Prague Airport has responded to this trend by investing in various development projects. *“Next year, we are planning to open new check-in counters in Terminal 1 and a brand new check-in island in Terminal 2. We will finish the redevelopment of aircraft parking stands in pier B, where we will also modernize two departure gates. We will also start reconstruction and expanding our baggage sorting facility,”* said Rehor.

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