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### **Busiest summer ever for Antwerp Airport**

The month of September closed with a record and almost 10,000 passengers more than September 2018: 34,732 versus 25,108 passengers.

The additional capacity of some ethnic TUI fly destinations brought additional passengers with them. Furthermore, the new business route Antwerp-London City is just as much responsible for the strong growth figures. Air Antwerp did not miss its start. Since 9 September, the airline flies 3 times a day from Monday to Friday to the English capital (ANR-LCY at 7.10 am, 2.15 pm, 5.35 pm). Many business travellers find their way back to the heart of London. A third and final explanation for last month's increase is an increase in the number of passengers on the business jets.

The month of September thus shattered all records: 38.3% more passengers compared to the same month last year. The third quarter is also the strongest quarter ever; we recorded a 10% growth compared to last year; 101,069 passengers travelled via the airport in July, August and September this year compared to 92,043 passengers last year.

Overall, we are still 4.9% behind compared to 2018 (January-September). However, thanks to the strong third quarter, we expect the gap to narrow in the final months of 2019.

In general, we may conclude that Antwerp Airport is clearly on the rise and that more and more travellers and business people are experiencing this. Good accessibility, being close to home, easy and democratic parking, short walking distances at and around the airport, fast check-in and fast procedures are all advantages of small-scale, regional airports.

For September, the airport again achieved an excellent score in terms of 'punctual departures' (97.7%). This is a figure that many airports can only dream of to the great delight of our regular customers.

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