

## **Malpensa registers highest monthly goods transport figures on record**

*Milan, 8 November 2016* – Malpensa has stolen a march on the traditional peak season for goods transport – which is usually November – by topping off excellent figures for September with a record-breaking October.

The September figures were good for the Cargo industry as a whole, with average growth of 5% globally<sup>1</sup>, yet Malpensa more than doubled this with an 11% increase on its September 2015 return.

There was even better to come in October, as Malpensa registered its highest ever monthly goods transport figures, generating a 15% increase to hit 53,000 tonnes of goods transported. It was the highest figure ever recorded for goods transport at Malpensa.

The success comes before peak season, when imports increase as buyers stockpile goods ahead of the Christmas period. Imports were particularly good in October: after months of modest growth, they shot up by 22% in comparison with the same month last year. Exports also continued to grow, registering 13% growth on the October 2015 figures (themselves a record high for the airport).

The positive October figures also reflect a more stable distribution of transport volume throughout the week. There wasn't a single day during October that volume dipped below 1,000 tonnes per day, while the 2,000 threshold was regularly surpassed on busy weekends.

Also in October, cargo flights in and out of Malpensa registered consistent increases, particularly on Asian (21%) and Middle Eastern (15%) routes. Cargo flows with Africa also performed well, with growth of 12.7% recorded.

Thanks in part to the excellent results generated over the past two months, overall cargo volume in the period spanning January-October is up by 6.4% on the same period last year.

Milan Malpensa airport accounts for 56% of Italian goods traffic, making it the leading cargo airport in Italy. In 2015, the airport registered significantly higher average growth rates than other European airports in the same category, with goods traffic increasing by 9% on the previous year for total cargo volume of over 500,000

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<sup>1</sup> IATA data





tonnes. Milan Malpensa is the sixth-largest European cargo airport, after Frankfurt, Paris, Amsterdam, London and Luxembourg.

Every week, Milan Malpensa oversees more than 200 cargo flights operated by the leading airlines in the sector. The airport dealt with 10,140 cargo flights in 2015, a 16% increase on the previous year. A closer look at these figures shows that express air couriers are assuming an ever-increasing level of importance within the industry: in 2015, these companies accounted for 33% of goods traffic – a 50% increase on the previous year.