**Prague Airport has won the second most important award given to European airports**

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**Prague Airport has won one of the two awards in the prestigious international ACI EUROPE Best Airport Award contest in the 10 to 25 million passenger category. It was awarded the special Highly Commented Airport prize. The best airport in the category was Hamburg. The awards were announced at a ceremony held in Brussels on Tuesday night. Prague Airport has become one of the best airports in Europe over the past year.**

*“For the first time in history, Prague Airport has won an award in this prestigious international contest. We view this as confirmation that our long-term airport development strategy is being successfully implemented. It also confirms that we have managed to handle the dramatic 18% inter-annual increase in the number of passengers we are serving. At the same time, we have been able to invest into improving the airport’s services and environment despite the heavier airport traffic. Therefore, the award really belongs to our employees and business partners*,” says Václav Řehoř, Chairman of the Board of Directors at Prague Airport.

The Airports Council International Europe (ACI Europe) is the largest European airport association. It unites more than 500 airports in 45 countries across Europe; this equals a 90% share of Europe’s air traffic service, more than 2 billion passengers and approximately 24 million air operations each year. The prestigious ACI EUROPE Best Airport Awards are announced every year in four categories according to the number of passengers. In addition to the Best Airport Award, the ACI also awards the Eco-Innovation Award, the HR Excellence Award, the Accessible Airport Award and the World Business Partner Award.

Prague Airport expects to service about 17 million passengers in 2018, a figure that would beat our current record. This higher passenger volume will be helped not only by new regular flights, such as to Philadelphia (USA) and Kutaisi (Georgia), but also by increased capacities to existing destinations. One example is the greater capacity of the direct service to Dubai during the summer season, as Emirates will add a second daily flight. Other carriers have also increased their number of flights, such as Air Canada Rouge to Toronto (from three to five) and Aeroflot to Moscow (up to six flights a day).

Together with Prague and Hamburg, the airports of Vienna, Düsseldorf and Athens were among the top five in the 10 to 25 million passenger category. 29 airports qualified to be nominated in this category.

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