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Norwegian reports passenger growth and improved on-time performance in April

Norwegian carried more than 3.1 million passengers in April, an increase of three percent compared to the same month previous year. The figures for April are not directly comparable with the same month last year due to the Easter effect. However, the combined development for March and April, is positive.

A total of 3,137,608 passengers chose to fly with Norwegian in April; 88,359 more than the same period last year. The total traffic (RPK) increased by 11 percent, while the capacity growth (ASK) was seven percent. The load factor

was 86.1 percent, up 3.1 percentage points.

The Easter traffic will always influence the figures positively. This year, Easter was in April, which means that the revenue per available seat-kilometre (RASK) compared to last year, was higher. The combined March and April figures for 2019 compared to last year show an increased load factor of 1.8 percentage points and an increased yield of 6.9 percent. The number of passengers was up by with four percent, the ASK increased with nine percent and the RASK increased with eight percent. The demand was also higher the last week of April due to a competitors' pilot strike in Scandinavia.

Norwegian operated 98.9 percent of the scheduled flights in April. Despite the company's Boeing 737 MAX aircraft being taken out of production, the passenger impact was limited. The airline combined flights and offered passengers alternative departures. In April, 83.4 percent of Norwegian's flights departed on time.

"I'm very pleased with the positive development in April, as well as the last two months as a whole; both in terms of passenger numbers, revenue and on-time performance. Going forward, we will continue to work on returning to profitability and at the same time offer our customers a high-quality product at a low fare while operating the industry's newest and most environmentally friendly aircraft fleet," said CEO of Norwegian, Bjørn Kjos.

The company took delivery of one Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner in April. Norwegian overtook established competitors to become the number one foreign airline to serve the New York City region in April.

Please find more information in the attached traffic report.

Norwegian in the UK and Ireland:

- Norwegian carries almost **6 million UK passengers each year** from London Gatwick, Edinburgh and Manchester Airports to **30 destinations worldwide**
- Norwegian is the **third largest airline at London Gatwick**, with 4.6 million yearly passengers, and with more than 1,000 UK-based pilots and cabin crew
- In 2014, Norwegian introduced the **UK's first low-cost, long haul flights to the U.S.** - the airline now flies to 12 U.S destinations,

- Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro from London Gatwick
- In 2017, Norwegian also launched **affordable transatlantic flights from Dublin, Cork and Shannon** to the US East Coast, using the brand new Boeing 737 MAX aircraft
- Norwegian is the only airline to offer **free inflight WiFi** on UK flights to more than 30 European destinations
- The airline has one of the **youngest aircraft fleets in the world** with an average age of 3.8 years, including next-generation Boeing 787 Dreamliner, Boeing 737 MAX and Boeing 737-800s
- Norwegian has been **voted 'Europe's best low-cost carrier' by passengers** for six consecutive years at SkyTrax World Airline Awards from 2013-2018, along with being awarded the **'World's best low-cost long-haul airline'** in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018
- Norwegian Reward is the airline's free to join **award-winning loyalty programme** offering members CashPoints and Rewards that reduce the cost of Norwegian flights

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