

4 September 2017

Air Partner at top of its game

2017 football highlights:

- Air Partner's European offices have operated 79 flights to date in 2017
- Flown over 5000 passengers more than 90,000 miles
- Departed and arrived through 59 airports in 21 countries
- Worked with 28 different airlines
- Contracted 20 different aircraft types, ranging from the Saab 340 to the Airbus A380
- Passengers included leading clubs, management teams, members of the press and supporters
- Air Partner team will be exhibiting at Soccerex in Manchester from 4-6 September

The 2017/2018 Premier League season kicked off last month, but global aviation services group Air Partner has been on the ball all year, flying top teams and their management to pre-season tours, friendly matches, tournaments and European fixtures. To date in 2017, Air Partner's European offices have operated 79 football-related flights, flying over 5000 passengers more than 90,000 miles to 21 different countries. Aircraft used have ranged from the Saab 340 to the Airbus A380, the world's largest passenger airliner.

Whilst the Commercial Jets team has been particularly busy arranging flights for teams, media and fans, the Private Jets team has also seen strong demand for its services, flying prominent players, managers and VIPs to various destinations across the globe.

Air Partner has worked with the sports sector for several decades now, and this part of its business continues to go from strength to strength. Over the last three years, the group has seen an increase in sports activity, with the last six months alone up significantly compared to the same period last year. The group works very closely with the football industry in particular and so has invested in experienced individuals who have close relationships with clubs and their travel management companies. Representatives from the company will also host a stand at Soccerex in Manchester from 4-6 September in order to further expand their network within the industry.

Chartering enables football and other sports clients to work to their own schedule, save valuable time, and travel in comfort and privacy. By avoiding queues at check-in, flying to the airports closest to the match venue and using private terminals, players are also able to avoid unnecessary fatigue and hassle. Air Partner always goes the extra mile for its sports clients, ensuring that catering is in line with athletes' requirements and all other needs are met – whatever these may be. What's more, the group also offers a CharterPLUS guarantee, which gives clients reassurances including additional insurance coverage and additional financial protection, for total peace of mind.

Commenting on Air Partner's recent sporting performance, Trading Director Clive Chalmers said: *"It has been a great year so far for Air Partner on the sports front – particularly football – and I would like to thank my colleagues for all their hard work. I look forward to carrying this success on through the season, as we gear up for another busy year when the 2018 FIFA World Cup lands in Russia."*

ENDS

Media enquiries:

Temple Bar Advisory

Alycia MacAskill

Lucy Featherstone

T. 020 7002 1080

M. 07776 253 482

M. 07789 374 663

About Air Partner:

Founded in 1961, Air Partner is a global aviation services group that provides worldwide solutions to industry, commerce, governments and private individuals. The Group has two divisions: Broking division, comprising air charter broking and remarketing; and the Consulting & Training division,

4 September 2017

comprising the aviation safety consultancies, Baines Simmons and Clockwork Research. For reporting purposes, the Group is structured into four divisions: Commercial Jets, Private Jets, Freight (Broking) and Consulting & Training (Baines Simmons and Clockwork Research). The Commercial Jet division charters large airliners to move groups of any size. Air Partner Remarketing, which is formed within the Commercial Jet division, provides comprehensive remarketing programmes for all types of commercial and corporate aircraft to a wide range of international clients. Private Jets offers the Company's unique pre-paid JetCard scheme and on-demand charter. Freight charters aircraft of every size to fly almost any cargo anywhere, at any time. Baines Simmons is a world leader in aviation safety consulting specialising in aviation regulation, compliance and safety management. Clockwork Research is a leading fatigue risk management consultancy. Air Partner is headquartered alongside Gatwick airport in the UK. Air Partner operates 24/7 year-round and has 20 offices globally. Air Partner is listed on the London Stock Exchange (AIR) and is ISO 9001:2008 compliant for commercial airline and private jet solutions worldwide. www.airpartner.com