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The fourth series of Manchester Airport's official podcast launches today, taking listeners on a journey as it lifts the lid on the workings of the UK's third largest airport.

Manchester: Your Airport, MAN initially launched in 2023, and since then it has looked at everything from sustainable aviation fuel and airport technology of the future to how an airfield operates and what it's really like to be a commercial pilot.

More than 10,000 listeners have tuned in and the podcast is now back by popular demand - with this week's episode going behind the scenes at IndiGo's launch of a direct route between Manchester and Mumbai earlier in the summer.

Five more episodes will follow over the coming weeks, including a sneak peek at what's to come in the completed Terminal 2 as a 10-year, £1.3bn transformation programme nears its completion, along with a Q&A session with the airport's leadership team covering all the big talking points from this summer, its busiest yet, and an episode sharing hot tips and delving into hidden gems for travellers heading to some of the airport's most popular leisure destinations.

Series Four of the podcast is hosted by Hywel Evans, alongside the airport's Communications Director, Adam Jupp. Hywel is a well-known voice to those driving through Lancashire and Manchester for their early morning flights, having spent over a decade as a radio host on Key 103, Rock FM, XS Manchester, BBC Radio 6 and many other stations, before moving into the world of podcasting.

He has won a 'Best Comedy Podcast' award for his work as a writer on the audio series *The Adventures of Brian Hovis* and brings a light-hearted touch to the podcast, as he explores and tries to make sense of a colossal operation that helps more than 30 million passengers per year get on their way to their destinations.

Hywel said: "I love audio entertainment and I love travel. Fact. I've been around the world a few times and am an 'air miles' nerd. I've left Manchester Airport for all the corners of the globe and I love it. So when I had the chance to jump on board with the podcast I leapt at it. Being 'backstage' at the airport is truly fascinating, my mind is blown by the secret workings from stats to tunnels, buildings, security and coffee. There is so much more to the whole operation than you'd ever imagine."

Adam said: "The great thing about this podcast is that we can take you into parts of the airport that you wouldn't see as a passenger and bring those stories to life. It was a pleasure to work with Hywel on this series and amusing to watch him trying to get his head around it all!

"This series really gives you a sense of the scale of the airport, and how many moving parts have to come together to get you away on your holiday or business trip - but we also take the time to look ahead to the future and explore what's to come as we complete our decade-long transformation programme. I hope our listeners enjoy hearing about it as much as we enjoyed recording it."

The podcast is produced by Crowd Network, an award-winning Manchester based digital media agency that has worked with the likes of Chester Zoo and Chelsea FC on similar projects.

You can listen to *Manchester: Your Airport, MAN* on Spotify, Amazon Music and Apple Podcasts among other platforms.

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Manchester Airport is the largest UK airport outside London, with around 200 destinations served by more than 50 airlines. More than 30 million passengers travelled through the airport last year.

The airport's long-haul catchment area places around 22 million people within a two-hour drive time; it extends north through the Lake District into Scotland, east across Yorkshire and the North East, south to Birmingham and the Midlands, and west into Merseyside and Wales.

Manchester Airport is owned and operated by MAG, the UK's largest independent airport operator, which also owns and operates London Stansted and East Midlands airports.

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