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## Schiphol to reduce user fees

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Charges for airlines using Amsterdam Schiphol will be cut by 5% in 2015, airport CEO Jos Nijhuis has announced.

Announcing Schiphol Group's interim financial results on 28 August, Nijhuis said: "Schiphol's healthy growth, cost containment, and low interest rates allowed us to reduce airport charges by 5% from 1 April 2015."

Total group revenue for the first half of 2014 reached EUR712 million (USD935 million), a 9.7% year-on-year increase, while operating expenses rose by 2.1% to EUR515 million. Net profits totalled EUR127 million, up from EUR110 million in the first half of 2013.

Average retail spending per departing passenger at Schiphol fell from EUR16.23 to EUR 14.79, although car parking revenues increased.

Passenger numbers at Schiphol for the first six months of 2014 reached 25.7 million, an increase of 4.2% compared with 2013. Aircraft movements climbed by 2.6% to 209,800 and Schiphol handled 802,000 tonnes of cargo, an 8.8% rise.

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