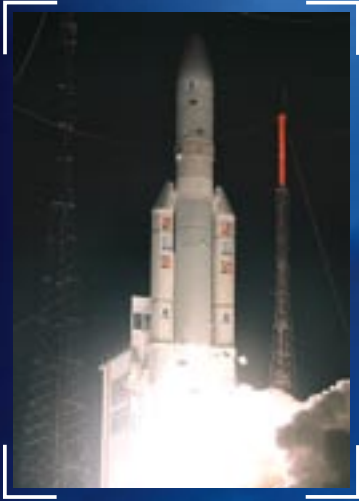


The tempo of success



The May 4 launch delivered its two payloads to highly accurate geostationary transfer orbit (GTO)



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Ariane 5 delivered another impressive heavy-lift performance on May 4, placing a record payload mass of 9,400 kg. into GTO. The mission's Galaxy 17 satellite was Intelsat's 45th spacecraft to use an Ariane launcher since 1983, while ASTRA 1L was the 26th SES telecom platform launched by Arianespace.


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