

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# JUL 2017: Air Transport Monthly Monitor

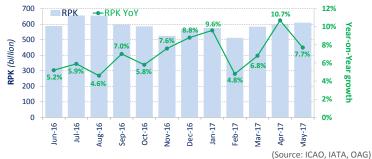
World Results and Analyses for MAY 2017. Total scheduled services (domestic and international).

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GLOBAL KEY FIGURES	MAY 2017 (versus MAY 2016)	OUTLOOK* - JUN 2017 (versus JUN 2016)					
	<b>RPK</b> ▲ +7.7% <b>ASK</b> ▲ +6.1% <b>FTK</b> ▲ +12.7 <b>LF</b> : 80.1% ▲ +1.4 pts	ASK ▲ +6.7% * Source OAG					

# PASSENGER TRAFFIC

#### **Revenue Passenger-Kilometres** - RPK

World passenger traffic grew by +7.7% YoY in May 2017, -3.0 percentage points lower than the strong growth in the previous month. This growth remained solid, supported by the upturn in world economy and lower air fares compared to last year. The fastest growing regions were Asia/Pacific and Africa, and were the only regions posting doubledigit growth. The slowest growth was observed in the Middle East and North America. India regained its position as the fastest growing region in terms of domestic traffic, followed by China and Russia, both of which grew double-digitally.



#### **International Traffic vs. Tourist Arrivals**

**International passenger traffic grew by +7.6% YoY in May 2017**, -4.9 percentage points down from the robust growth in the previous month. Two regions, Africa and Asia/Pacific posted double-digit growth. The Middle East experienced the weakest growth of less than +4.0%, close to its eight-year low.

The growth of international tourist arrivals  $\ensuremath{^*}$  is expected to follow a similar monthly trend.



## FREIGHT TRAFFIC

ACRONYMS

## Freight Tonne-Kilometres - FTK

World freight traffic grew strongly by +12.7% YoY in May 2017, +4.2 percentage points higher than the growth in the previous month. This growth was the 2nd highest observed in the last 12 months. Most regions recorded double-digit growth, with the exception of Latin America/Caribbean. Africa continued to be the fastest growing region and grew robustly by above +20.0%, supported by the strengthening in trade between Africa and Asia/Pacific. With the ongoing weakness in the euro, Europe recorded the 2nd highest growth. Latin America/Caribbean continued to experience the weakest performance with a moderate growth of less than +7.0%.

Freight traffic growth outpaced the capacity expansion. As a result, the freight load factor exceeded its YTD rate by around 0.5 percentage points.

# CAPACITY

#### Available Seat-Kilometres - ASK

**Capacity worldwide increased by +6.1% YoY in May 2017**, -1.0 percentage points lower than the growth in the previous month (+7.1%).

In response to the passenger traffic demand, the expansion of capacity is expected to be at +6.7% in June 2017.



#### Load Factor - LF

The passenger Load Factor reached 80.1% in May 2017, -1.9 percentage points lower than the LF recorded in the previous month.

Owing to the YoY traffic growth outpacing the capacity expansion, the May LF recorded +1.4 percentage points higher than the rate in the same period in 2016.





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# TOP 15 AIRPORTS (Ranked by aircraft departures, passengers and volume of freight)

#### MAY 2017: +0.05%, +3.7%, and +10.4% YoY in terms of aircraft departures, passengers and freight for the Top 15

Airports (ranking by number of departures)	Departures	ΥοΥ	Airports (ranking by number of passengers)	Passengers*	ΥοΥ	Airports (ranking by tonnes of freight)	Freight**	ΥοΥ
Atlanta GA, US (ATL)	38,692	-0.6%	Atlanta GA, US (ATL)	4,675,956	-0.8%	Hong Kong, CN (HKG)	409,000	12.9%
Chicago IL, US (ORD)	36,964	-1.6%	Beijing, CN (PEK)	3,909,258	<b>1</b> 0.2%	Memphis TN, US (MEM)	352,070	1.3%
Los Angeles CA, US (LAX)	29,463	2.6%	Los Angeles CA, US (LAX)	3,581,862	<b>1</b> 5.6%	Shanghai, CN (PVG)	316,185	15.6%
Dallas/Fort Worth TX, US (DFW)	27,812	-2.8%	Chicago IL, US (ORD)	3,457,954	1.2%	Dubai, AE (DXB)	232,884	2.6%
Beijing, CN (PEK)	24,810	-3.1%	Dubai, AE (DXB)	3,425,026	1.9%	Incheon, KR (ICN)	229,937	1 8.8%
Denver CO, US (DEN)	24,546	<b>1</b> 5.0%	Tokyo, JP (HND)	3,351,572	6.4%	Anchorage AK, US (ANC)	227,016	11.8%
Charlotte NC, US (CLT)	23,945	-0.5%	London, GB (LHR)	3,239,080	2.9%	Louisville KY, US (SDF)	205,058	13.5%
Amsterdam, NL (AMS)	23,573	4.2%	Amsterdam, NL (AMS)	3,107,980	<b>1</b> 8.2%	Taipei, CN (TPE)	185,817	6.8%
Paris, FR (CDG)	21,242	1.5%	Hong Kong, CN (HKG)	2,981,000	2.5%	Tokyo, JP (NRT)	184,927	1.9%
Frankfurt, DE (FRA)	20,958	1.8%	Paris, FR (CDG)	2,978,267	<b>1</b> 3.7%	Los Angeles CA, US (LAX)	180,757	13.6%
Shanghai, CN (PVG)	20,849	4.5%	Shanghai, CN (PVG)	2,892,206	7.3%	Singapore, SG (SIN)	177,300	12.6%
London, GB (LHR)	20,597	-0.8%	Dallas/Fort Worth TX, US (DFW)	2,892,123	2.4%	Frankfurt, DE (FRA)	177,118	<b>1</b> 5.7%
Istanbul, TR (IST)	19,854	-4.2%	Frankfurt, DE (FRA)	2,802,181	<b>1</b> 5.7%	Doha, QA (DOH)	176,283	24.2%
Las Vegas NV, US (LAS)	19,633	1.3%	Istanbul, TR (IST)	2,748,214	1.2%	Miami FL, US (MIA)	170,670	11.6%
Houston TX, US (IAH)	19,599	-2.7%	New Delhi, IN (DEL)	2,715,661	14.3%	Chicago IL, US (ORD)	164,810	15.4%

Note: Total scheduled and non-scheduled services

In terms of aircraft departures, the Top 15 airports reported a minor increase of +0.05% YoY. Over half of the Top 15 airports posted declines as airlines tend to operate aircraft with more seats to achieve higher load factors. The biggest decrease was posted by Istanbul (-4.2%), followed by Beijing and Dallas, with -3.1% and -2.8% decreases, respectively.

In terms of passengers, the Top 15 airports reported a growth of +3.7% YoY. All the Top 15 airports, except for Atlanta, posted increases. Atlanta retained its position at 1st albeit with a decline of -0.8%. Airports in Asia/Pacific and Europe posted relatively stronger growth. New Delhi recorded the strongest growth by +14.3%, followed by Amsterdam (+8.2%), and Shanghai (+7.3%).

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In terms of freight, the Top 15 airports reported a strong growth of +10.4% YoY. All the Top 15 airports recorded increases, with more than half of the airports posting double-digit growth. Hong Kong remained at 1st with a growth of +12.9%. Doha continued to grow strongly by +24.2%, followed by Shanghai (+15.6%) and Chicago (+15.4%).

#### TOP 15 AIRLINE GROUPS (Ranked by RPK)

#### MAY 2017: +5.8% YoY in terms of RPK for the Top 15

In terms of RPK, the Top 15 airline groups accounted for 48.5% of world total RPK in May 2017, and grew by +5.8% YoY. This growth was -1.9 percentage points lower than the world average on scheduled services. All the Top 15 airline groups posted YoY increases.

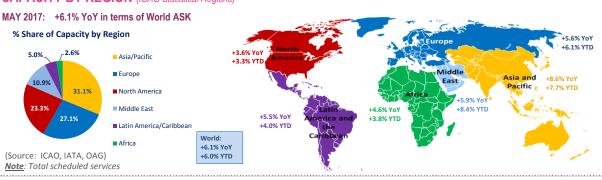
American ranked at 1st with an increase of +2.6% YoY. Delta, United and Southwest grew modestly, and remained at the position of 2nd, 3rd and 9th, respectively, Air Canada recorded the strongest growth (+12.1%) within the North American airlines in the Top 15.

Emirates posted the slowest growth within the Top 15, at +0.4%, and dropped 2 positions to 6th. Qatar Airways, remained at the position of 13th with a growth of +6.5%.

AF-KLM improved 1 position to the 4th with a growth of +6.1%. For the second consecutive month, Lufthansa recorded the highest growth within the Top 15 by +16.0%, and ranked 1 position up to 5th. With a moderate growth of +1.8%, IAG, remained at the position of 7th. Ryanair continued to post double-digit growth and ranked 12th. Turkish Airlines ranked 1 position up to 14th with a growth of +6.4%.

Regarding the Asia/Pacific airlines, China Southern, Air China and China Eastern remained at the position of 8th, 10th, and 11th, respectively. China Southern recorded the second highest growth within the Top 15, at +14.2%.

## CAPACITY BY REGION (ICAO Statistical Regions)

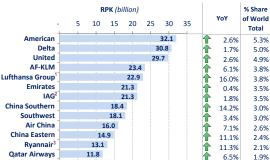


All regions posted an expansion in capacity in May 2017 with a +6.1% YoY increase in capacity worldwide. Asia/Pacific posted the fastest capacity expansion among all regions, and was the only region posting a faster expansion than the world average growth. North America posted the smallest increases in capacity.

Carriers in Asia/Pacific, Europe and North America offered 83% of the world total capacity.

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\* Embarked Passengers \*\* Loaded and Unloaded Freight inTonnes 1. Lufthansa Airlines, Germanwings, SWISS, Austrian Airlines, Brussels Airlines, Sun Express, and Lufthansa Cargo 2. British Airways, Iberia, and Vueling 3. ICAO estimates



10.6 Top 15 Total RPKs World Total RPKs

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Turkish Airline

Air Canada

12.1%

5.8%

1.9%

1.7%

48.5%

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Note: Total scheduled and non-scheduled services

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(Source: ACI)

Cumulative

% Share

5.3%

10.3%

15.2%

19.0%

22.8%

26.3%

29.8%

32.8%

35.8%

38.4%

40.8%

43.0%

44.9%

46.8%

48.5%

<sup>7 7%</sup> (Source: ICAO, airlines' websites)