

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

APR 2018: Air Transport Monthly Monitor

World Results and Analyses for FEB 2018. Total scheduled services (domestic and international).

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http://www.icao.int/sustainability/Pages/Air-Traffic-Monitor.aspx **GLOBAL KEY FIGURES**

FEB 2018 (versus FEB 2017)

RPK ▲ +7.6% **ASK** ▲ +6.3% **FTK** ▲ +6.8%

OUTLOOK* - MAR 2018

(versus MAR 2017)

ASK ▲ +6.8%

* Source OAG

PASSENGER TRAFFIC

Revenue Passenger-Kilometres - RPK

World passenger traffic grew by +7.6% YoY in February 2018, +3.0 percentage points higher from the growth in the previous month. The traffic rebound observed in this month was partly owing to the effect of later timing of the Chinese New Year compared to 2017. All regions posted acceleration in traffic growth, with the exception of Africa which experienced the slowest growth. Asia/Pacific was the fastest growing region and was the only region recording double-digit growth. Domestic traffic demand in India and China continued to be strong and grew double-digitally.



International Traffic vs. Tourist Arrivals

International passenger traffic grew by +7.2% YoY in February 2018, +2.8 percentage points higher from the growth in the previous month. All regions accelerated in growth with Latin America/Caribbean posting the fastest growth for the second consecutive month, followed by Asia/Pacific.

The growth of international tourist arrivals* followed a similar monthly trend.



CAPACITY

Available Seat-Kilometres - ASK

LF: 80.4% ▲ +0.9 pt

Capacity worldwide increased by +6.3% YoY in February 2018, +1.0 percentage points higher than the growth in the previous month (+5.3%).

In response to the passenger traffic demand, the expansion of capacity is expected to be at +6.8% in March 2018.



Load Factor - LF

The passenger Load Factor reached 80.4% in February 2018, +0.8 percentage points higher than the LF recorded in the previous month.

As traffic growth outpaced the capacity expansion, the February LF was +0.9 percentage points higher than the rate in the same period in 2017.



FREIGHT TRAFFIC

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Freight Tonne-Kilometres - FTK

World freight traffic grew by +6.8% YoY in February 2018, -1.2 percentage points lower than the growth in the previous month. Freight traffic growth remained solid, albeit at a moderated pace compared to last year. Three regions, Africa, Latin America/Caribbean and the Middle East, posted acceleration in growth. Africa continued to record the fastest growth, supported by the strengthening in trade between Africa and Asia/Pacific. Europe, however, experienced the most significant deceleration in growth, and became the slowest growing region.

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





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

FEB 2018: +3.4%, +4.4%, and +4.1% YoY in terms of aircraft departures, passengers and freight for the Top 15

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Airports (ranking by number of departures)	Departures	YoY	Airports (ranking by number of passengers)	Passengers*	YoY	Airports (ranking by tonnes of freight)	Freight**	YoY
Atlanta GA, US (ATL)	32,603	0.0%	Beijing, CN (PEK)	3,894,256	1.7%	Memphis TN, US (MEM)	341,575	3.1%
Chicago IL, US (ORD)	30,782	1 2.0%	Atlanta GA, US (ATL)	3,763,147	1.4%	Hong Kong, CN (HKG)	315,000	7.1%
Los Angeles CA, US (LAX)	26,034	1 0.6%	Dubai, AE (DXB)	3,464,274	-0.3%	Shanghai, CN (PVG)	232,979	1 2.1%
Dallas/Fort Worth TX, US (DFW)	24,195	-1.1%	Tokyo, JP (HND)	3,127,911	-1.1%	Incheon, KR (ICN)	197,789	-0.8%
Beijing, CN (PEK)	23,460	-0.7%	Los Angeles CA, US (LAX)	3,021,640	7.8%	Dubai, AE (DXB)	191,575	-0.6%
Charlotte NC, US (CLT)	21,112	1 2.6%	Shanghai, CN (PVG)	2,913,120	6.9%	Anchorage AK, US (ANC)	179,728	9.5%
Denver CO, US (DEN)	20,832	0.2%	Hong Kong, CN (HKG)	2,903,500	1 5.5%	Louisville KY, US (SDF)	178,195	9.1%
Newark NJ, US (EWR)	19,544	1 24.8%	Guangzhou, CN (CAN)	2,835,902	8.7%	Tokyo, JP (NRT)	169,009	1 4.7%
Shanghai, CN (PVG)	19,441	3.5%	New Delhi, IN (DEL)	2,771,487	15.1%	Miami FL, US (MIA)	168,583	1 2.1%
Guangzhou, CN (CAN)	18,979	1 5.2%	Incheon, KR (ICN)	2,745,138	6.1%	Doha, QA (DOH)	160,776	14.7%
New Delhi, IN (DEL)	18,454	11.1%	Bangkok, TH (BKK)	2,719,823	4.4%	Frankfurt, DE (FRA)	156,424	1.7%
Amsterdam, NL (AMS)	18,214	1 5.0%	London, GB (LHR)	2,697,041	2.4%	Los Angeles CA, US (LAX)	149,758	1 5.5%
London, GB (LHR)	17,638	1 0.6%	Chicago IL, US (ORD)	2,666,377	4.3%	Singapore, SG (SIN)	148,900	1.4%
Houston TX, US (IAH)	17,597	1.2%	Singapore, SG (SIN)	2,466,500	1 5.6%	Taipei, CN (TPE)	147,809	1 2.6%
Frankfurt, DE (FRA)	17,597	7.6%	Dallas/Fort Worth TX, US (DFW)	2,463,642	4.1%	Paris, FR (CDG)	147,000	1.1%

Note: Total scheduled and non-scheduled services

(Source: ACI)

In terms of aircraft departures, the Top 15 airports reported an increase of +3.4% YoY. Twelve out of the Top 15 airports posted increases in operations. The strongest growth was recorded by Newark, followed by New Delhi, and both grew double-digitally at +24.8% and +11.1%, respectively. Atlanta remained at 1st albeit with the same traffic level as a year ago.

In terms of passengers, the Top 15 airports reported a growth of +4.4% YoY. Beijing retained the 1st place with a growth of +1.7%. Atlanta started to improve with a moderate increase of +1.4%. New Delhi continued to grow double-digitally, and recorded the strongest growth within the Top 15 by +15.1%. Two airports, Dubai and Tokyo, posted slight declines.

In terms of freight, the Top 15 airports reported a growth of +4.1% YoY. Memphis ranked over Hong Kong in 1st position. Doha continued to post doubledigit growth, and recorded the strongest growth within the Top 15 by +14.7%. Two airports. Incheon and Dubai, posted declines, by -0.8% and -0.6%, respectively.

TOP 15 AIRLINE GROUPS (Ranked by RPK)

FEB 2018: +7.1% YoY in terms of RPK for the Top 15

In terms of RPK, the Top 15 airline groups accounted for 47.1% of world total RPK in February 2018, and grew by +7.1% YoY. This growth was -0.5 percentage points lower than the world average on scheduled services. All the Top 15 airline groups posted YoY increases.

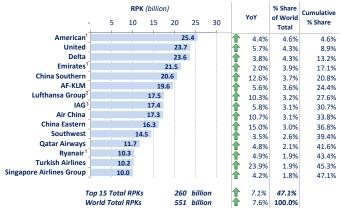
American ranked 1st and rose by +4.4%. United recorded the highest growth among the Top 3 airlines, and retained the 2nd place. Delta grew by +3.8% and remained at 3rd. Southwest ranked 1 position down to 11th with a growth of +3.5%.

Emirates remained at 4th with a moderate YoY growth of +2.0%. Qatar Airways continued to show improvement with traffic increasing by +4.8% YoY, and ranked 12th.

AF-KLM ranked 1 position down to 6th, after China Southern. With a double-digit growth of +10.3%, Lufthansa improved 1 position to 7th. IAG, however, dropped 1 position to 8th with a slower growth of +5.8%. Turkish Airlines posted a record breaking traffic level for the month of February with a strong growth of +23.9%.

Major airlines in Asia/Pacific posted strong growth, with the three Chinese airlines growing doubledigitally. China Southern ranked over AF-KLM at 5th with a growth of +12.6%. China Eastern recorded the strongest growth among the airlines in the region in the Top 15 by +15.0%, and improved 1 position to 9th.

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+5.0% YTD

(Source: ICAO, airlines' websites)

Note: Total scheduled and non-scheduled services

CAPACITY BY REGION (ICAO Statistical Regions)



All regions, posted an expansion in capacity in February 2018 with a +6.3% YoY increase in capacity worldwide. Three regions, Asia/Pacific Latin

America/Caribbean, and North America, accelerated in capacity growth. Asia/Pacific continued to record the fastest capacity expansion, and was the only region growing faster than the world average. Africa experienced the biggest slowdown in capacity growth.

Note: Total scheduled services

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