

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT JAN 2020: Air Transport Monthly Monitor

World Results and Analyses for NOV 2019. Total scheduled services (domestic and international).

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GLOBAL KEY FIGURES	NOV 2019 (versus NOV 2018)				OUTLOOK* ·	- DEC 2019 (versus DEC 2018)		
	<b>RPK ▲</b> +3.3%	<b>ASK ▲</b> +1.8%	<b>FTK ▼</b> -1.1%	<b>LF</b> : 81.1% ▼ -0.9 pt	<b>ASK ▲</b> +3.2%	* Source OAG		

# PASSENGER TRAFFIC

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

World passenger traffic grew by +3.3% YoY in November 2019, -0.1 percentage point lower than the growth in the previous month. Three regions posted a slowdown with Europe experiencing the most significant deceleration becoming the weakest performing region. The Middle East continued to show acceleration and remained as the fastest-growing region. Domestic traffic in India picked up sharply and regained double-digit growth, followed by relatively moderate increases in China and Japan.



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

International passenger traffic grew by +3.1% YoY in November 2019, -0.1 percentage point lower than the growth in the previous month. The Middle East recorded the strongest growth and remained as the fastest-growing region. By contrast, traffic growth in Latin America/Caribbean further deteriorated and continued to be the only region with contraction.

The growth of international tourist arrivals\* remained relatively stable.



## FREIGHT TRAFFIC

ACRONYMS

### Freight Tonne-Kilometres - FTK

**World freight traffic reported a decline of -1.1% YoY in November 2019,** +2.4 percentage points higher than the growth in the previous month. Although freight traffic growth remained negative, this was by far the smallest deficit in the last eight months. This modest improvement may be owing to the seasonally busy e-commerce sales events such as Black Friday. On a regional basis, Africa remained as the major contributor to the improvement with its brisk double-digit growth. Another contribution came from Europe which rebounded to positive growth. All the other regions continued to post declines with Asia/Pacific being the weakest performing region accounting largely for the overall decline.

# CAPACITY

### Available Seat-Kilometres - ASK

**Capacity worldwide increased by +1.8% YoY in November 2019**, - 0.4 percentage point lower than the growth in the previous month (+2.2%).

According to the airline schedules, capacity expansion is expected to be up to +3.2% in December 2019.

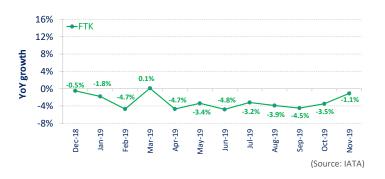


### Load Factor - LF

The passenger Load Factor reached 81.1% in November 2019, -0.9 percentage point lower than the previous month.

As traffic growth outpaced the capacity expansion, the November LF was +1.1 percentage point higher compared to the rate in the same period of 2018.





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

### NOV 2019: +1.2%, +1.8%, and -2.3% 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**	YoY
Chicago IL, US (ORD)	37,638	1.1%	Atlanta GA, US (ATL)	4,349,769	-2.3%	Hong Kong, CN (HKG)	440,000	-3.4%
Atlanta GA, US (ATL)	35,508	-1.3%	Beijing, CN (PEK)	4,019,993	-2.8%	Memphis TN, US (MEM)	354,818	-6.1%
Dallas/Fort Worth TX, US (DFW)	29,730	1 8.9%	Tokyo, JP (HND)	3,628,726	-5.0%	Shanghai, CN (PVG)	337,910	8.2%
Los Angeles CA, US (LAX)	27,298	-3.6%	Dubai, AE (DXB)	3,523,525	2.2%	Anchorage AK, US (ANC)	252,198	-0.7%
Denver CO, US (DEN)	25,171	4.3%	Los Angeles CA, US (LAX)	3,365,760	-3.1%	Incheon, KR (ICN)	243,168	-3.7%
Beijing, CN (PEK)	24,417	-4.9%	Chicago IL, US (ORD)	3,295,038	1.2%	Louisville KY, US (SDF)	225,191	1.1%
Charlotte NC, US (CLT)	23,943	1.9%	New Delhi, IN (DEL)	3,163,880	12.9%	Dubai, AE (DXB)	219,836	-7.3%
Shanghai, CN (PVG)	20,699	<b>1</b> 2.0%	London, GB (LHR)	3,117,099	1.0%	Doha, QA (DOH)	198,262	<b>1</b> 5.5%
New Delhi, IN (DEL)	20,689	1.0%	Guangzhou, CN (CAN)	3,106,592	6.3%	Taipei, CN (TPE)	198,115	-0.6%
Guangzhou, CN (CAN)	20,650	<b>1</b> 3.6%	Dallas/Fort Worth TX, US (DFW)	3,000,538	7.1%	Tokyo, JP (NRT)	190,095	4.0%
Houston TX, US (IAH)	19,908	<b>1</b> 3.2%	Shanghai, CN (PVG)	2,977,658	<b>1</b> 3.1%	Singapore, SG (SIN)	177,500	-6.2%
Amsterdam, NL (AMS)	19,661	-1.5%	Singapore, SG (SIN)	2,859,000	<b>1</b> 5.7%	Frankfurt, DE (FRA)	175,873	-5.4%
Frankfurt, DE (FRA)	19,395	-5.8%	Paris, FR (CDG)	2,831,173	<b>1</b> 3.3%	Miami FL, US (MIA)	175,071	-9.0%
Paris, FR (CDG)	19,200	-0.4%	Incheon, KR (ICN)	2,786,594	1.6%	Beijing, CN (PEK)	173,358	-5.0%
London, GB (LHR)	19,050	-0.3%	Bangkok, TH (BKK)	2,769,681	<b>1</b> 5.2%	Los Angeles CA, US (LAX)	171,277	-7.5%

Note: Total scheduled and non-scheduled services

In terms of aircraft departures, the Top 15 airports reported a growth of +1.2% YoY. Eight out of the Top 15 airports posted YoY increases. Chicago ranked 1st with a modest growth of +3.1%. The strongest growth in operations was recorded by Dallas/Fort Worth at +8.9%, followed by New Delhi at +7.0%

In terms of passengers, the Top 15 airports reported a growth of +1.8% YoY. Eleven out of the Top 15 airports posted YoY increases. Atlanta remained at 1st. albeit with a decline of -2.3% . New Delhi recorded the most significant growth at +12.9%. Decline was observed in major hubs in Asia/Pacific and North America with Tokyo contracting the most by -5.0%.

In terms of freight, the Top 15 airports reported a decline of -3.5% YoY. Freight traffic remained weak with over half of the Top 15 airports posting declines. Shanghai, at 3rd position, reported the highest growth of +8.2%, followed by Doha and Tokyo at +5.5% and +4.0%, respectively. The most notable decrease was posted by Miami at -9.0%, followed by Los Angeles at -7.5%.

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

### NOV 2019: +4.9% YoY in terms of RPK for the Top 15

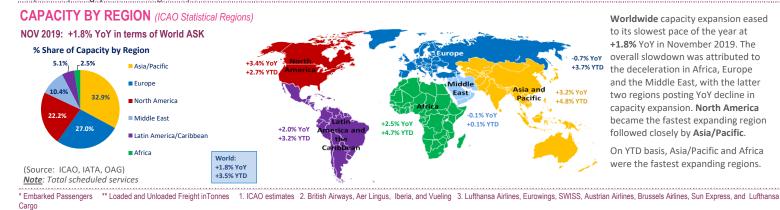
In terms of RPK, the Top 15 airline groups accounted for 49.2% of the world's total RPK in November 2019 and grew by +4.9% YoY. This growth was +1.6 percentage points higher than the world's average on scheduled services. All the Top 15 airline groups posted YoY growth except for a decline in Southwest.

United ranked 1st with moderate growth of +3.2%, followed closely by American which grew by +3.0% and elevated 1 position to the 2nd. Delta dropped 1 position to the 3rd and grew marginally by +1.8%. Southwest decreased by -2.4% while remained at 11th.

Emirates went up 3 positions to 4th with a growth of +4.6%. Qatar Airways recorded the fastest growth among the Top 15 at +20.3% and was up 1 position to 12th.

AF-KLM rose by +3.5% and maintained its position at 5th growing. With a modest increase of +1.3%. Lufthansa dropped 4 positions to 8th. IAG grew at +4.9% and dropped 1 position to 7th. Ryanair grew at the same pace of +5.0% as in the previous month and dropped 1 position to 13th. Turkish Airlines recorded a relatively strong growth of +8.7%, however, descended to 15th.

China Southern ascended 2 positions to 6th and grew solidly at +8.5%. Air China and China Eastern dropped 1 position to 9th and 10th and grew by +4.9% and +10.8%, respectively. Singapore Airlines grew by 8.3% and ranked 14th.



Worldwide capacity expansion eased to its slowest pace of the year at +1.8% YoY in November 2019. The overall slowdown was attributed to +3.7% YTD the deceleration in Africa, Europe and the Middle East, with the latter two regions posting YoY decline in capacity expansion. North America became the fastest expanding region followed closely by Asia/Pacific.

> On YTD basis, Asia/Pacific and Africa were the fastest expanding regions.

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#### **NOV 19 RPK** (billion) % Share Cumulative YoY of World 20 10 15 25 30 5 35 % Share Total United 30.2 3.2% 4.9% 4.9% American 29.0 3.0% 4.7% 9.5% Delta 27.6 1.8% 4 4% 14 0% \*\*\* Emirates 22 6 3.8% 17.8% 4.6% AF-KLM 23.3 3.5% 3.7% 21.5% China Southern 23.0 8.5% 3.7% 25.2% IAG 21.8 4.9% 3 5% 28 7% Lufthansa Group 21.5 1.3% 3.5% 32.2% Air China 18.7 35.2% 4.9% 3.0% China Eastern 18.1 10.8% 2.9% 38.1% Southwest 17.8 -2.4% 2.9% 40.9% **Qatar Airways** 13.3 Å 20.3% 2.1% 43.1% Rvanair 13.3 î 5.0% 2.1% 45.2% ingapore Airlines Group 12.6 $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ 8.3% 2.0% 47.2% Turkish Airlines 12.3 Ŷ 8.7% 2.0% 49.2% Top 15 Total RPKs 306 billion 4 9% 49.2% World Total RPKs 622 billion 合 3.3% 100.0%

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(Source: ACI)

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