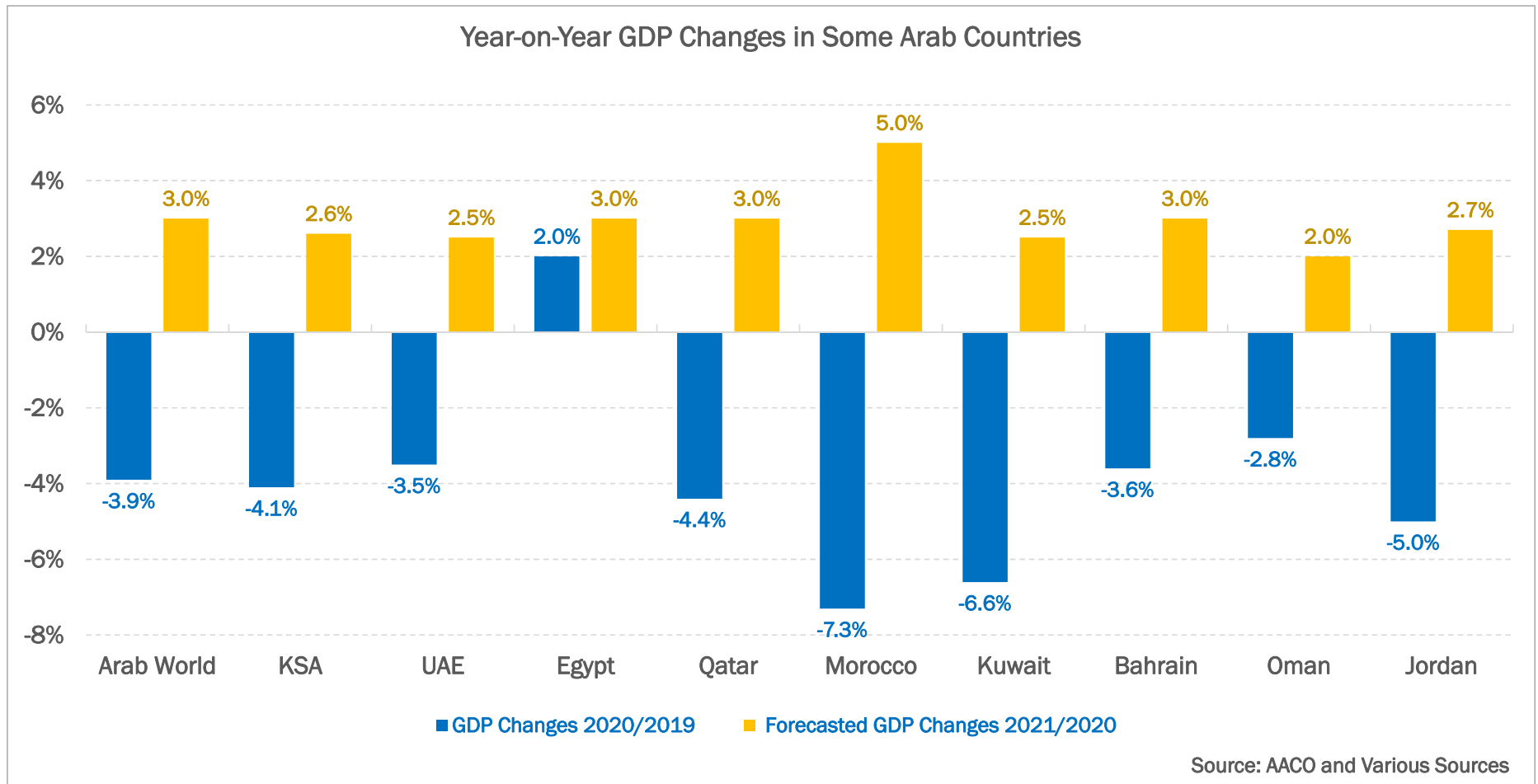


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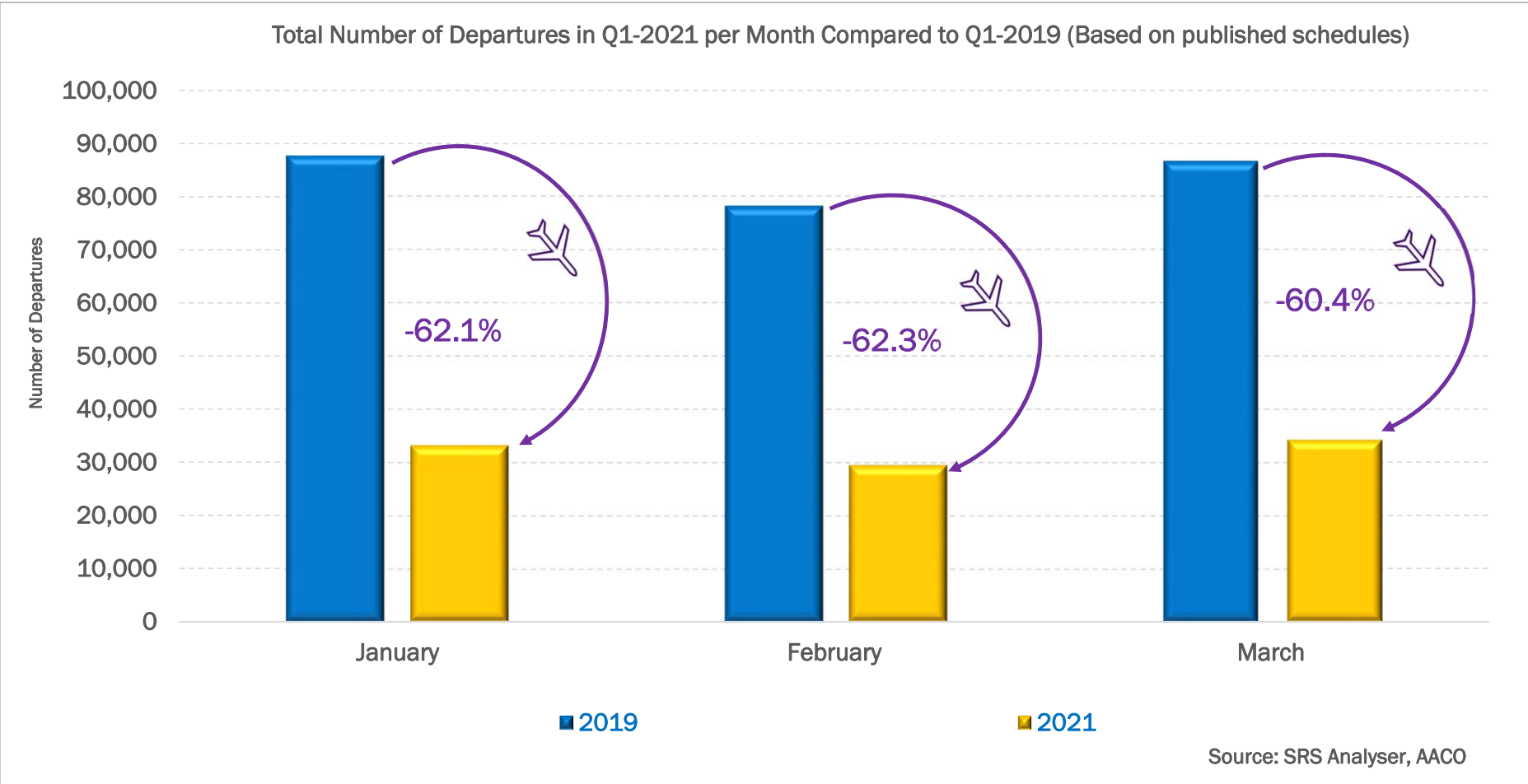
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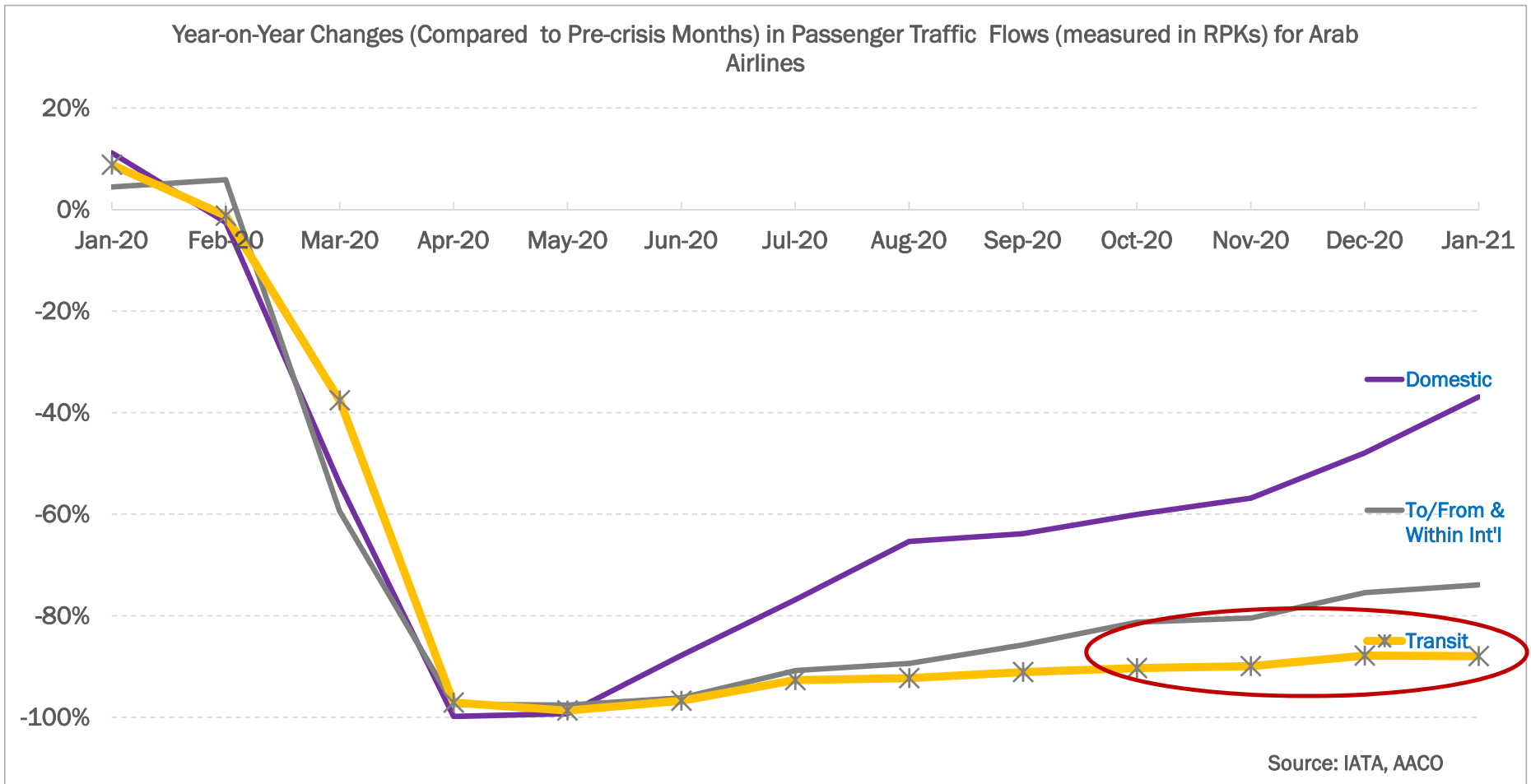
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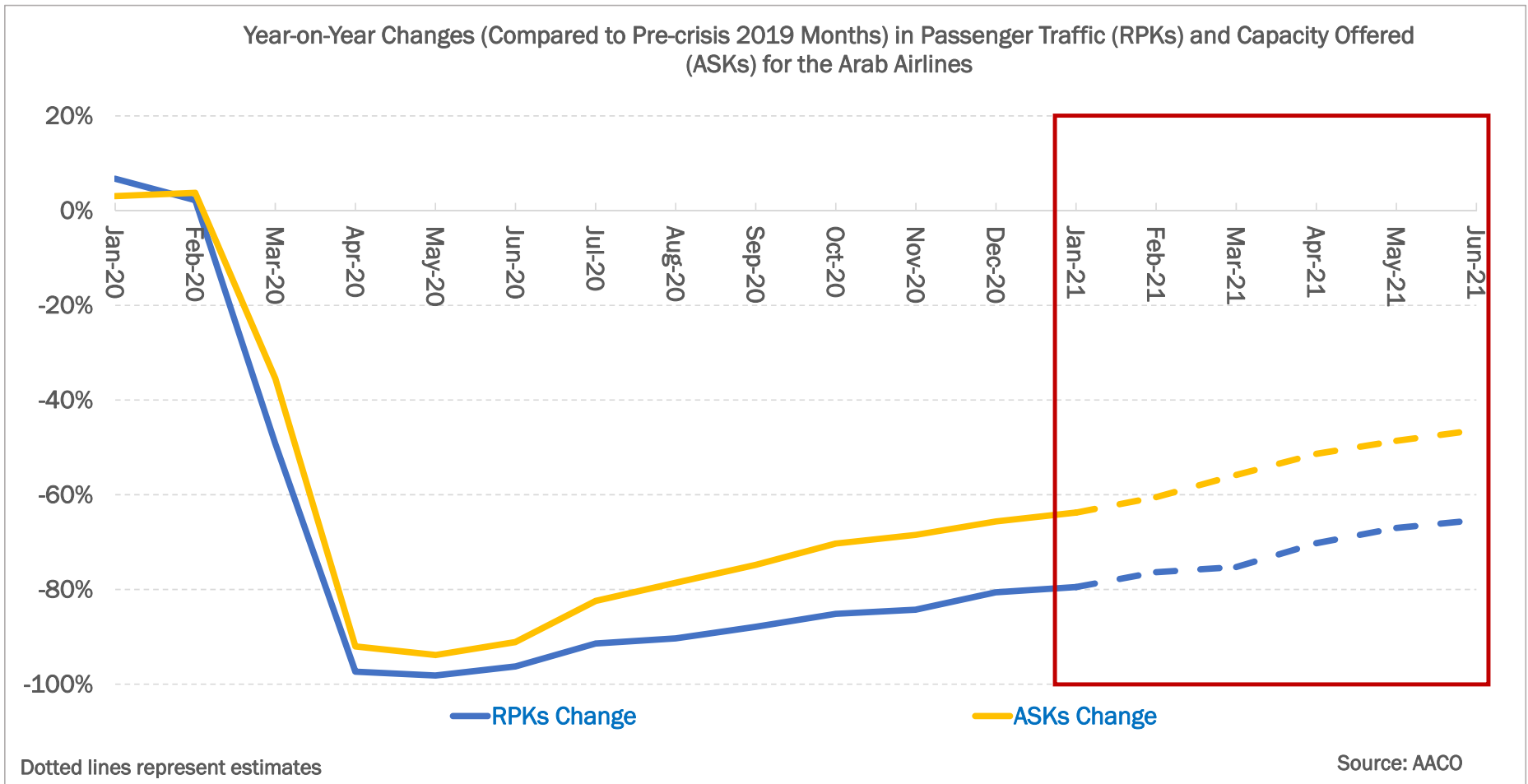
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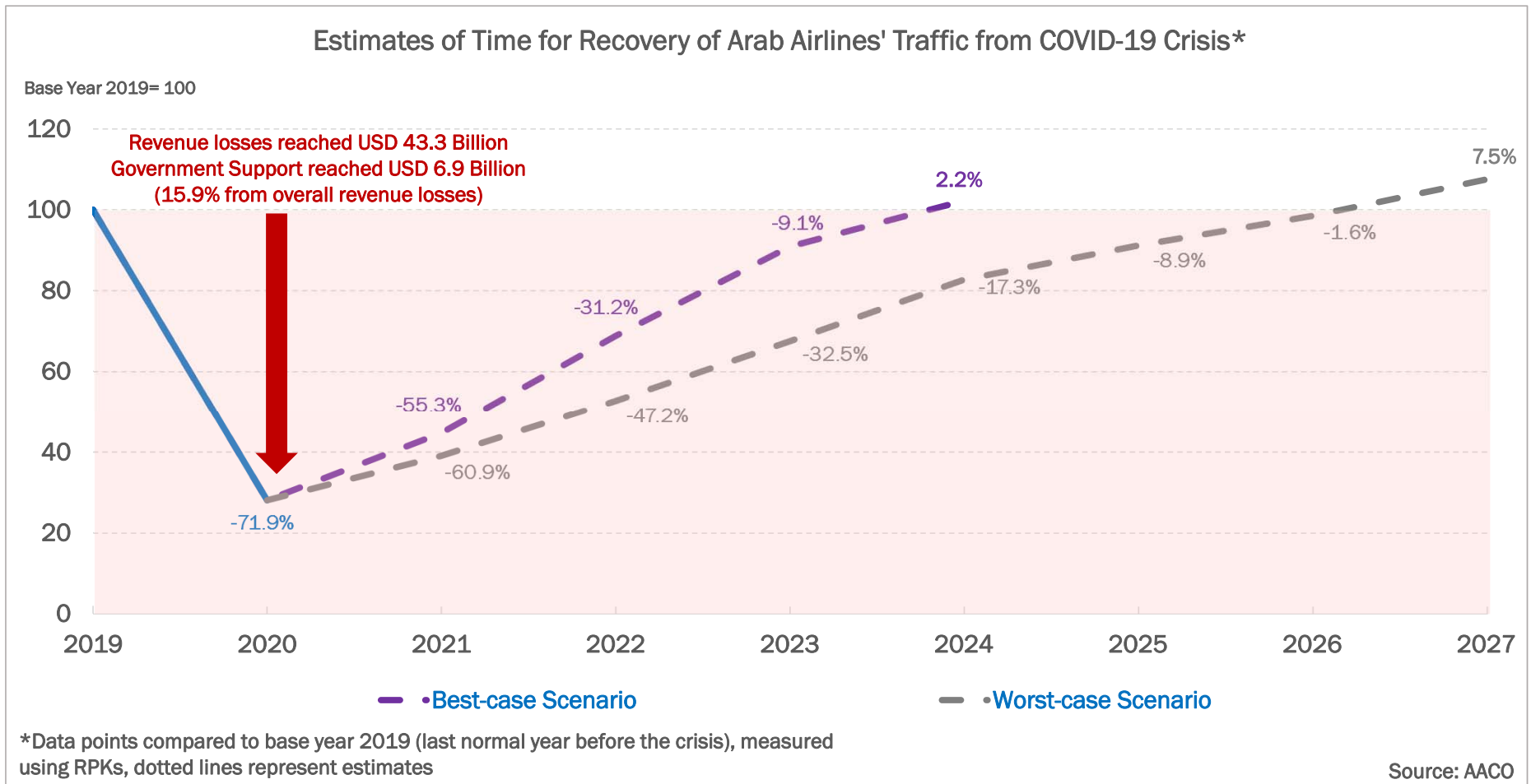
# Transit Traffic Still Around 90% Less than Pre-crisis Levels



# Travel Demand is Expected to Remain Weak During H1-2021



# Arab Airlines Traffic Might Take Between 4 to 7 Years to Recover from COVID-19 Crisis, Depending on Travel Restrictions, Vaccination, and Government Support



# International Tourist Arrivals to the Arab World Declined by 76.0% In 2020/2019



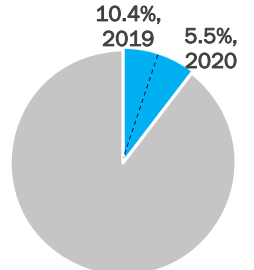
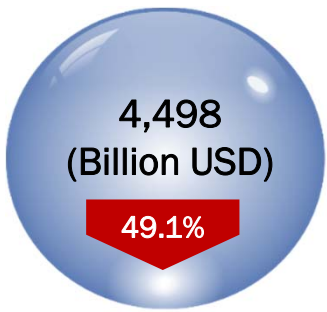
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## World

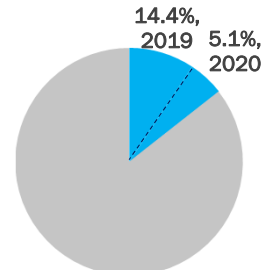
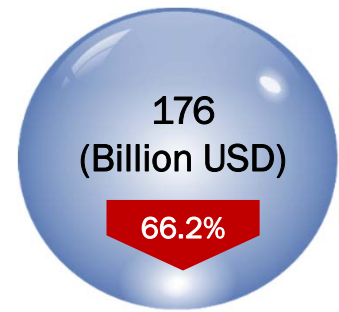
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**Travel & Tourism Loss of Contribution to GDP in 2020**

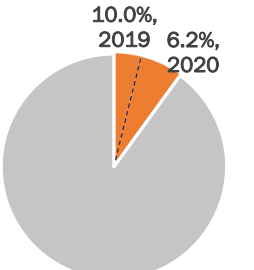
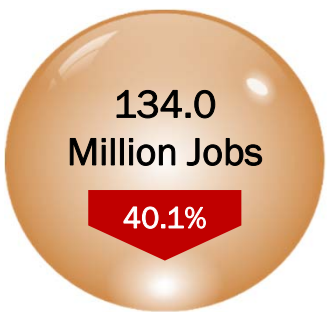
**Travel & Tourism Jobs Lost in 2020**



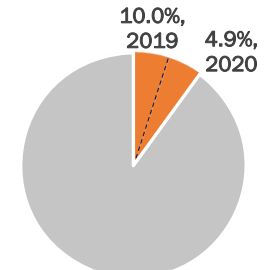
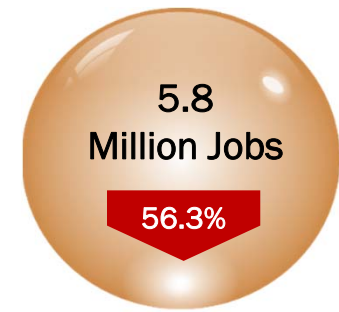
■ T&T Contribution to Global GDP in 2019  
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**% Decline in overall contribution in 2020 Compared to 2019**

Source: AACO and Various Resources



# Conclusion....

01

**The Arab economy will not recover to pre-pandemic levels before 2022, which will affect the recovery of travel and tourism**

02

**If the current situation persists, passenger traffic will remain weak during the first half of 2021. Flexibility of measures is needed**

03

**Passenger traffic is expected to reach pre-pandemic levels in a period of 4 to 7 years, depending on various factors including vaccination, easing of restrictions, economic recovery, government support, and the use of technology in travel**

04

**Further government support is needed. Also, applying measures that are risk-based and harmonized with other countries is essential for the recovery of the travel and tourism sector to overcome this crisis and continue to play its role as a socio-economic catalyst**





**THANK YOU**

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