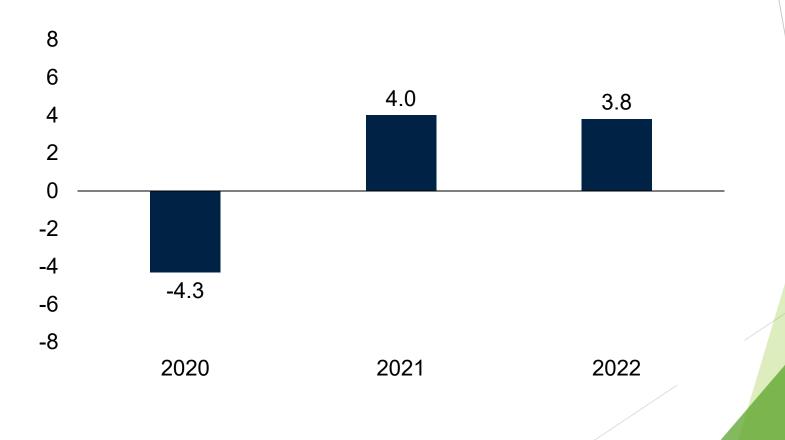
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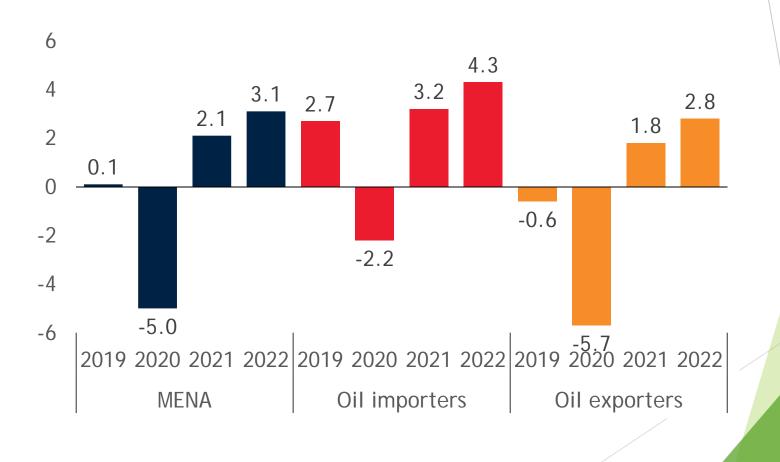
Role of the Financial Institutions in supporting the aviation industry to recover from the COVID-19 Crisis

Presented by the Union of Arab Banks

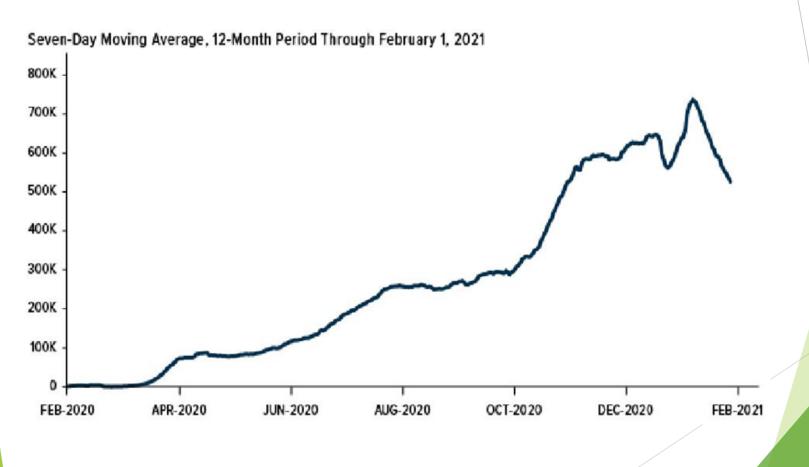




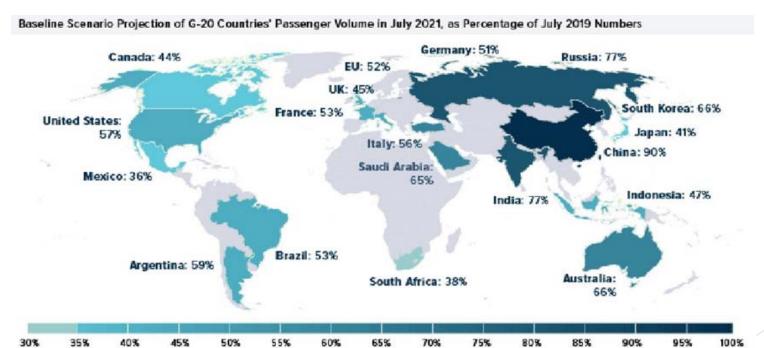
#### **MENA Economic Growth (%)**



#### Daily new confirmed COVID-19 cases



## Airline Passenger Volume Recovery Projections



Source: Bain & Company, U.S. Global Investors

## **Economic Performance of the Airline Industry**

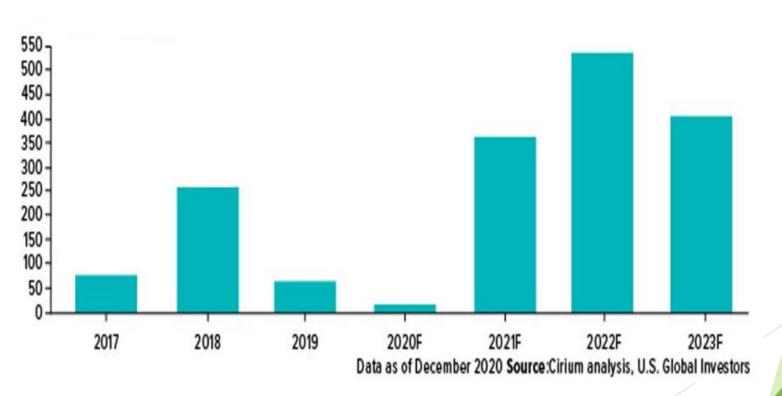
| Worldwide airline Industry         | 2019  | 2020F  | 2021F |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| Spend on air transport*, \$billion | 876   | 340    | 476   |
| % change over year                 | 3.6%  | -61.2% | 40.2% |
| % global GDP                       | 1.0%  | 0.4%   | 0.5%  |
| Return fare, \$/pax. (2018\$)      | 317   | 284    | 276   |
| Compared to 1998                   | -61%  | -65%   | -66%  |
| Freight rate, \$/kg (2018\$)       | 1.82  | 2.31   | 2.35  |
| Compared to 1998                   | -64%  | -54%   | -53%  |
| Passenger departures, million      | 4,543 | 1,795  | 2,808 |
| % change over year                 | 3.8%  | -60.5% | 56.5% |
| RPKs, billion                      | 8680  | 2921   | 4393  |
| % change over year                 | 4.2%  | -66.3% | 50.4% |
| CTKs, billion                      | 254   | 225    | 254   |
| % change over year                 | -3.2% | -11.5% | 13.1% |
| World GDP growth, %                | 2.5%  | -4.2%  | 4.9%  |
| World trade growth, %              | 0.2%  | -9.2%  | 7.2%  |

Note: RPK = Revenue Passenger Km, CTK = Cargo & mail Tonne Km

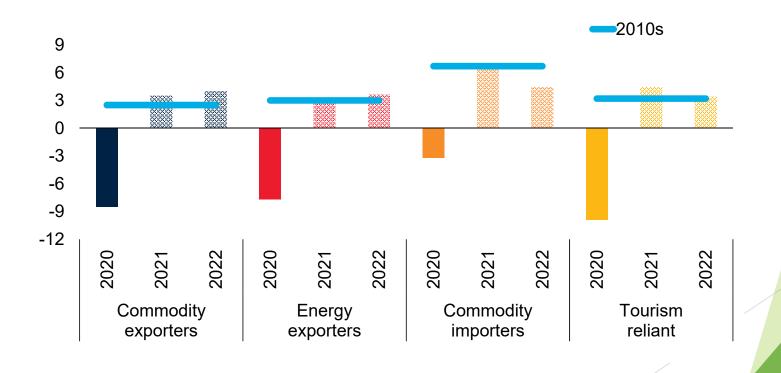
GVA = Gross Valued Added (firm-level GDP). \*Airline revenue + indirect taxes.

Sources: IATA, ICAO, OE, CPB, PaxIS, CargolS, WTO

#### Boeing 737 Max Annual Deliveries Forecasts (number of aircrafts)



#### Investment Growth Forecasts in Emerging and Developing Countries (%)



Conclusion:
It is indeed the right time to invest in the airline industry!

Airline stocks are the most overbought they've been in years



#### Investment in Airlines' Equities

- ► Airline companies stocks are very sensitive to macroeconomic developments.
  - ► That makes their performance and their share prices extremely pro-cyclical.
- ► Airline stocks are worth invest in following a recession.
  - As economic data (growth and employment figures in particular) start to rebound, airline stocks follow.





## Benefits of Investment in Airlines Financing

- Airline companies deploys large amounts of capital efficiently.
- Relatively predictable returns.
- ► The underlying asset (Aircrafts) is global in its recognition and usage.
- ► The investment is secured by a hard asset, supported by International regulations.
- ► The asset is highly mobile, which helps with reclaiming and redeploying the asset in case of a default.

#### Equity Financing by Airlines in light of COVID

(source: International Civil Aviation Organization, Guidance on Economic and Financial Measures to Mitigate the Impact of the Coronavirus Outbreak on Aviation, December 2020)

- ▶ Japan Airlines to raise cash via public stock offering: On 6
  November 2020, Japan Airlines announced to raise JPY182.6 billion by selling about 91 million new shares to general shareholders and 9 million new shares to a designated party under a third-party allotment programme.
- Capital increase of IAG through rights issue: On 10 September 2020, the International Airlines Group announced fully underwritten capital increase with pre-emptive subscription rights to raise gross proceeds of €2,741 million through the issuance of nearly 3 billion new shares.
- ► <u>Mexican LCC's equity offering in a form of ADS</u>: On 11 December 2020, Volaris, an ultra-low-cost airline based in Mexico, raised \$164.4 million in net proceeds through the primary follow-on equity offering.

## The Role of Arab Banks in Financing Regional Airline Companies

- The Royal Jordanian Airlines received \$275 million dual conventional and Islamic secured syndicated facility in 2016 from Mashreq Bank, Arab Bank, Al Khalij Commercial Bank, Dubai Islamic Bank, and The Commercial Bank/Qatar acting as Mandated Lead Arrangers, Arab Jordan Investment Bank as Lead Arranger and Bank al-Etihad as Arranger.
- ► <u>Al Jazira Airlines</u> received a \$12 million Islamic financing from Kuwait Finance House (in cooperation with Natexis Bank-France) in 2005 to buy 3 aircrafts.
- Al Arabia Airlines received a \$230 million loan from Dubai Islamic Bank in 2014to buy 6 aircrafts.

## The Role of Arab Banks in Financing Regional Airline Companies

- ▶ <u>Al Emirates Airlines</u> received \$265 million Islamic financing from Nour Islamic Bank (UAE) and SAMBA Financial Group (in addition to several foreign banks) in 2008, to buy 2 aircrafts. It also received \$425 million Islamic financing from Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank, Dubai Commercial Bank and Dubai Islamic Bank.
- ► Al Etihad Airways received \$212 million loan from Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank (and 2 other foreign banks) in 2008 to buy 3 aircrafts. It also received \$110 million Islamic financing from Al Hilal Bank in 2008 to buy 1 aircrafts.
- Middle East Airlines received \$60 million dollar from Fransabank in 2007 to buy 2 aircrafts. It also received \$65 million from Lebanese Canadian Bank in 2008 to buy 1 aircraft.

#### Saudi Arabian Airlines raises \$3bn to fund aircraft orders (March 2021)

- ► The General Organization of Saudi Arabian Airlines signed a financing agreement with six local banks worth 11.2 billion Saudi riyals (\$3 billion), which is the largest in the history of the aviation sector in the Kingdom, to expand its aircraft fleet.
- ► These banks are Al-Rajhi Bank, Saudi British Bank, Arab National Bank, Samba Financial Group, Bank Al-Jazira, and Bank Albilad.
- ▶ The agreement aims to finance the Corporation's needs for the period extending to mid-2024 AD, within the framework of financing part of the deals to purchase 73 aircraft from Airbus and Boeing.

## The Role of Arab Banks in Financing Regional Airports

- ► First Abu Dhabi Bank, Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank and Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank (in addition to 3 global banks) provided a \$3 billion dual conventional and Islamic Ioan to Dubai Government in 2017 to expand <u>Dubai International Airport and Al Maktum International Airport</u>.
- National Bank of Kuwait and Kuwait Finance House provided KD250 million in 2017 for <u>Kuwait International Airport</u> to construct new terminal.

## Thank you