

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEC 2017: Air Transport Monthly Monitor

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

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GLOBAL KEY FIGURES	OCT 2017 (versus OCT 2016)	OUTLOOK* - NOV 2017 (versus NOV 2016)					
	<b>RPK ▲</b> +7.2% <b>ASK ▲</b> +6.2% <b>FTK ▲</b> +5.9% <b>LF</b> : 80.8% ▲ +0.7 pts	ASK ▲ +6.3% * Source OAG					

## PASSENGER TRAFFIC

## Revenue Passenger-Kilometres - RPK

World passenger traffic grew by +7.2% YoY in October 2017, +1.5 percentage points up from the growth in the previous month. After experiencing a slowdown in September due to the weather caused flight disruption, global traffic growth rebounded to the solid level as seen in August. All regions, except for Europe and Latin America, posted an acceleration in growth. Asia/Pacific remained as the fastest growing region, and was the only region posting double-digit growth. India's domestic travel demand remained strong and recorded the fastest growth by over +20.0%.



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

**International passenger traffic grew by +7.3% YoY in October 2017**, +0.8 percentage points up from the growth in the previous month. Asia/Pacific demonstrated strong growth in international traffic and remained as the fastest growing region, owing to the solid economic condition. A slowdown in growth was observed in Europe. The growth of international tourist arrivals\* followed a similar monthly trend.



## FREIGHT TRAFFIC

### Freight Tonne-Kilometres - FTK

World freight traffic grew by +5.9% YoY in October 2017, -3.3 percentage points down from the growth in the previous month. The upward trend in freight traffic has eased and reached the slowest growth in the last 12 months. All regions posted a deceleration in growth with the exception in Africa, which continued to record the fastest growth and grew by over +30.0%, supported by the strengthening in trade between Africa and Asia/Pacific. Asia/Pacific experienced its slowest growth during the year; however, the current solid demand for export suggested an upward trend for the region in the near term.

Freight traffic growth outpaced the freight capacity expansion. As a result, the freight load factor exceeded its YTD rate by over +2.0 percentage points.

## CAPACITY

### Available Seat-Kilometres - ASK

**Capacity worldwide increased by +6.2% YoY in October 2017**, +0.9 percentage points higher than the growth in the previous month (+5.3%).

In response to the same level of passenger traffic demand, the expansion of capacity is expected to be at +6.3% in November 2017.



### Load Factor - LF

The passenger Load Factor reached 80.8% in October 2017, -0.8 percentage points lower than the LF recorded in the previous month.

Owing to the YoY traffic growth outpacing the capacity expansion, the October LF recorded +0.7 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)

### OCT 2017: +1.0%, +4.2%, and +3.9% 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
Chicago IL, US (ORD)	38,363	1.0%	Atlanta GA, US (ATL)	4,574,600	1.9%	Hong Kong, CN (HKG)	430,000	2.3%
Atlanta GA, US (ATL)	37,360	-1.4%	Beijing, CN (PEK)	4,222,470	<b>1</b> 0.7%	Memphis TN, US (MEM)	373,775	<b>1</b> 5.0%
Los Angeles CA, US (LAX)	29,405	-0.8%	Tokyo, JP (HND)	3,604,829	-0.7%	Shanghai, CN (PVG)	332,054	7.3%
Dallas/Fort Worth TX, US (DFW)	27,835	-0.4%	Chicago IL, US (ORD)	3,594,039	1.7%	Incheon, KR (ICN)	239,837	-1.8%
Beijing, CN (PEK)	26,164	1.2%	Los Angeles CA, US (LAX)	3,593,277	<b>1</b> 4.7%	Anchorage AK, US (ANC)	238,512	1 8.4%
Denver CO, US (DEN)	24,061	-2.7%	Dubai, AE (DXB)	3,432,648	<b>1</b> 6.9%	Dubai, AE (DXB)	231,805	-1.9%
Charlotte NC, US (CLT)	23,432	<b>1</b> 3.3%	London, GB (LHR)	3,332,749	2.8%	Louisville KY, US (SDF)	208,973	<b>9</b> .3%
Amsterdam, NL (AMS)	23,211	<b>1</b> 3.6%	Amsterdam, NL (AMS)	3,125,602	7.9%	Tokyo, JP (NRT)	198,091	<b>1</b> 0.7%
Frankfurt, DE (FRA)	21,894	4.4%	Hong Kong, CN (HKG)	3,072,000	7.3%	Taipei, CN (TPE)	195,753	1.6%
Shanghai, CN (PVG)	21,363	1.9%	Frankfurt, DE (FRA)	3,028,752	6.4%	Chicago IL, US (ORD)	189,290	13.0%
Paris, FR (CDG)	21,014	10.2%	Shanghai, CN (PVG)	3,020,376	<b>1</b> 6.9%	Miami FL, US (MIA)	187,836	8.4%
London, GB (LHR)	20,597	-0.2%	Paris, FR (CDG)	3,019,535	<b>1</b> 5.0%	Singapore, SG (SIN)	185,800	<b>1</b> 5.0%
Istanbul, TR (IST)	20,282	1.4%	Guangzhou, CN (CAN)	2,890,550	8.3%	Frankfurt, DE (FRA)	184,872	1.4%
San Francisco CA, US (SFO)	20,275	<b>1</b> 5.5%	Istanbul, TR (IST)	2,887,101	<b>1</b> 9.8%	Beijing, CN (PEK)	179,737	2.1%
Las Vegas NV, US (LAS)	20,233	1.1%	Dallas/Fort Worth TX, US (DFW)	2,842,380	1.2%	Paris, FR (CDG)	178,000	1.4%

Note: Total scheduled and non-scheduled services

In terms of **aircraft departures**, the Top 15 airports reported an increase of **+1.0%** YoY. Airports in North America continued to be affected by the hurricanes, and four airports posted declines in operations with the largest decline in **Denver (-2.7%)**. London also experienced a decline of **-0.2%**. Chicago remained at **1st** with a moderate growth of **+1.0%**. In terms of **passengers**, the Top 15 airports reported a growth of **+4.2%** YoY. Due to the flight disruption caused by Typhoon Lan, **Tokyo** was the only airport posting a decline in passenger traffic within the Top 15 (**-0.7%**). **Atlanta** overtook Beijing as **1st** with a modest growth of **+0.9%**. **Istanbul** recorded the strongest growth by **+9.8%**, followed by **Guangzhou** (**+8.3%**).

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American

Delta

United

AF-KLM

Emirates

Southwest

Air China

Rvanair

Air Canada

IAG

Lufthansa Group

China Southern

**China Eastern** 

Turkish Airlines

Qatar Airways

## (Source: ACI)

% Share

of World

Total

4.99

4 7%

4.6%

3.8%

3.7%

3.6%

3.6%

3.2%

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2.3%

2.0%

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10.4%

Note: Total scheduled and non-scheduled services

3.0%

4 1%

4.0%

12.3%

4.4%

3.2%

10.5%

4.5%

8.1%

8 2%

8.3%

10.4%

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5.6%

7.2% 100.0%

(Source: ICAO, airlines' websites)

Cumulative

% Share

4.9%

9.5%

14.2%

17.9%

21.7%

25.2%

28.8%

31.9%

34.8%

37.6%

40.1%

42.4%

44.4%

46.2%

48.0%

In terms of **freight**, the Top 15 airports reported a growth of **+3.9%** YoY. All the Top 15 airports recorded increases, except for **Incheon** (**-1.8%**) and **Dubai** (**-1.9%**). Decrease in Incheon was partly due to the loss of over four working days to the holiday period. **Chicago** recorded the strongest growth by **+13.0%**, owing to the opening of the new cargo facility to support the increasing demand.

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29.0

RPK (billion)

10 15 20 25 30

23.7

23.6

22.3

22.3

20.0

18.0

17.7

4.5% YoY

+6.4% YTD

+8.9% YoY

+8.3% YTD

15.7

14.3

12.3

11.5

11.4

Top 15 Total RPKs

World Total RPKs

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

#### OCT 2017: +5.6% YoY in terms of RPK for the Top 15

In terms of RPK, the Top 15 airline groups accounted for 48.0% of world total RPK in October 2017, and grew by +5.6% YoY. This growth was -1.6 percentage points lower than the world average on scheduled services. All the Top 15 airline groups posted YoY increases, with the exception of Qatar Airways.

American took over the 1st position after experiencing a decline in September due to the weather related flight disruption. Delta and United ranked 2nd and 3rd, and grew by +4.1% and +1.7%, respectively. Southwest remained at 9th with a growth of +4.5%. Air Canada continued to record the strongest growth within the North American airlines in the Top 15 and ranked 14th.

The two Middle Eastern airlines, **Emirates** and **Qatar Airways**, posted diverging trends, **+3.2%** and **-1.0%**, and ranked **7th** and **15th**, respectively.

**Lufthansa** continued to record the highest growth within the Top 15 by **+12.3%**, owing to the strong performance of the group's "Point-to-Point" airlines. The other European airlines grew at different pace while remained at the same positions as the previous month.

Growth of the Asia/Pacific airlines remained solid. China Southern, Air China and China Eastern ranked 8th, 10th and 11th with a growth of +10.5%, 8.1% and +8.2%, respectively.



Note: Total scheduled services



All regions, except for Europe and Latin America/Caribbean, posted an expansion in capacity in October 2017 with a +6.2% YoY increase in capacity worldwide. Asia/Pacific recorded the fastest capacity expansion, and was the only region posting faster increase than the world average.

The world capacity expanded by +6.4% on the YTD basis.

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

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