COVID-19 Passenger business setback in January, though cargo positive

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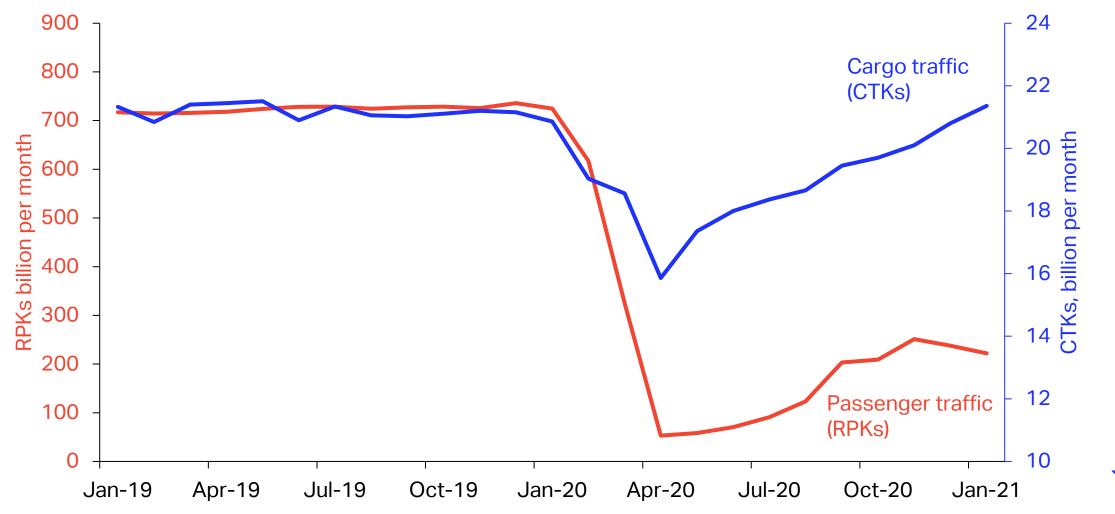
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Setback to air travel, but cargo regains pre-crisis traffic Global RPKs fell to -72% vs Jan 2019, but cargo tonne km 1.1% higher

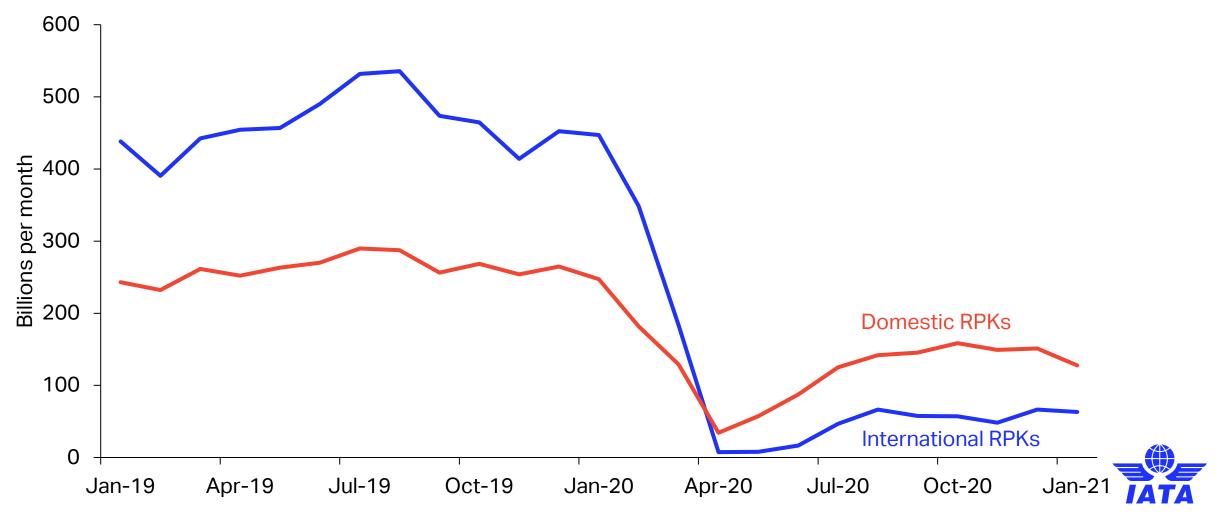




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January weakness due to a fall in domestic air travel Domestic RPKs down 47.4% on pre-crisis level. International down 85.6%

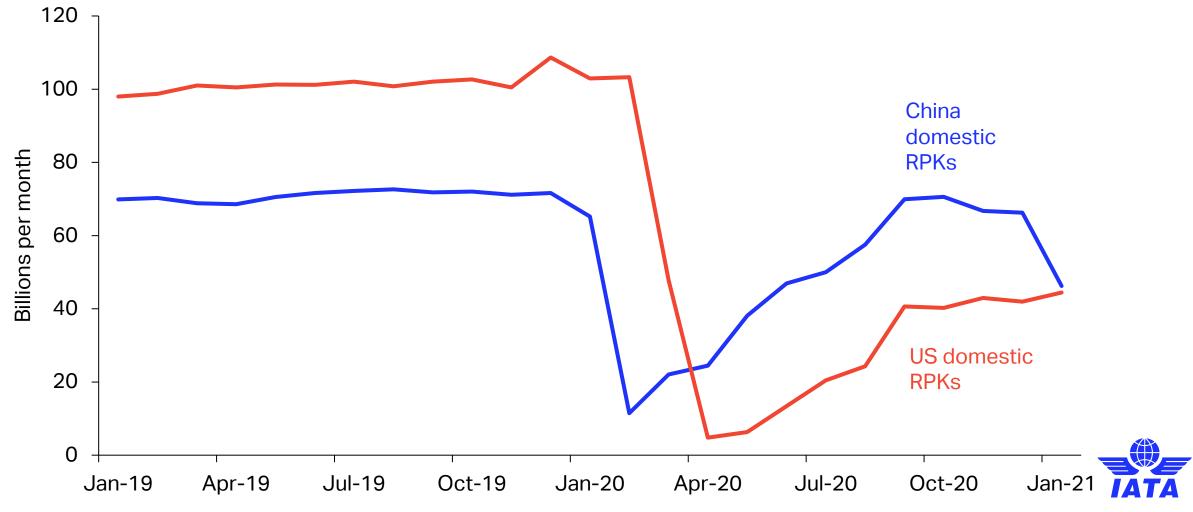
Global RPKs on international and domestic markets, billions per month



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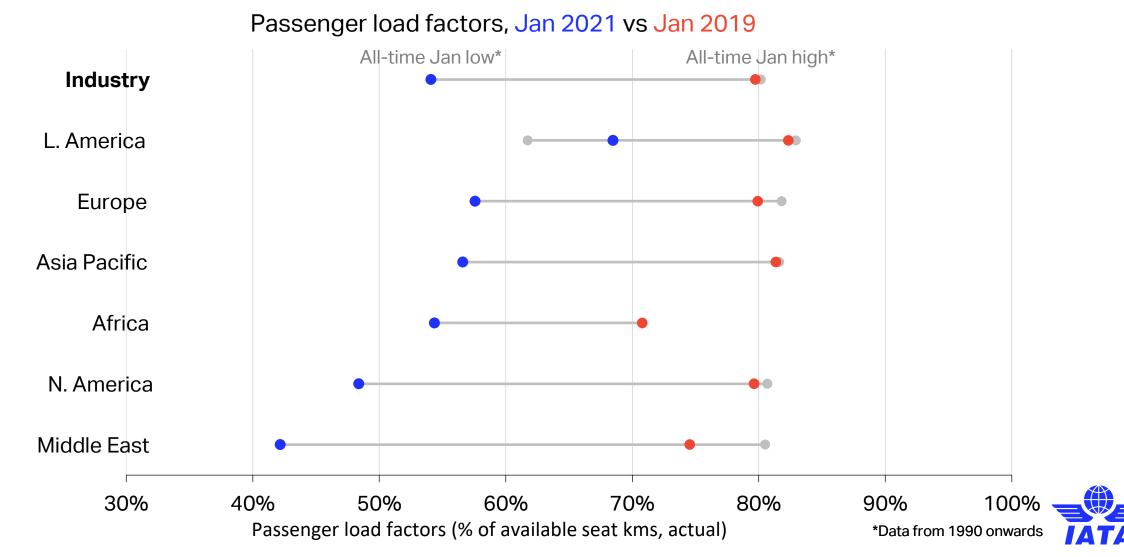
Air travel setback due to China domestic market fall Travel restrictions weakened China. US domestic increases but slow

Passenger km flown (RPKs) on domestic markets, billions per month



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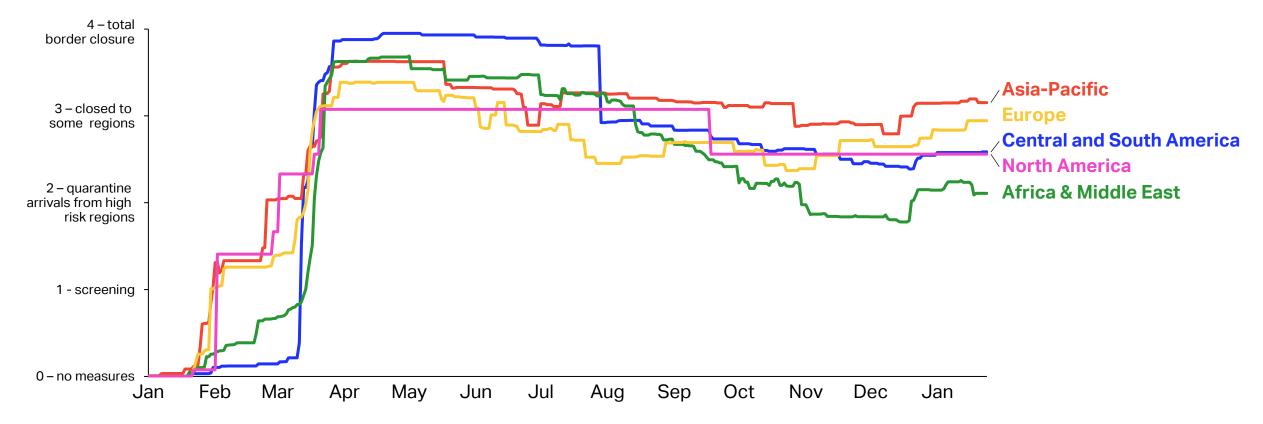
Passenger load factors lows despite service cutbacks Industry load factor 25.7 % points lower than pre-crisis levels at 54.1%



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Travel fell as governments imposed tighter restrictions International travel restrictions up, and domestic restrictions also rose

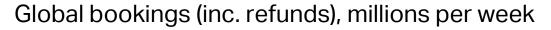
International travel stringency index weighted by population (Jan 2020-Jan 2021)

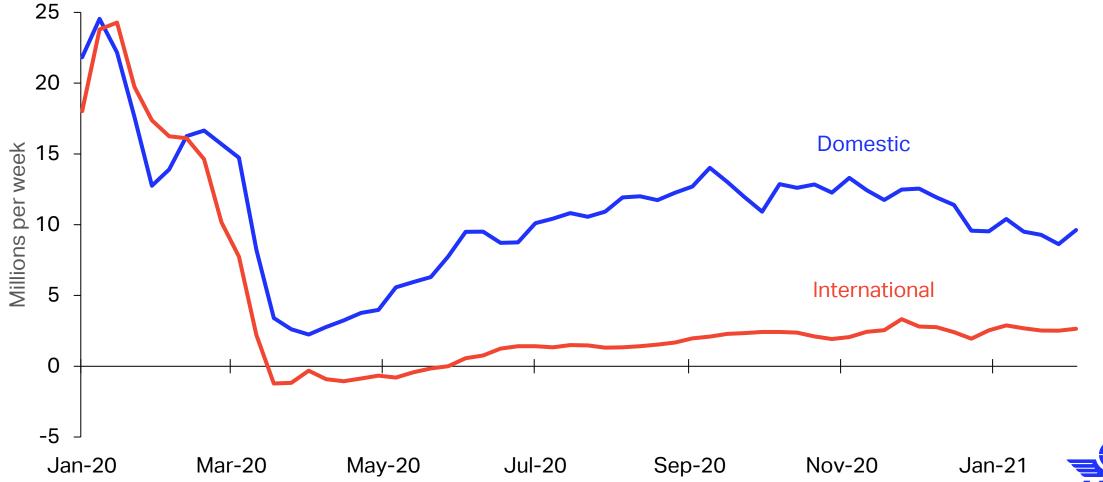




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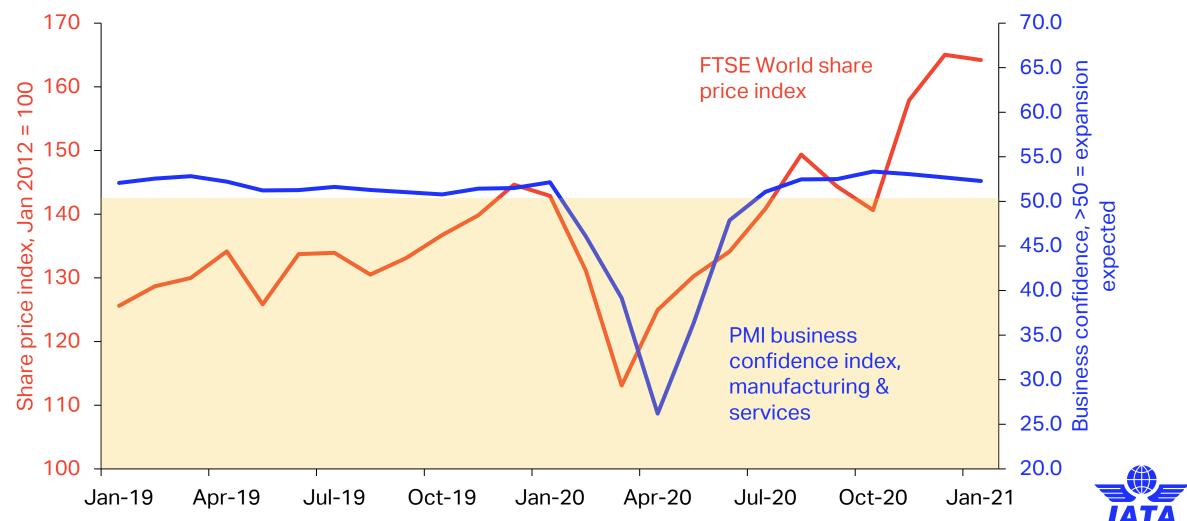
The air passenger business will worsen before improving Travel restrictions still tightening, and China domestic travel fell in Feb





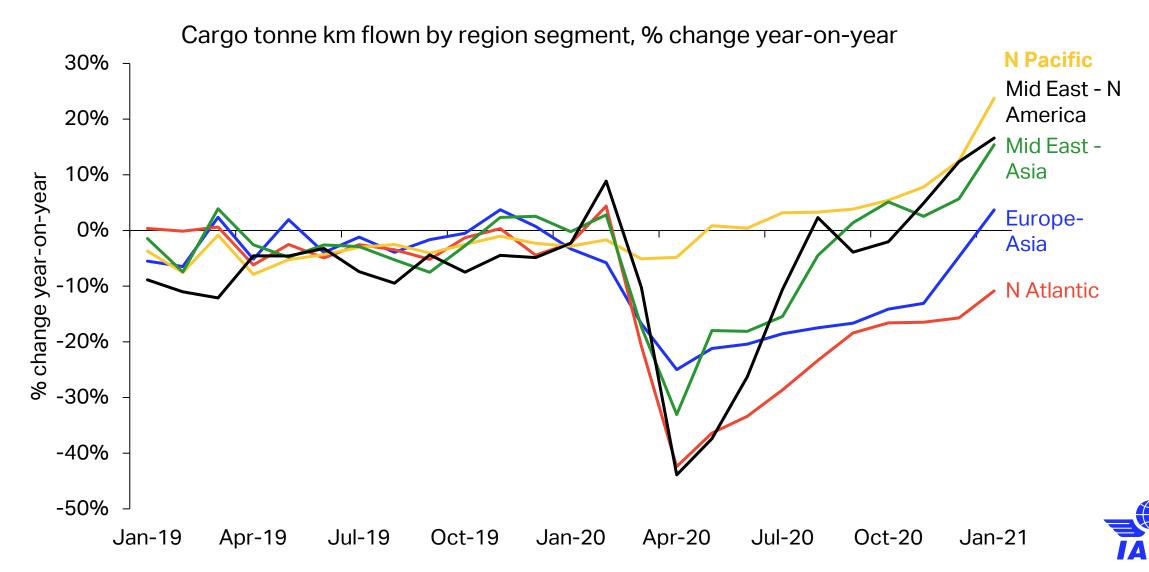
Business and financial markets expecting strong economic rebound

Global business confidence and share prices



Source: IATA Economics using data from Markit, Definitiv Datastream

Driving strong demand for air cargo services Strongest trade lanes between Asia & N America and over M East hubs



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