Industry Outlook

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World GDP growth is stable at 3.2%

Growth in World GDP, (right) and Revenue Passenger Kilometers, (left), %, shaded area forecast

Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics, and IMF World Economic Outlook, April 2024.
Labor markets remain exceptionally tight

Unemployment rate in selected economies, %

Source: MacroBond

Wage growth

US Nominal Wage Growth, % YoY

Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
The world is a service economy

Services, % of GDP, latest year available

Source: World Bank, World Development Indicators, MacroBond; and Dubai Statistics Center, 2021 (IATA calculation) for the Emirate of Dubai.

Inflation is mostly in services

US CPI and its components, % YoY

Services drive longer business-cycle expansions

US Business Cycle, shaded areas are recessions, and US Unemployment rate, %

Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

Inflation is still too high for big policy rate cuts

Consumer Price Inflation in selected economies, %

Source: MacroBond
Real interest rates will rise further

Real US 10-year interest rate, %

Source: MacroBond

Higher US interest rates supports the US dollar

Real Effective Exchange Rate Index, Broad, i.e., inflation adjusted, and trade weighted against all trading partners, 2010 = 100

USD +15% since 2021

Source: BIS
Fuel: Jet and SAF

Jet fuel, Brent crude, and Crack Spread, USD per barrel

SAF cost of production and price estimates, USD per tonne

Source: Platts, S&P Global Commodities Insights

Aircraft delivery slowing down, record backlog

Aircraft deliveries by region, number of aircraft, shaded area forecast

Source: IATA Sustainability and Economics, Cirium
Solid uptrend in passenger traffic, cargo holding up

Industry RPKs and CTKs, Seasonally Adjusted, indexed, January 2020 = 100

Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics, IATA Monthly Statistics

AsiaPac leads on pax and ME on cargo in Q1 2024

Growth in total RPK and CTK by airline region of registration, year-to-date (January – March 2024)

Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics, IATA Monthly Statistics
Air cargo more competitive again versus maritime

The relative price of shipping by air over maritime cargo, USD per kilogram

Source: IATA Sustainability and Economics, IATA CargoIS, Freightos Baltic Index

Revenue growth is on the passenger side

Airline passenger and cargo revenue, USD billion

Source: IATA Sustainability and Economics, The Airline Analyst
Airlines to show USD 30.5 billion profit in 2024

Global airline profits, USD billion, (left), and EBIT margin, %, (right)

All regions show profits with N. America in the lead

Net profit by region, USD billion

Source: IATA Sustainability and Economics, The Airline Analyst
Per passenger profit at USD 6.1

Source: IATA Sustainability and Economics, The Airline Analyst

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