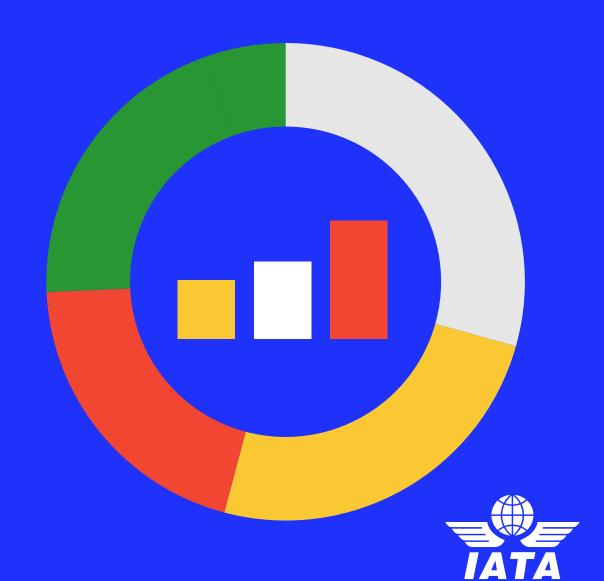
COVID-19 Outlook for air transport and the airline industry

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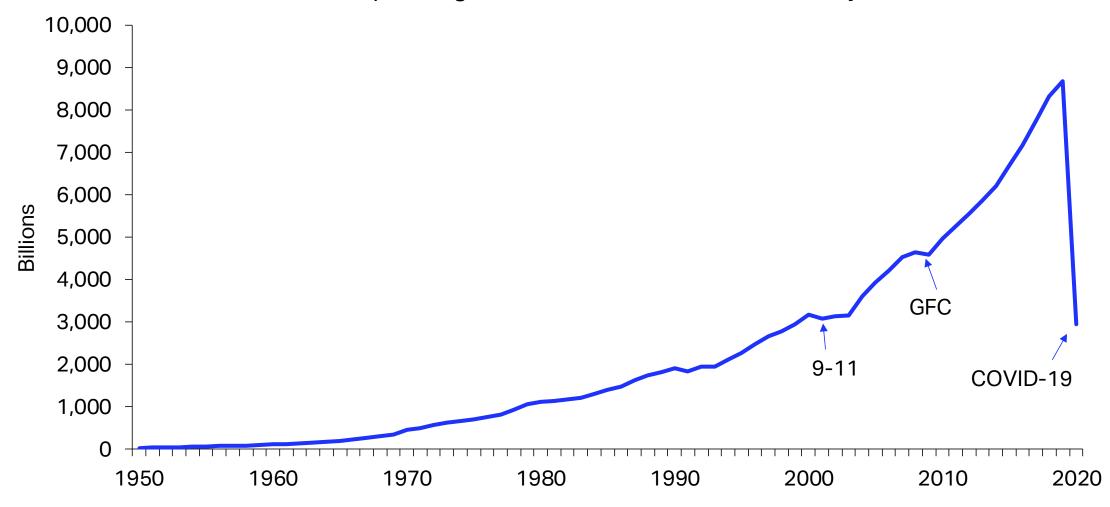
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COVID-19 is the biggest shock to hit aviation since WW2 Global RPKs estimated to have shrunk an average of 66% in 2020

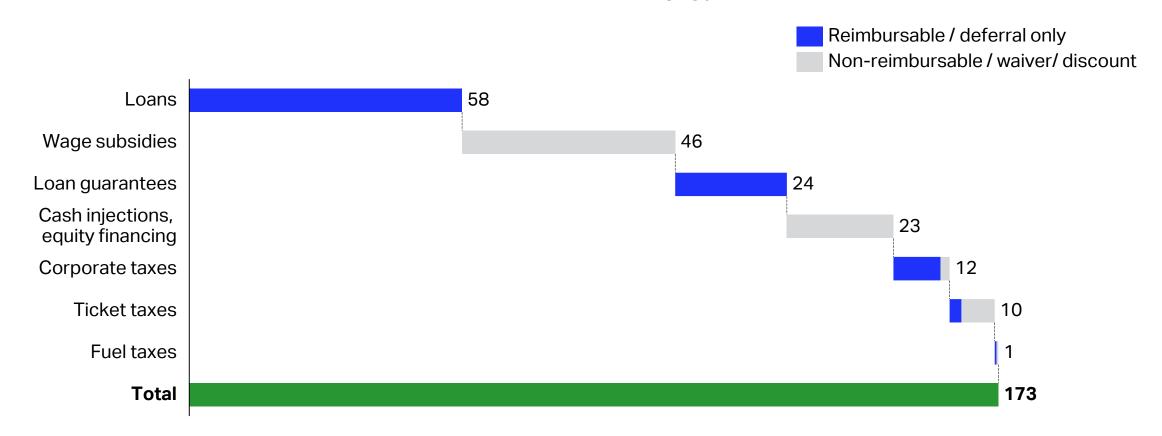
Worldwide passengers kilometers flown (RPKs) annually





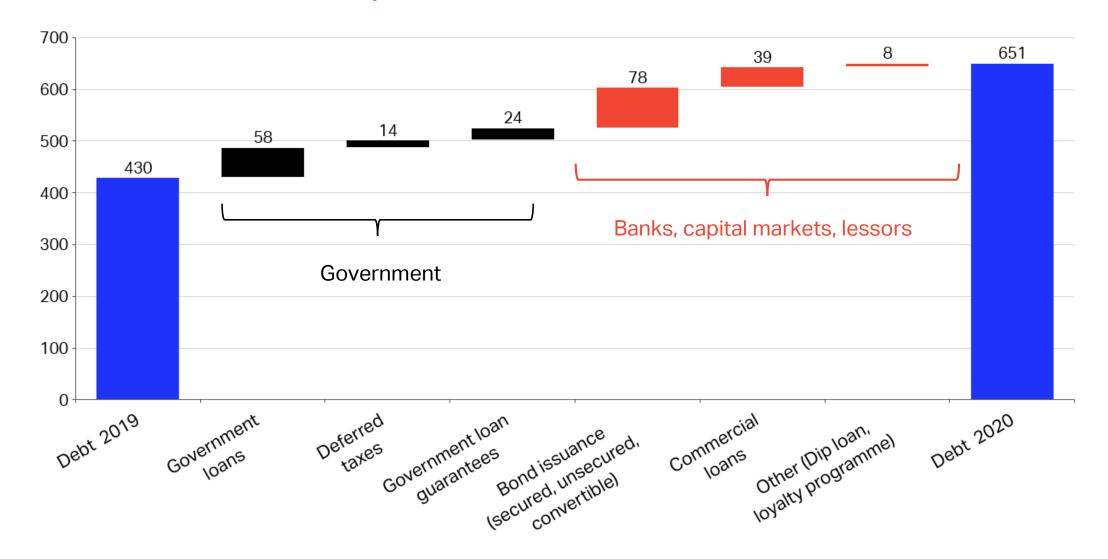
Government aid has kept airlines on life support USD173 Bn of aid from governments worldwide so far

Government aid made available to airlines due to COVID-19, by type (USD bn)



Source: IATA Economics analysis using public information and data from SRS Analyser, DDS, FlightRadar 24, TTBS, ACIC, Platts, Airline Analyst, annual reports. Includes relief measures up to 13 Nov 2020.

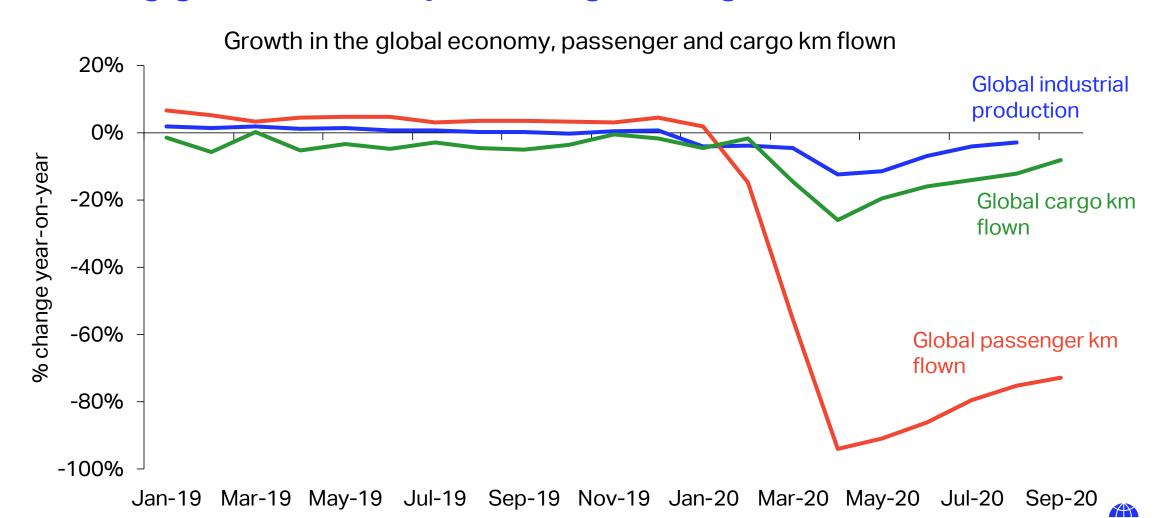
Airlines have also raised cash from capital markets Government aid + capital markets added more than USD220bn to debt



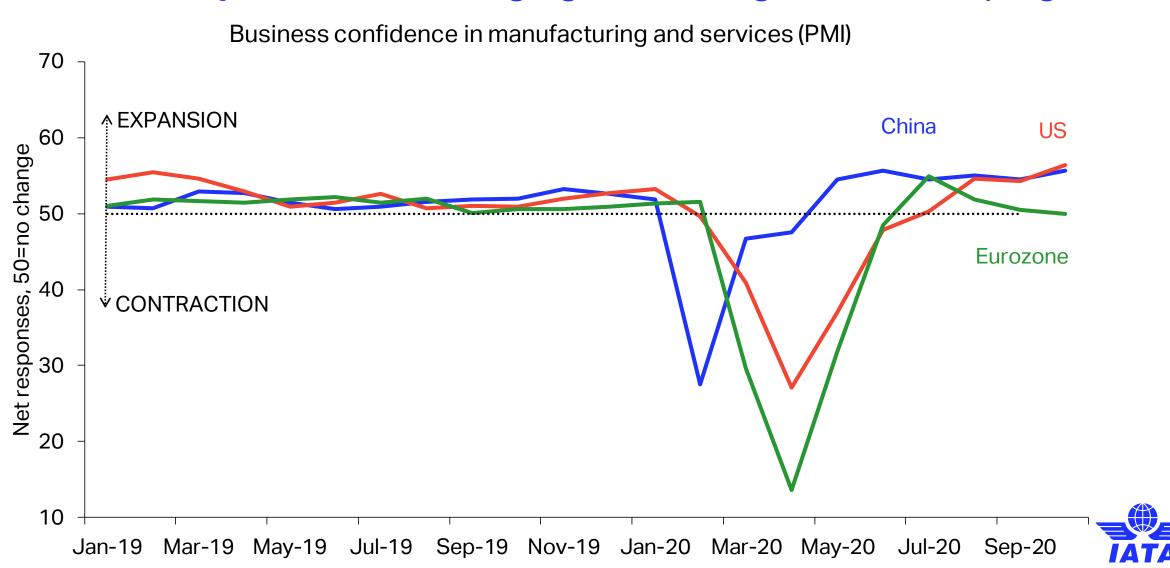


Source: IATA Economics using data from own estimates of Government aid, private debt estimates from Airfinance Journal, November 2020. Debt includes adjustment for operating leases.

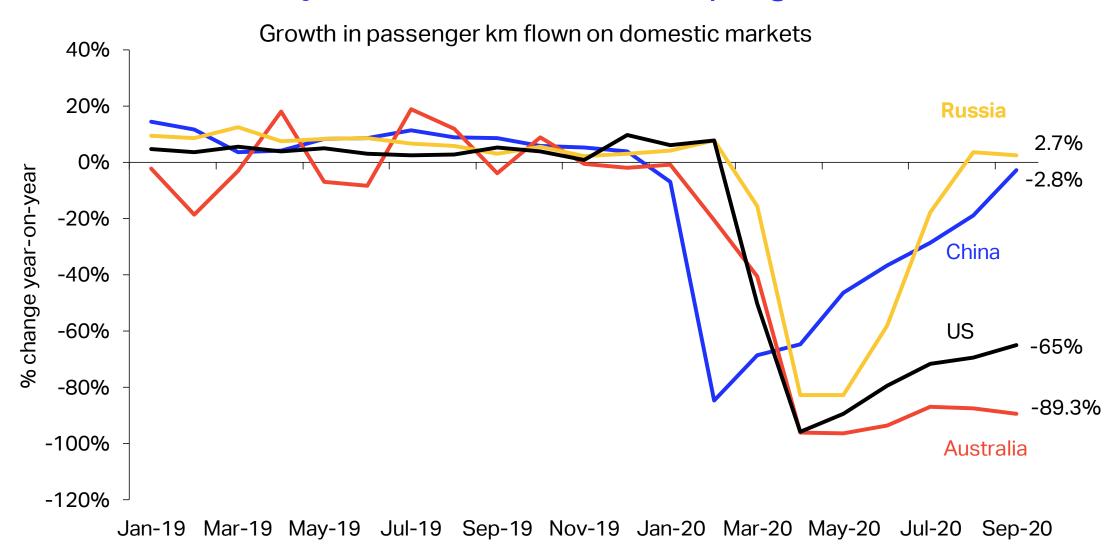
Air travel recovery stalling but global economy stronger Recovering global economy boosting air cargo but not air travel



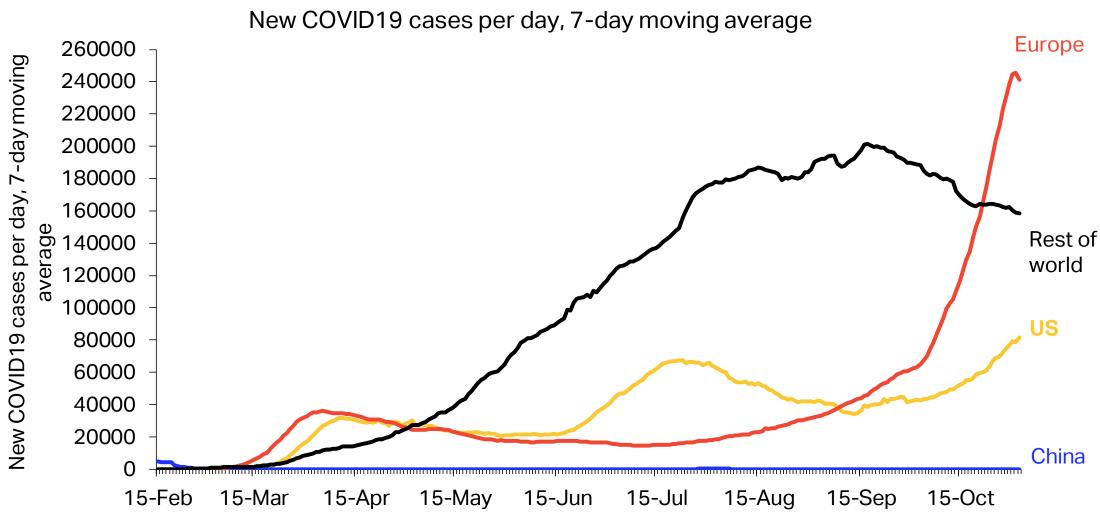
When lock-downs end business confidence rebounds Wider economy revival encouraging for air cargo but not helping travel



Domestic air travel reviving but not in all markets China and Russia fully recovered, but limited progress in US & Australia

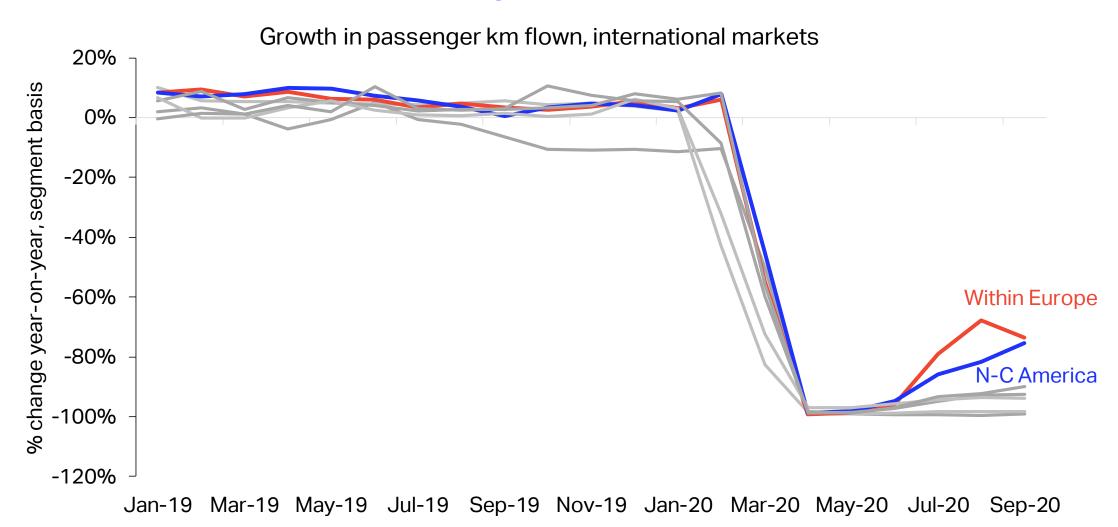


2nd waves hitting air travel in many developed markets Large rise in COVID cases in Europe leading to renewed lock-downs



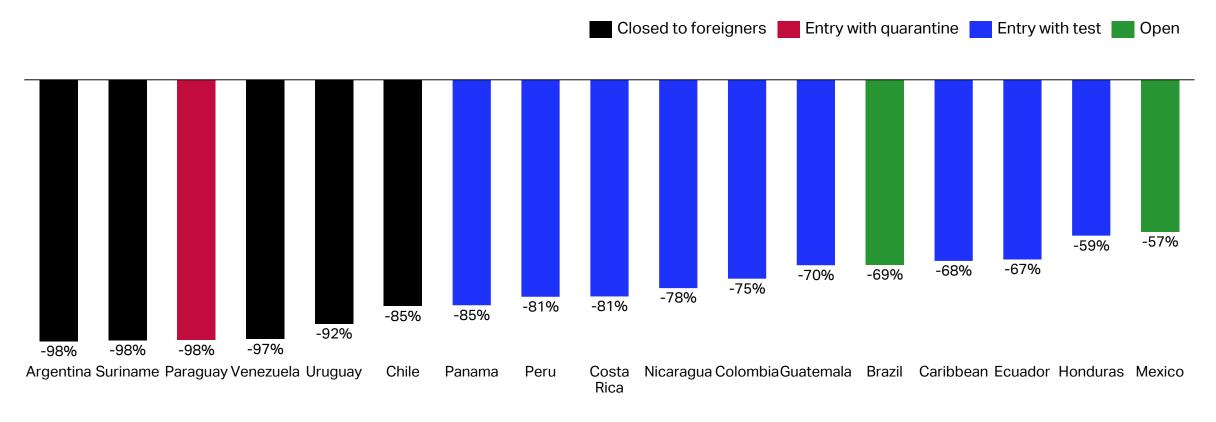


2nd wave caused reverse in Europe international revival Central-N America market rising but <10% of within-Europe market



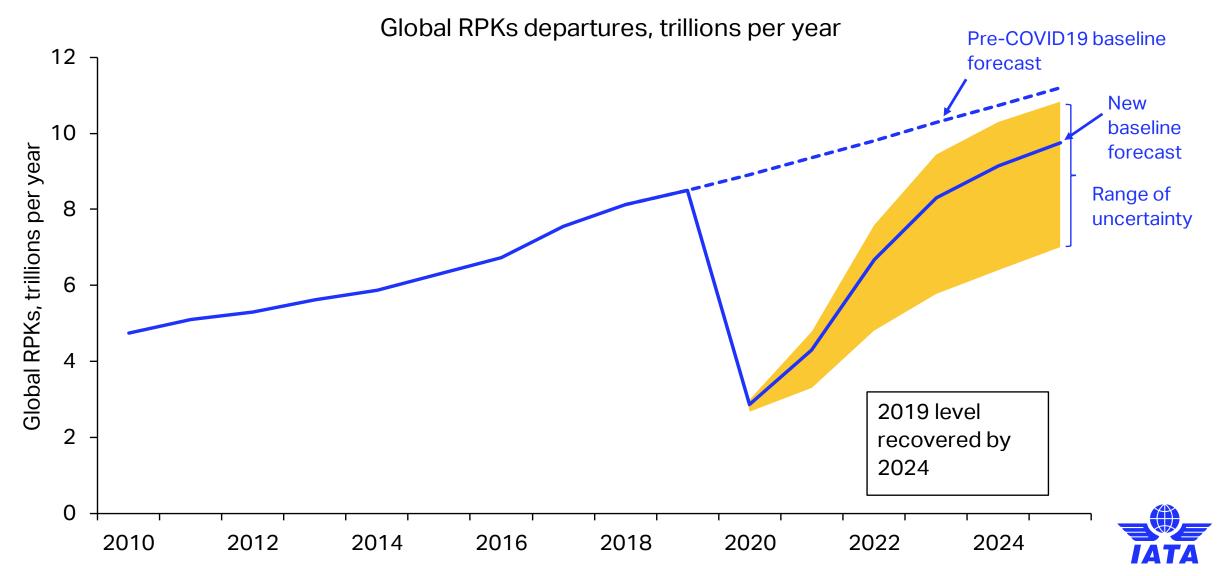
Latin America shows entry with testing can boost travel October booking significantly higher if testing rather than quarantine

% change year-on-year in net bookings, 1-15 Oct 2020 vs. 2019



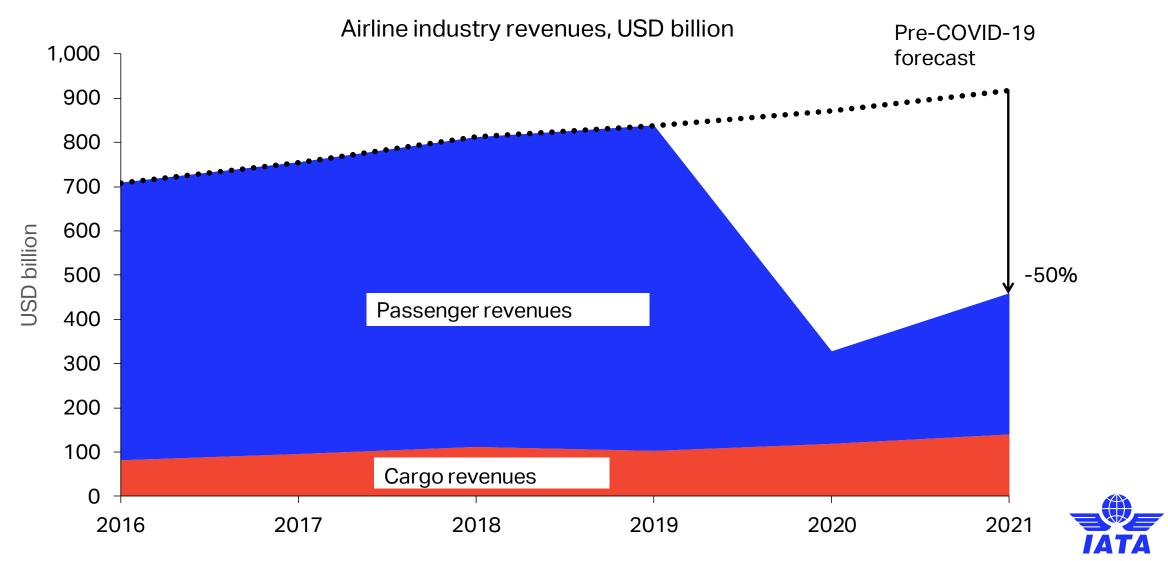


Vaccine news positive but recovery will still take time Issues with vaccine implementation and the impact of economic damage

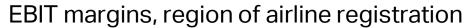


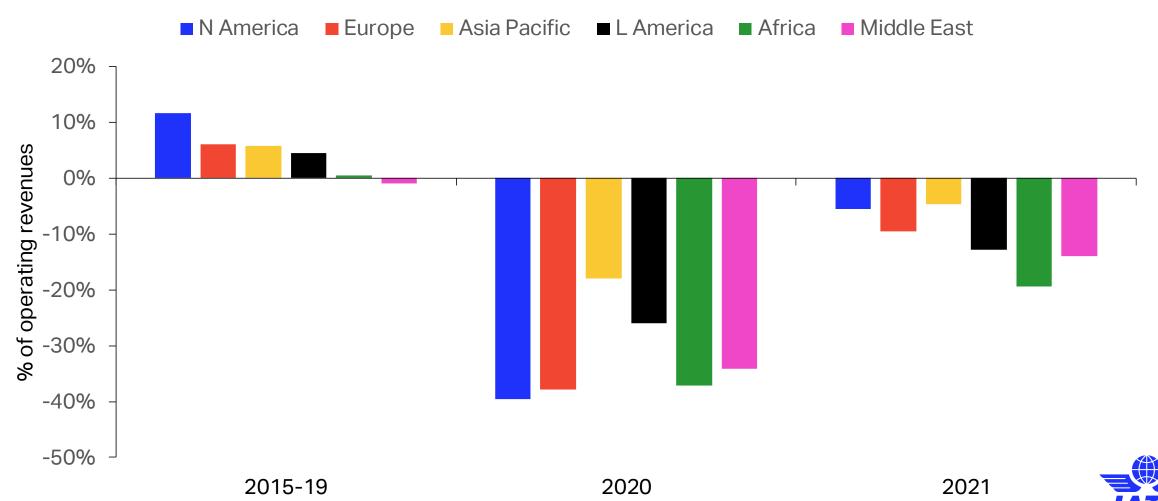
Source: IATA/Tourism Economics 'Air Passenger Forecasts' October 2020

Costs need to be downsized to match lower revenues Revenues in 2021 are estimated to be ~50% of pre-crisis expectations



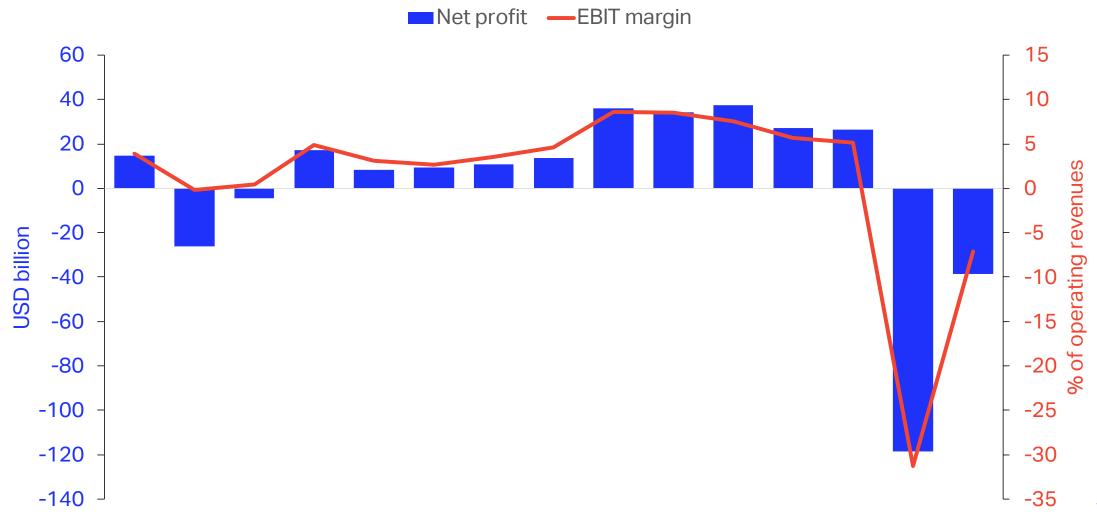
Asia-Pacific turns around 1st then developed markets China's airlines turn cash +ve now, vaccine distribution uneven at first







Losses forecast to be reduced to USD38bn in 2021 That's after an estimated USD118bn in 2020 but still exceeds GFC loss

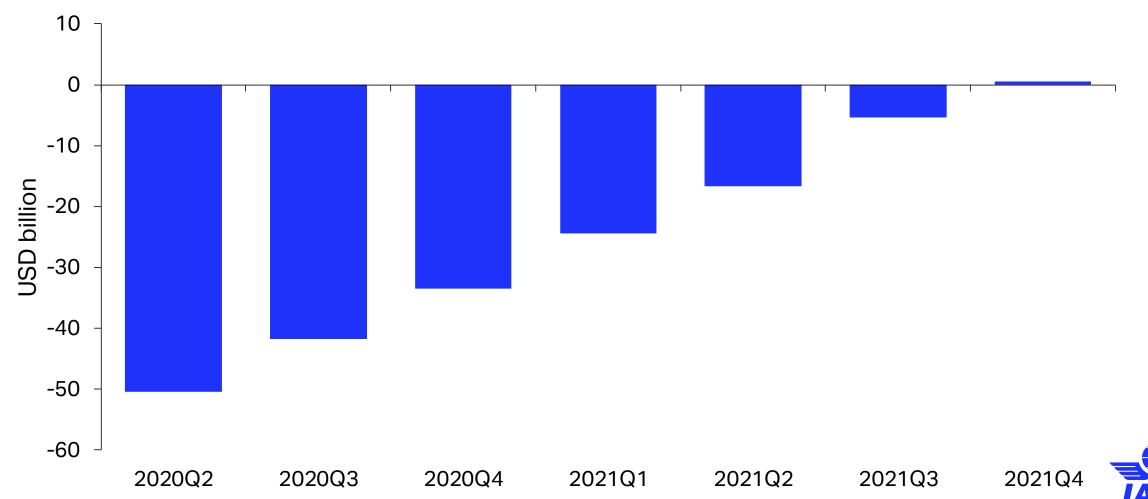






Airline industry may turn cash positive in late 2021 Vaccine boost to revenues likely in H2 2021 but challenging first half

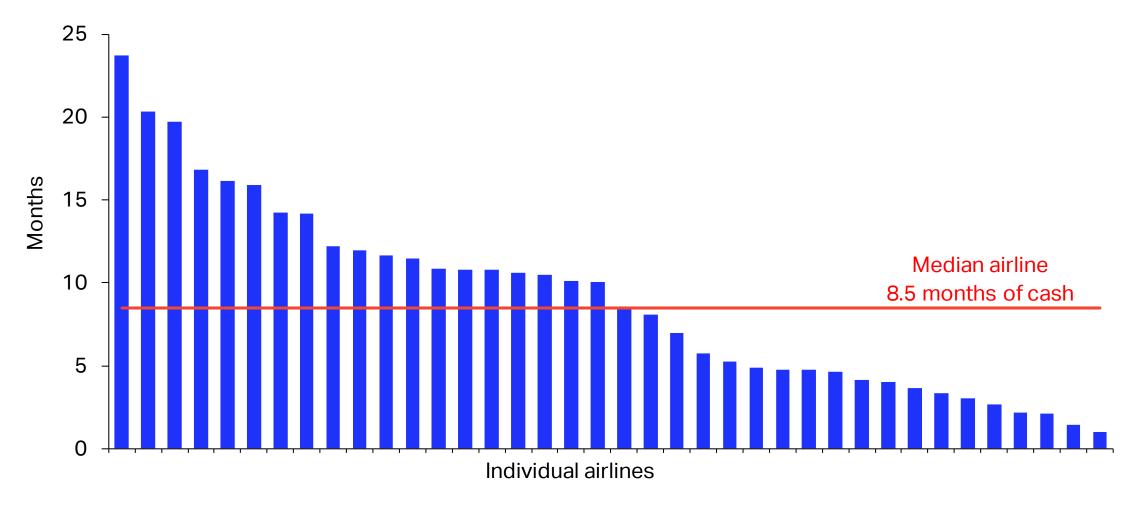
Airline industry quarterly cash burn forecast



Source: IATA Economics

Some airlines may run out of cash before vaccine boost Median airline's cash lasts 8.5 months (end Q1) at 2020H2 cash burn

2020 end June cash+cash equivalents/2020 H2 monthly cash burn





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