

COVID-19

Challenging outlook for airlines, despite vaccine progress

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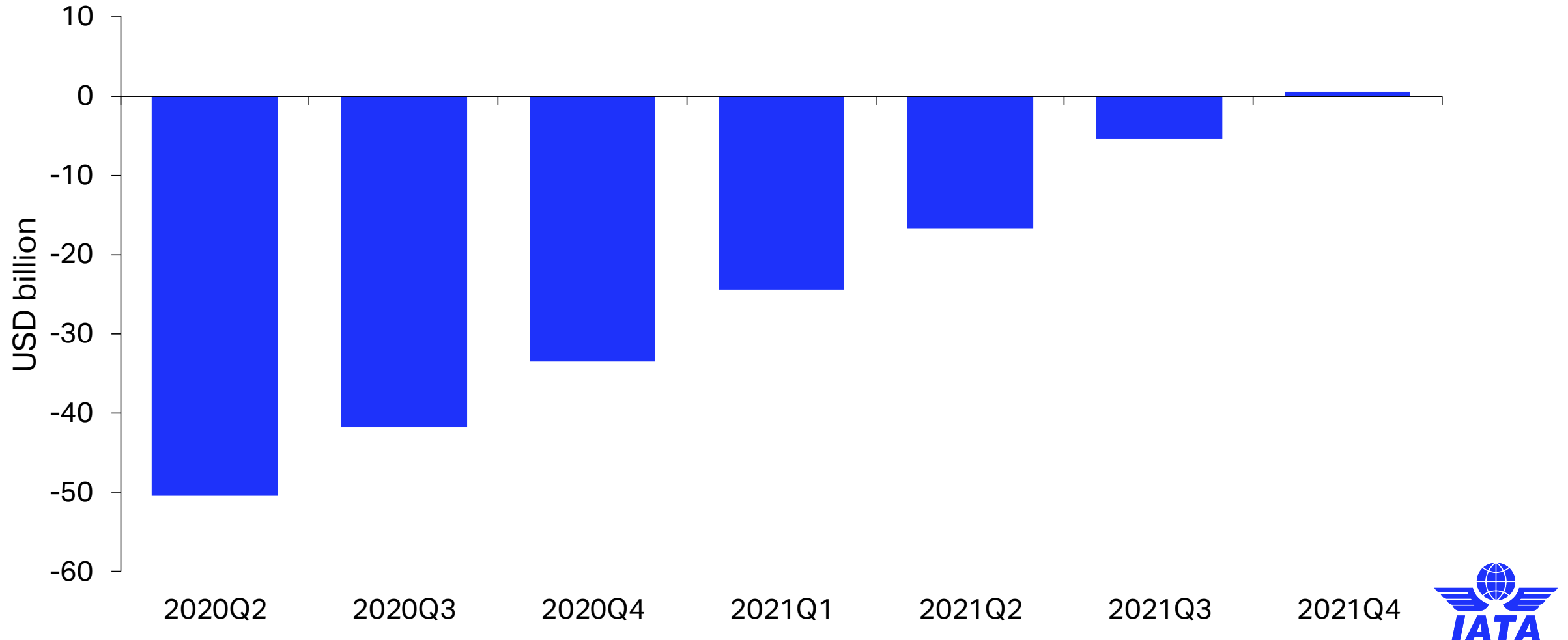
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Transition from cash burn to cash generation in sight

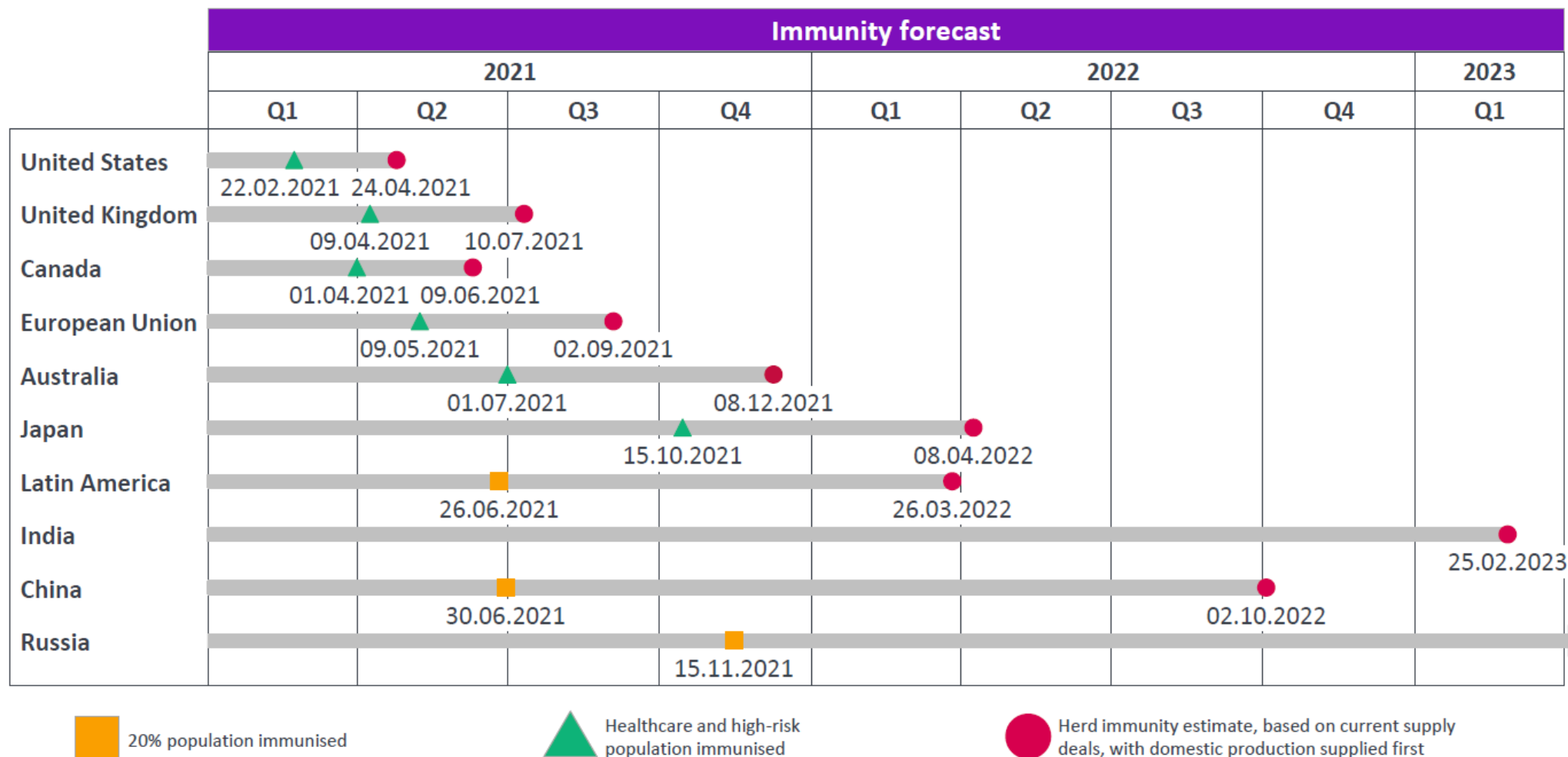
Vaccine boost to cash flows likely in H2 2021 but challenging first half

Airline industry quarterly cash burn forecast



Vaccines transform outlook but pace varies by market

Developed markets much stronger 2021H2 but slower elsewhere

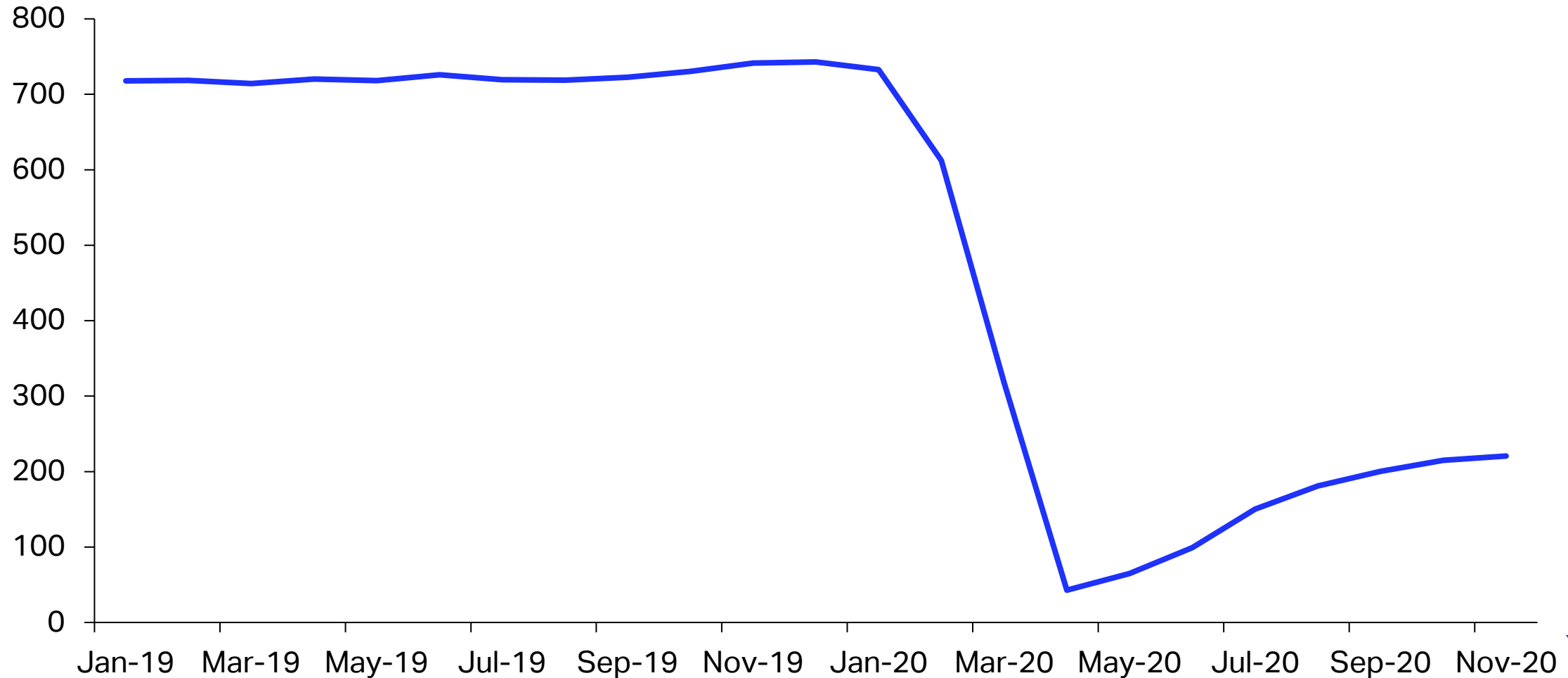


Source: Airfinity research shown at 8 Dec IFPMA conference <https://www.ifpma.org/resource-centre/slides-airfinity-5th-global-biopharma-ceo-top-execs-virtual-press-briefing-covid-19-8-december-2020/>

And global air travel in 2021 starts from very low base

Global RPKs slowed after summer rise almost to a complete stop

Global RPKs, US\$ billion, seasonally adjusted



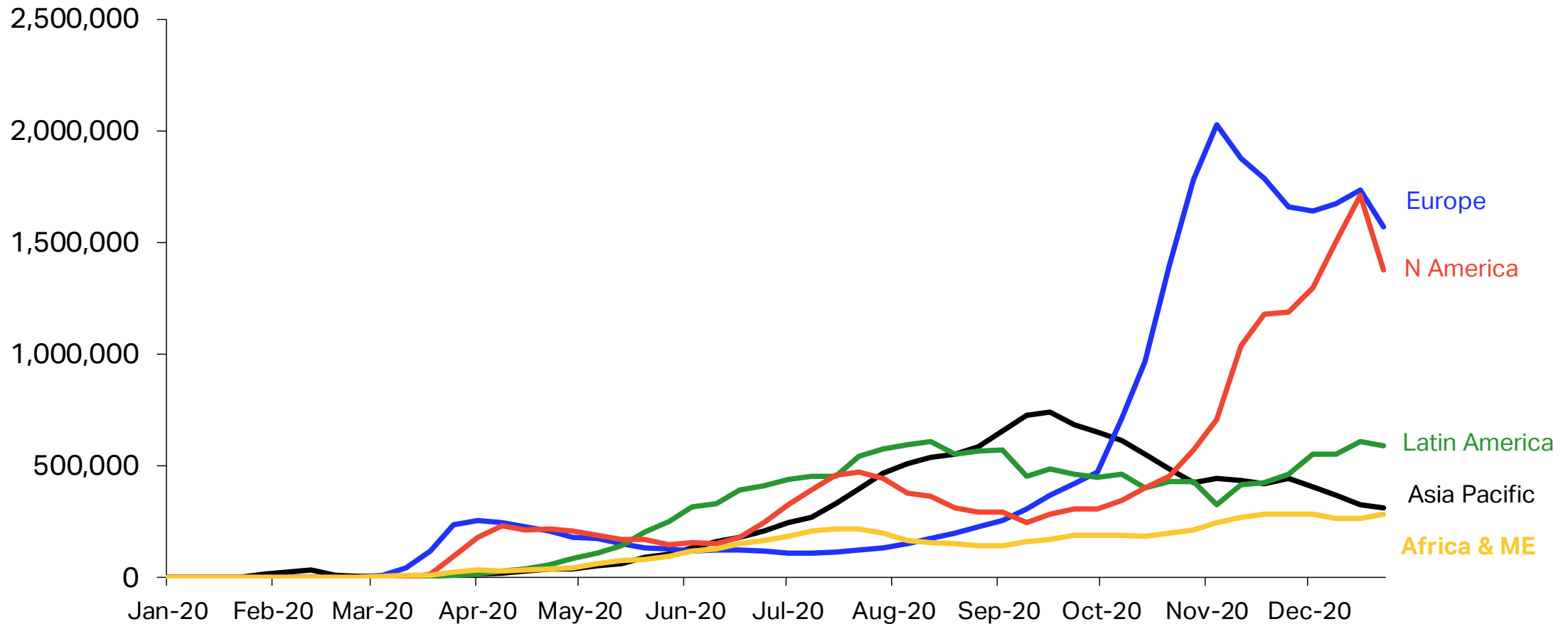
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2nd and 3rd waves of COVID19 hit Europe and N America

Summer travel recovery halted as travel restrictions reimposed

New COVID-19 cases per week

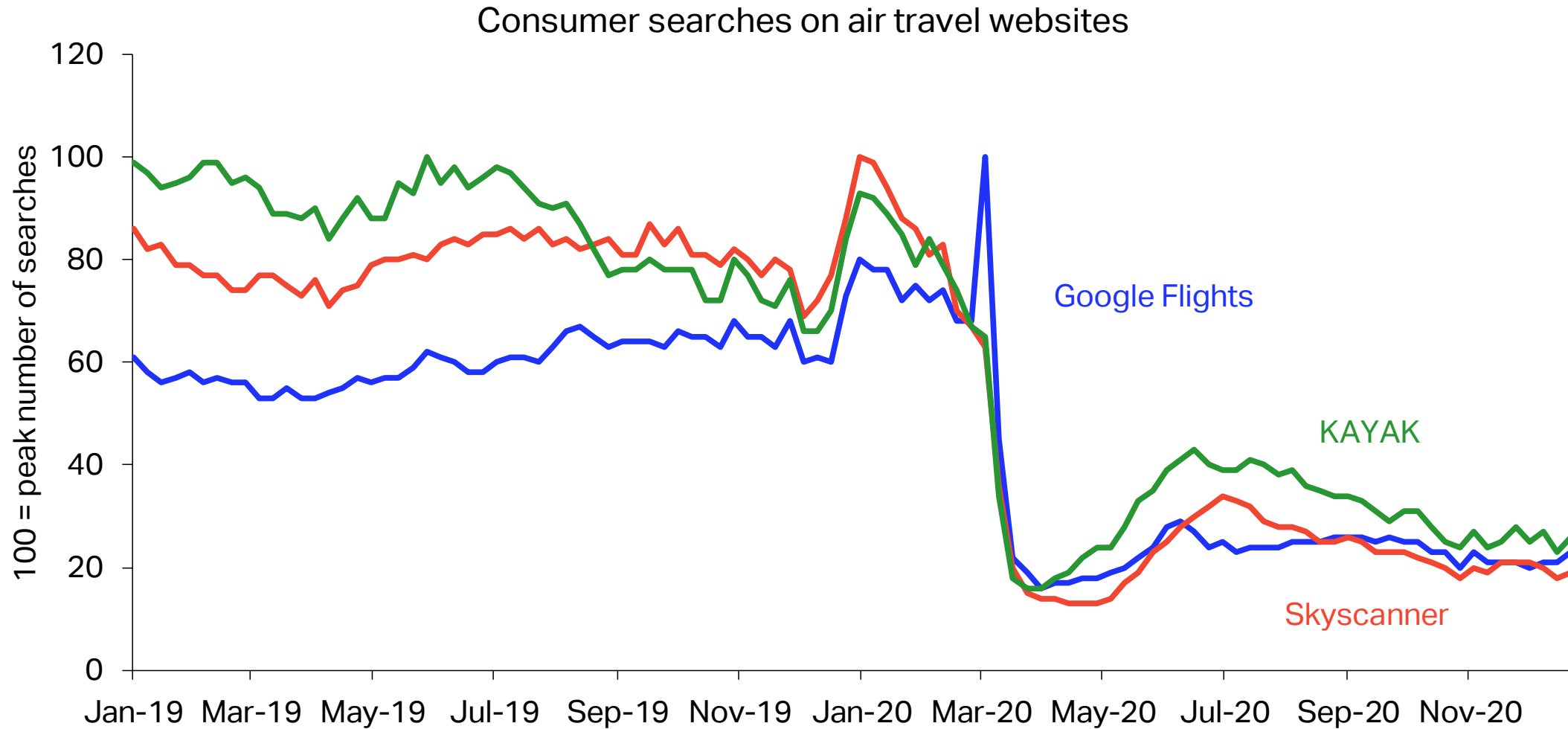


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Travel website searches show limited revival so far

Despite encouraging vaccine news, consumers are cautious

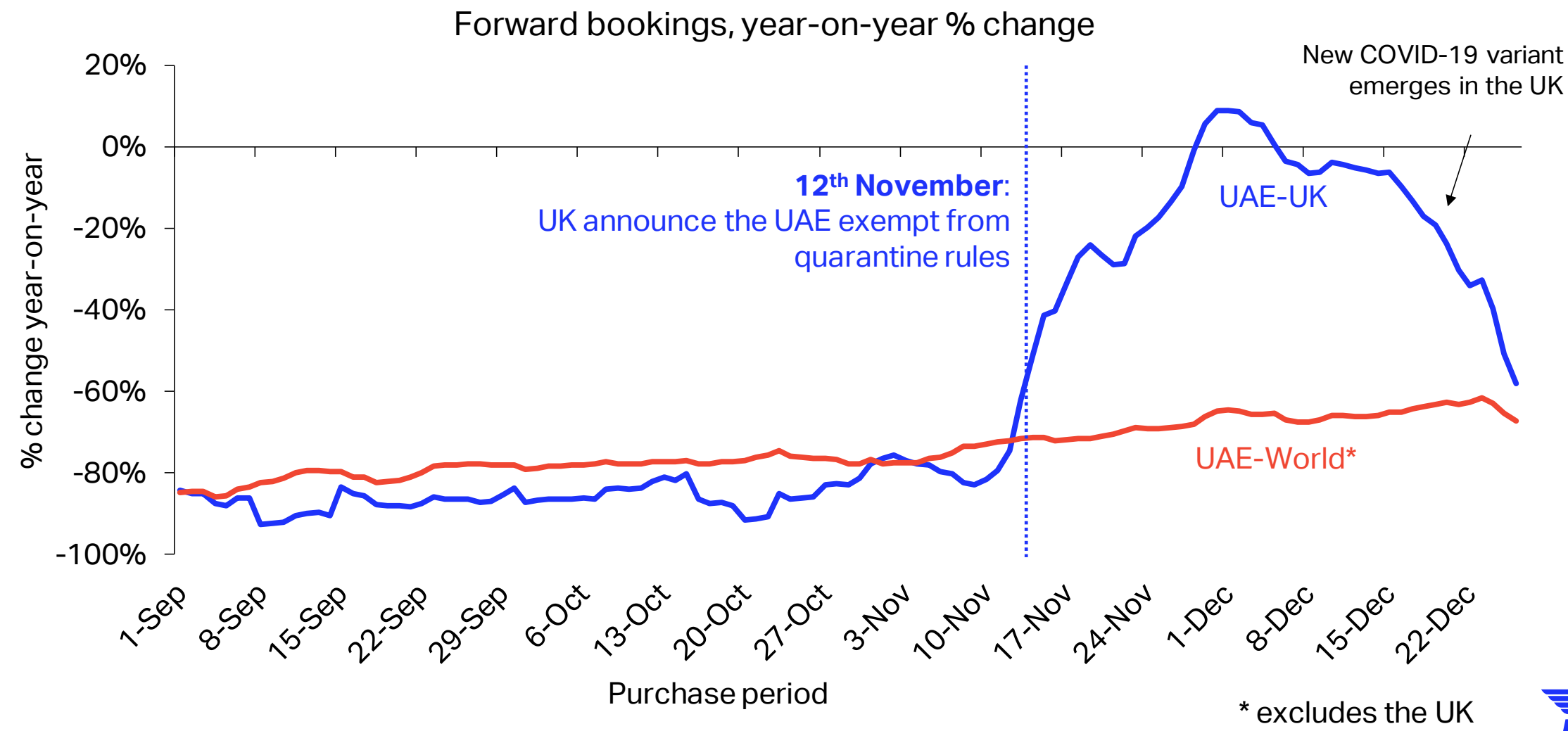


Source: IATA Economics using data from Google trends, worldwide search



But we know that there is substantial pent-up demand

Whenever travel restrictions are eased leisure/VFR demand surges

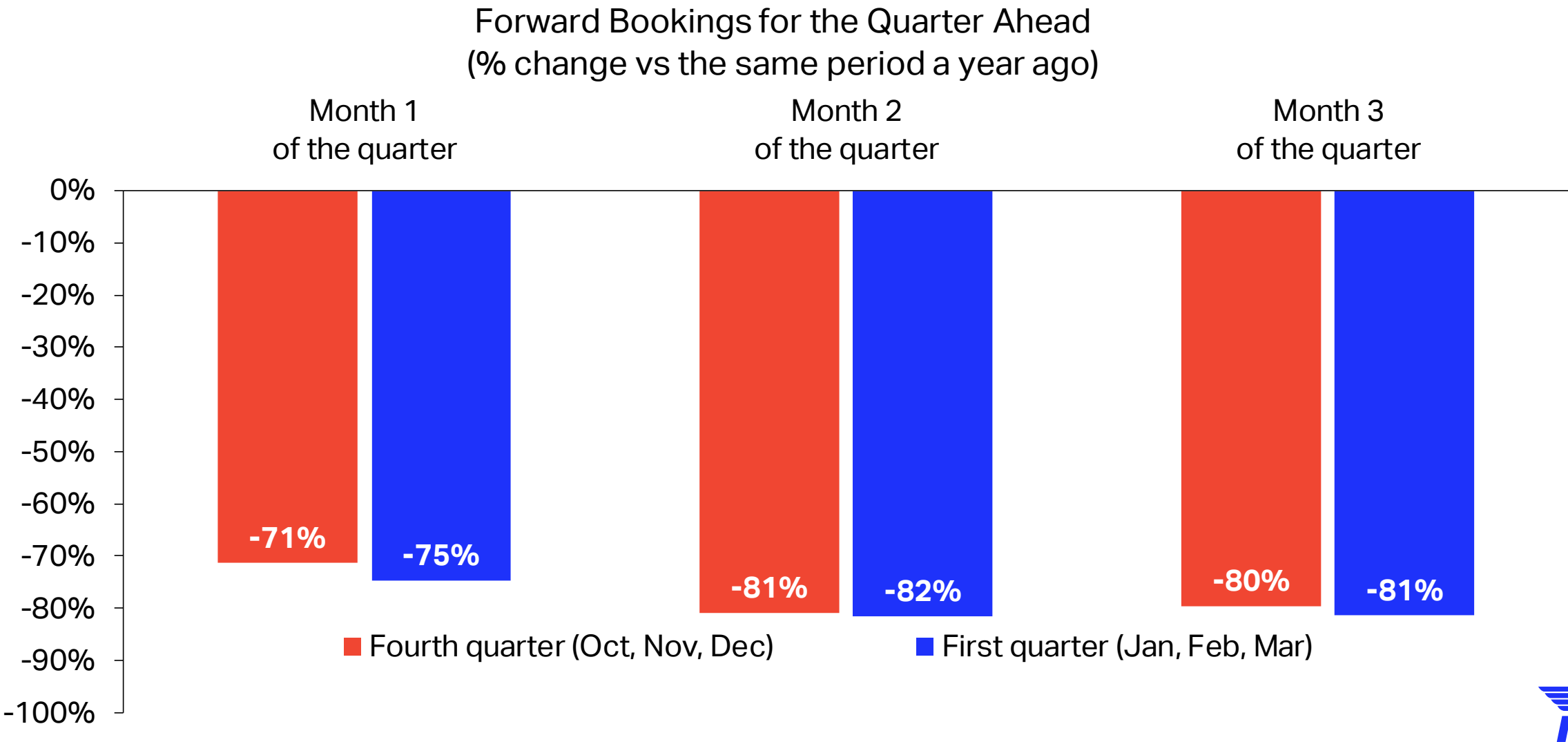


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Bookings indicate a weak Q1, before any vaccine boost

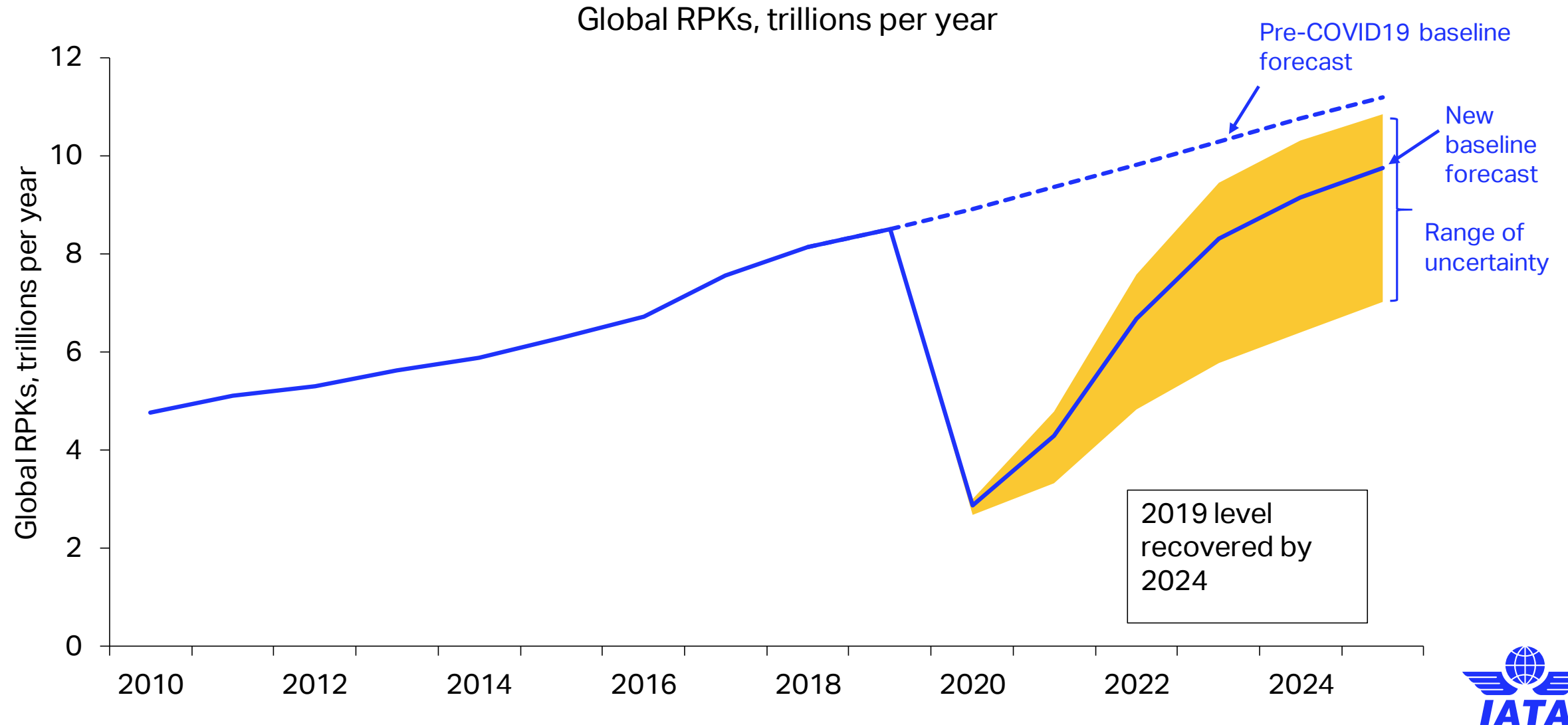
Forward bookings down more than 80% year-on-year in February/March



Source: IATA Economics using data from DDS

Strong 2021H2 but weak start depresses 2021 average

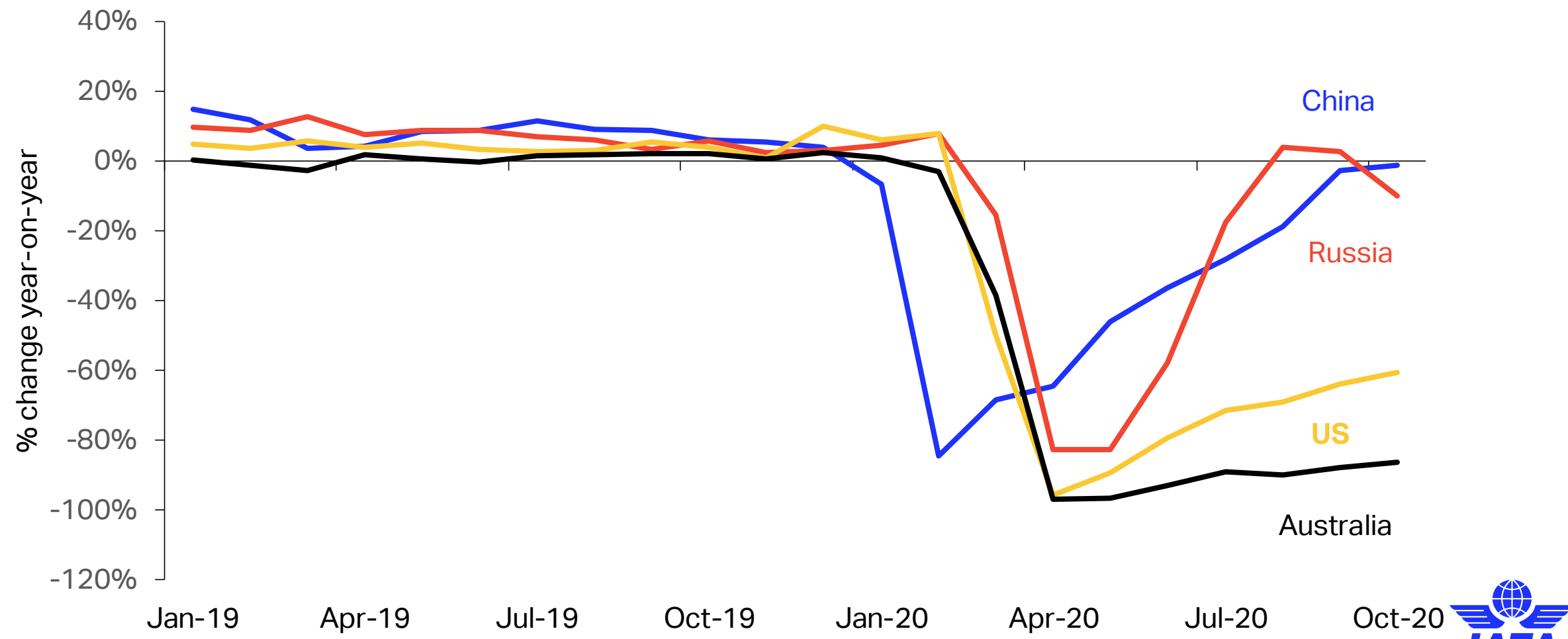
We expect 2021 RPKs to reach 50% of 2019 levels but end-year stronger



Some with large domestic markets already cash positive

China domestic market has fully recovered but other markets lagging

Growth in domestic market RPKs

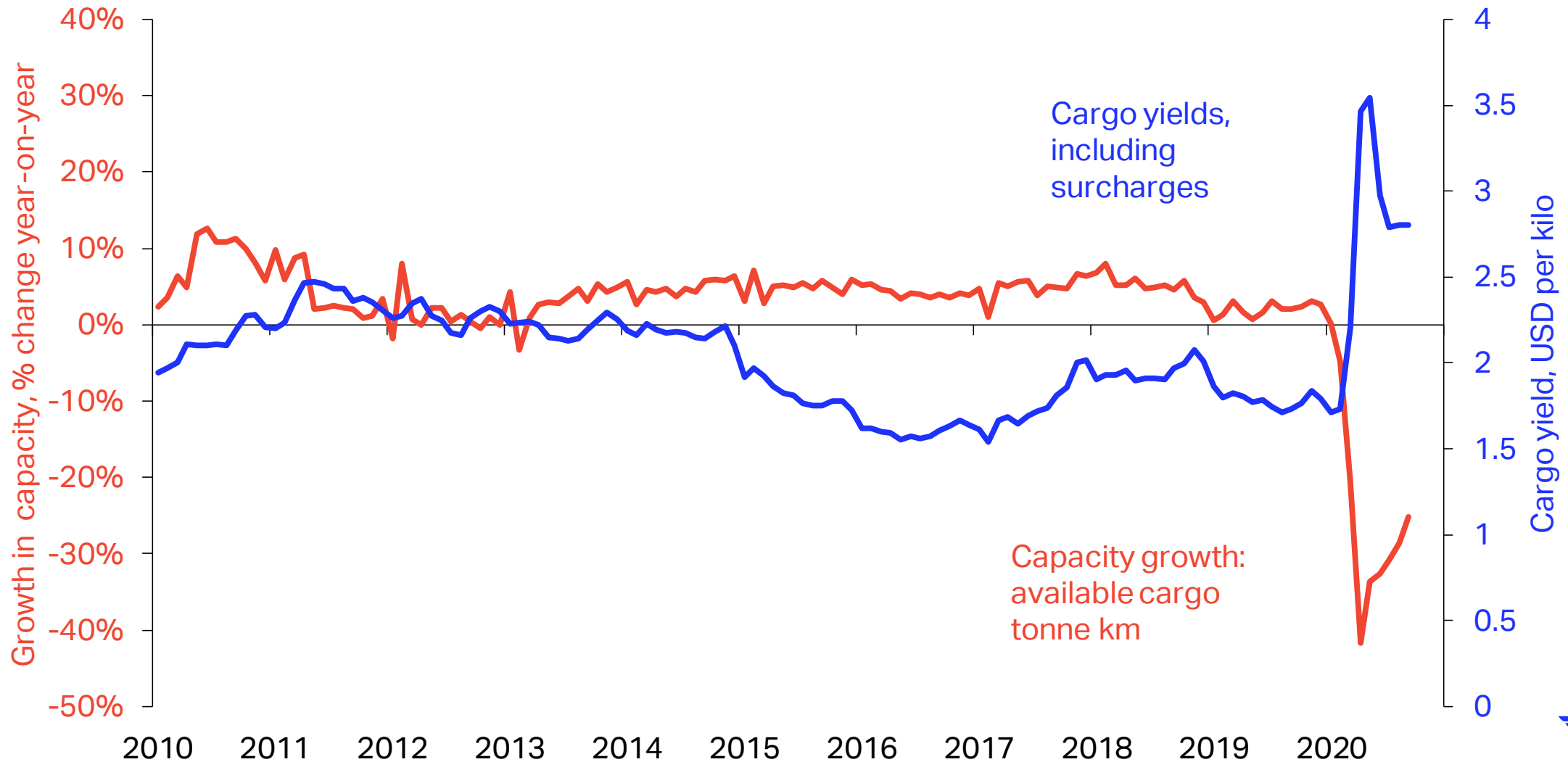


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And strength in air cargo looks set to continue in 2021

A shortage of capacity has led to strong cargo yields and revenues

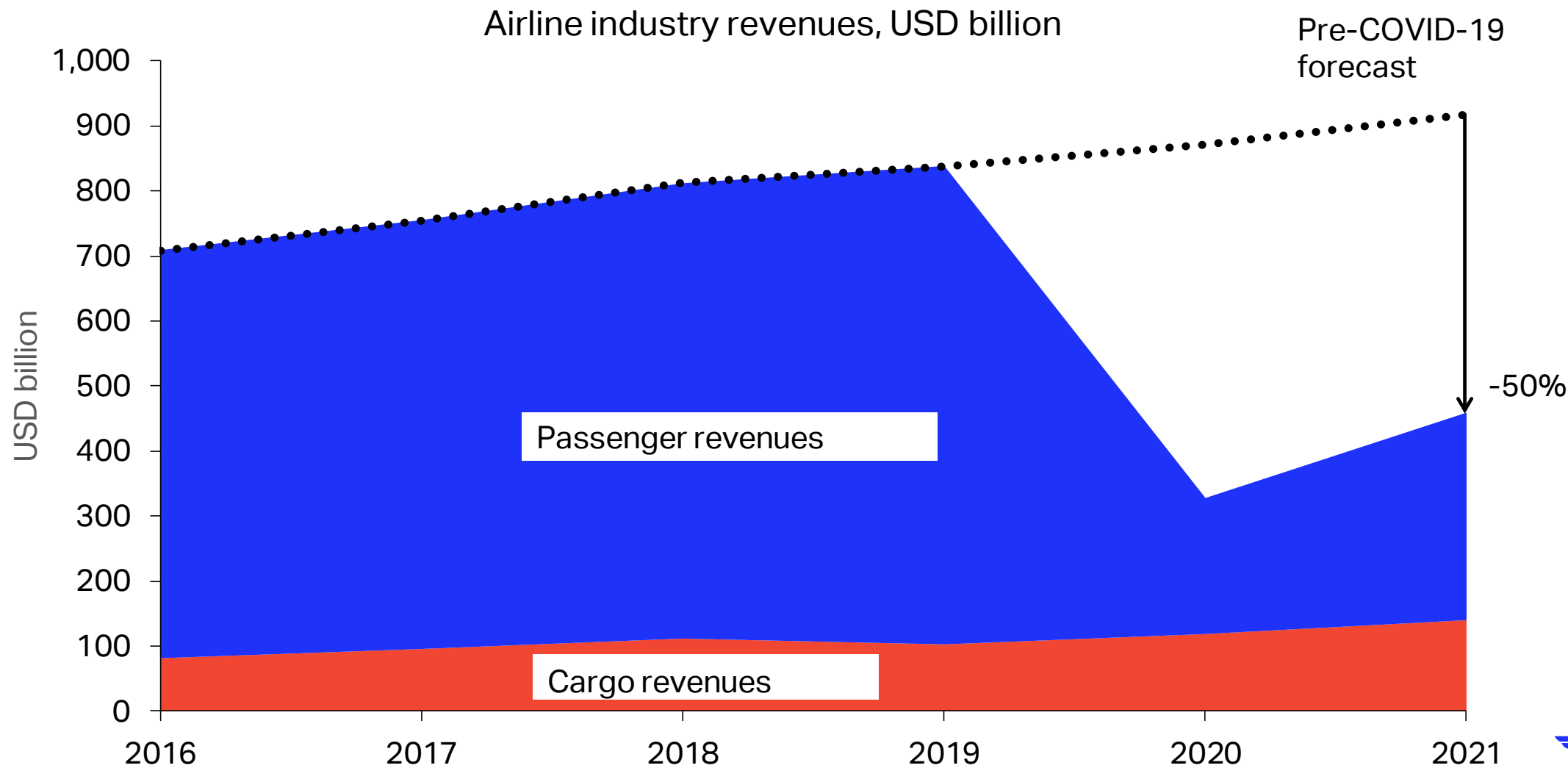


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Strong cargo will not offset passenger revenue collapse

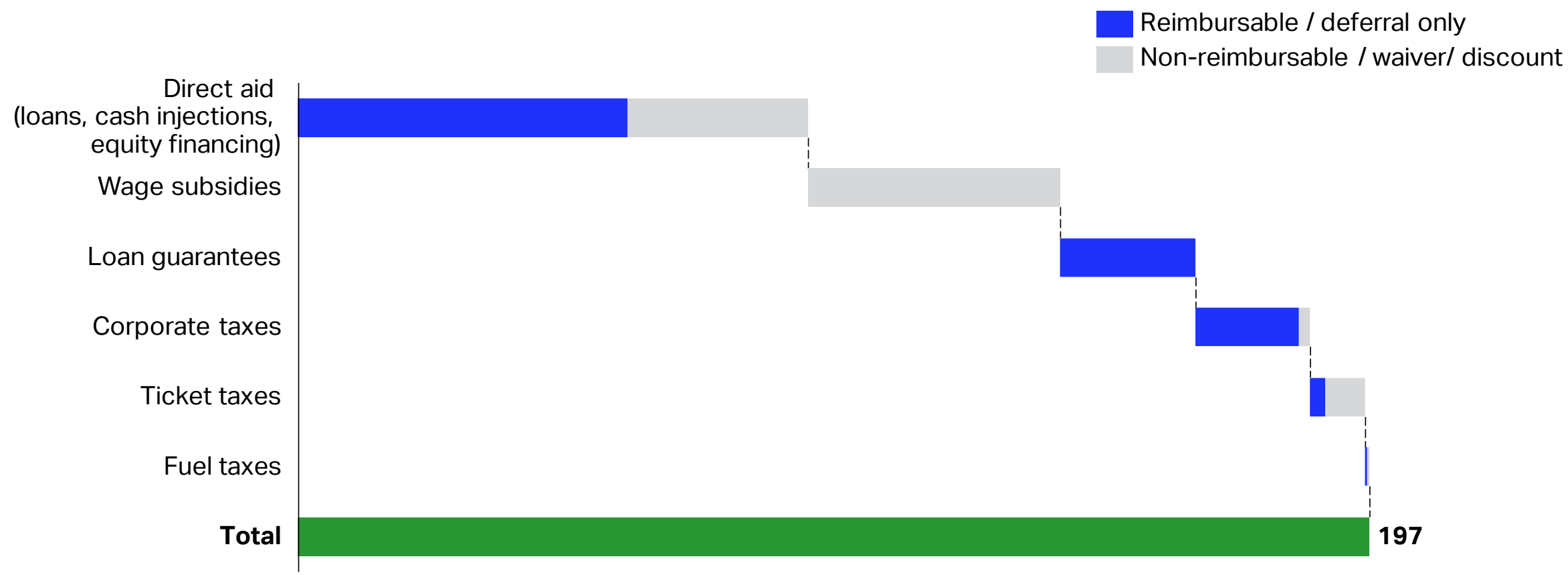
Despite vaccine-driven traffic recovery ongoing need to shrink costs



Government aid of \$197 billion (mostly) filled cash hole

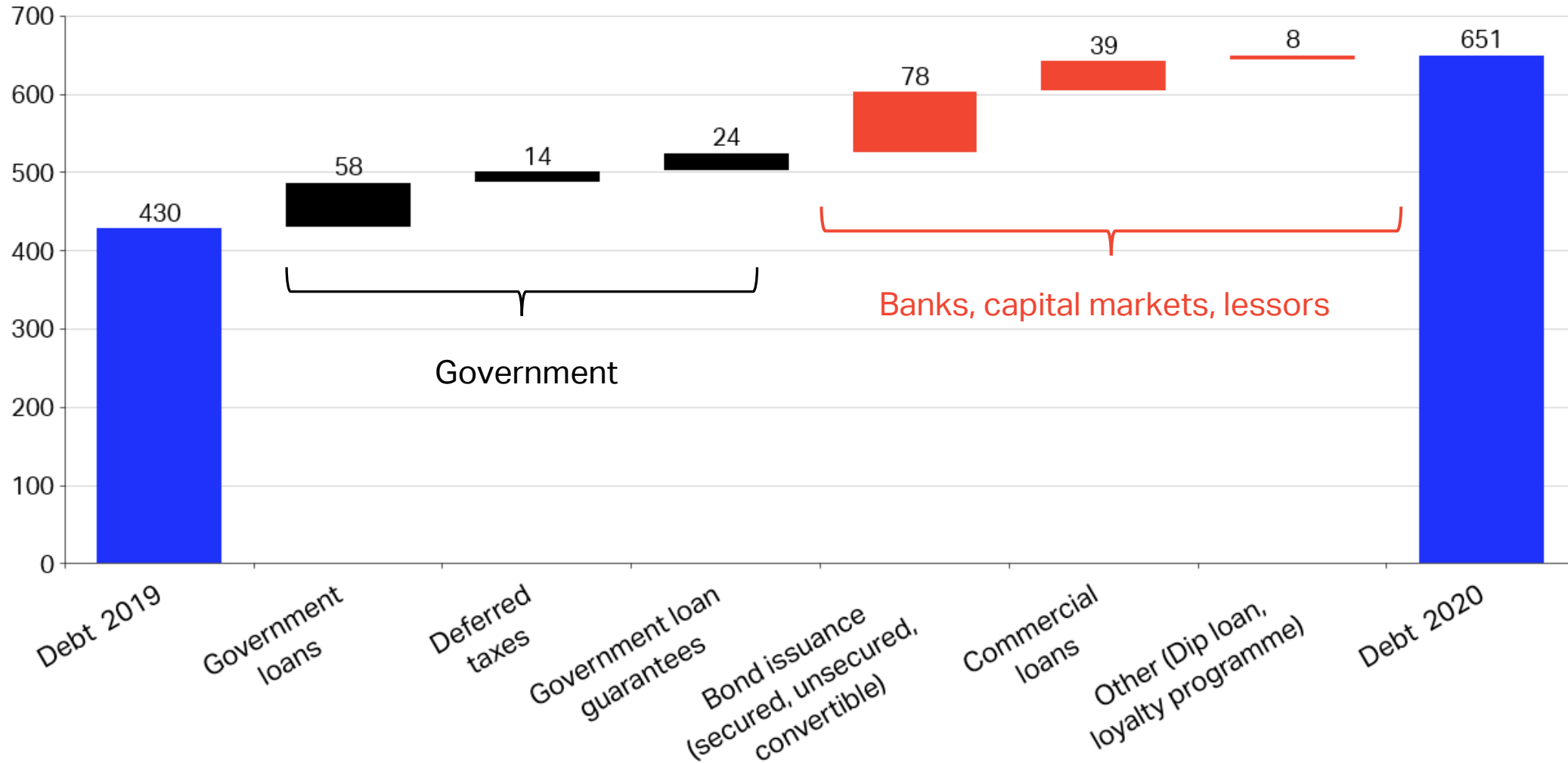
Few airline failures but majority of aid in form of debt

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



The challenge after survival will be to reduce debt

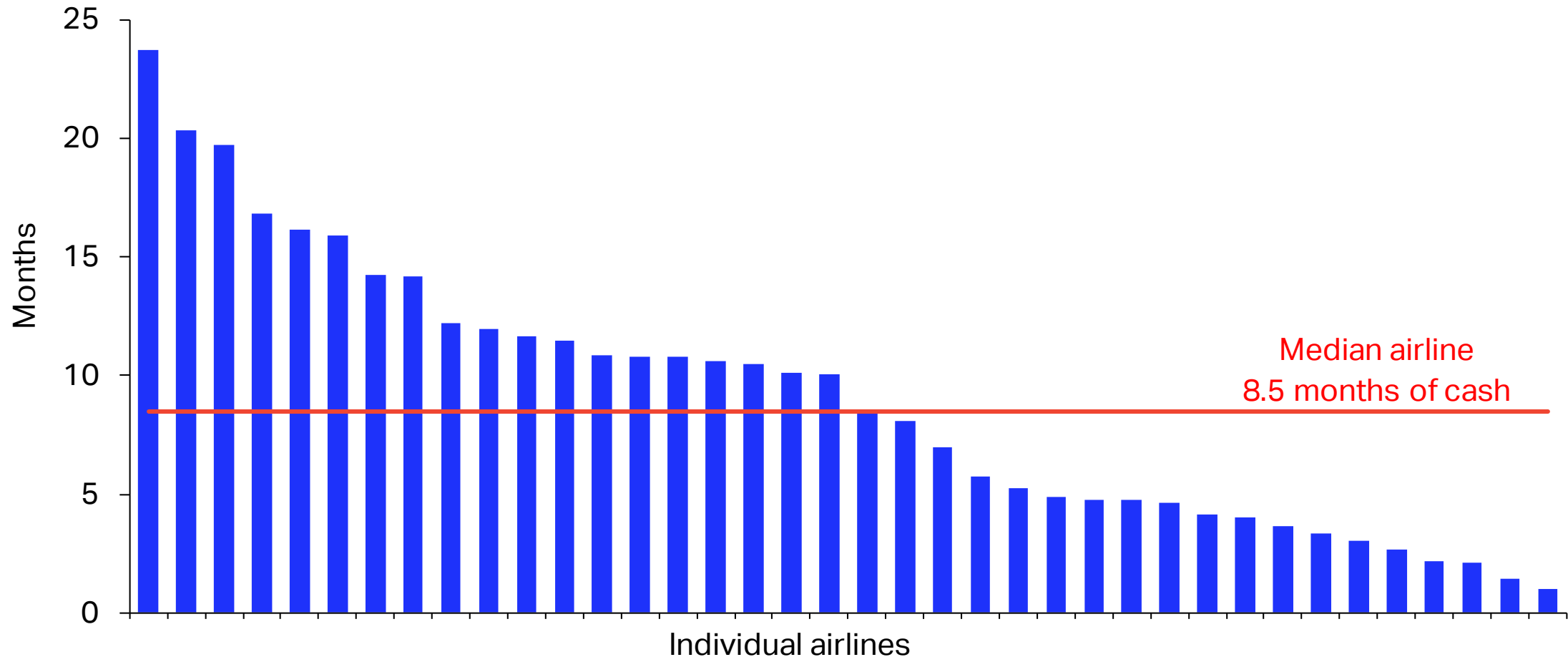
Survival has come at cost of large and unsustainable rise in debt



Major airlines have substantial cash, but others may not

For some airlines cash may run out before vaccine boost to cash in H2

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



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