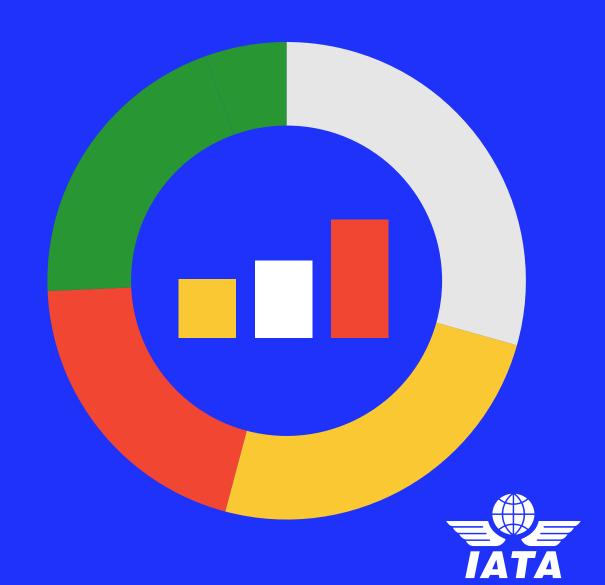
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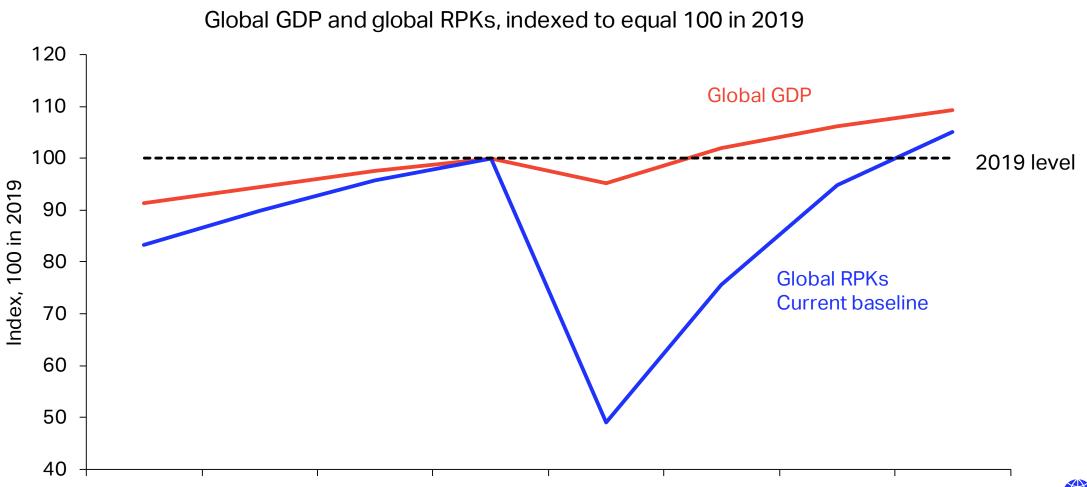
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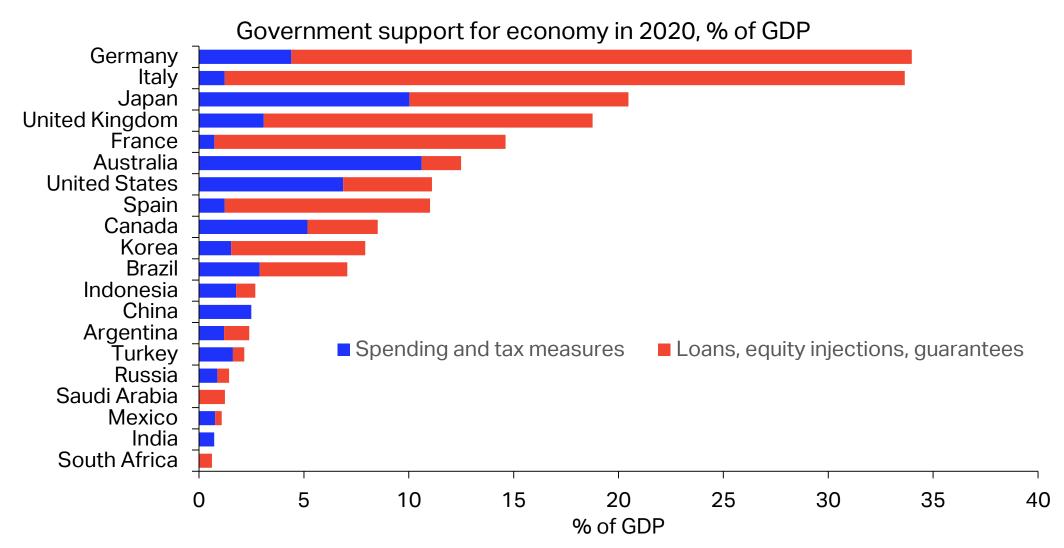


Air travel may recover more slowly than most of economy Global RPKs recover 2019 levels in 2023, 2 years behind GDP recovery



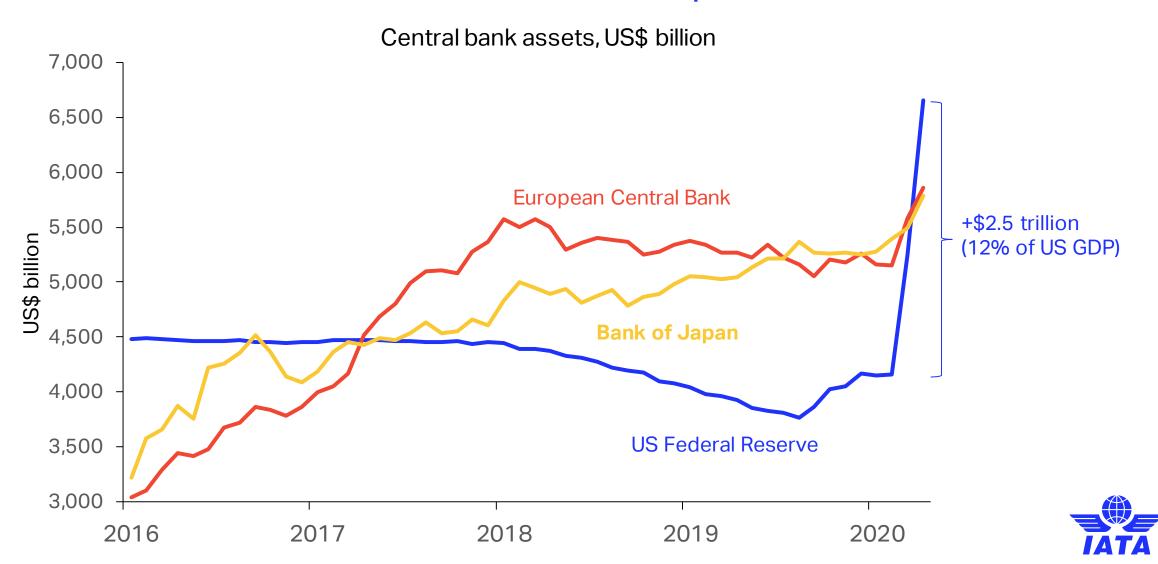


Governments have provided unprecedented support Wage subsidies, grants and loans should allow strong GDP rebound

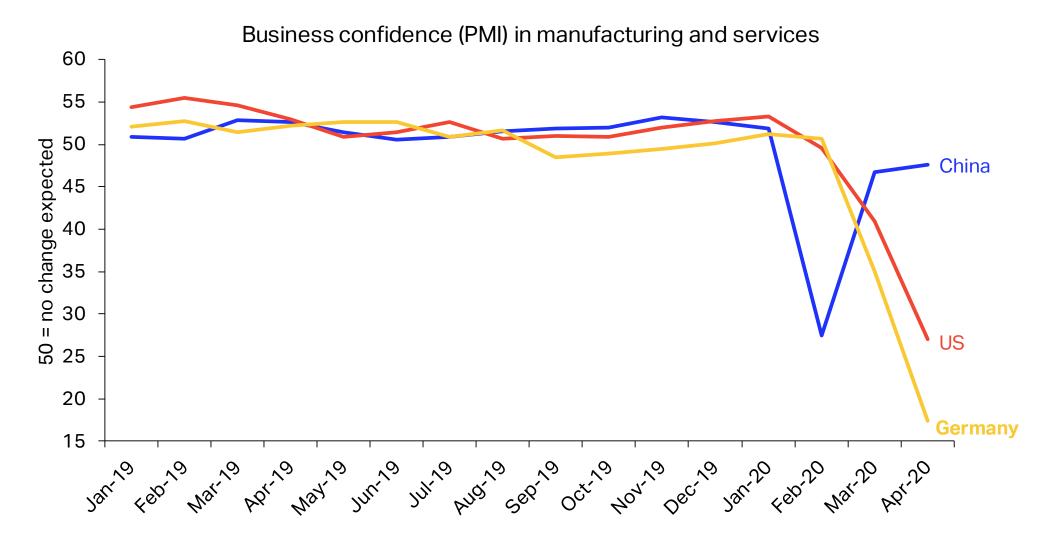




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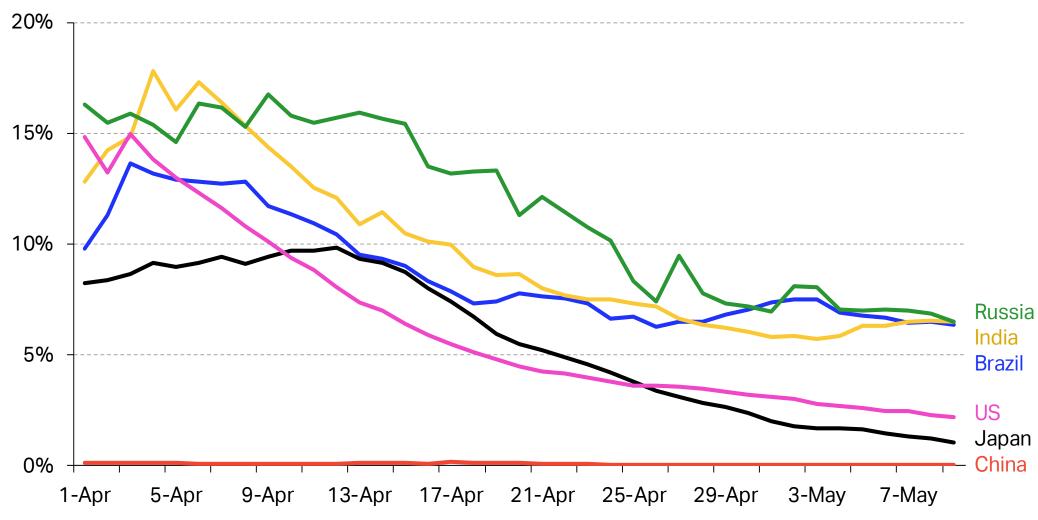
Business confidence has rebounded in China As lock-down relaxed in China 'V-shaped' rise of business confidence





Solving health challenge critical for international travel Until vaccine, opening borders to travel requires fall in COVID-19 risk

New COVID-19 cases, % of total cases, 7-day moving average

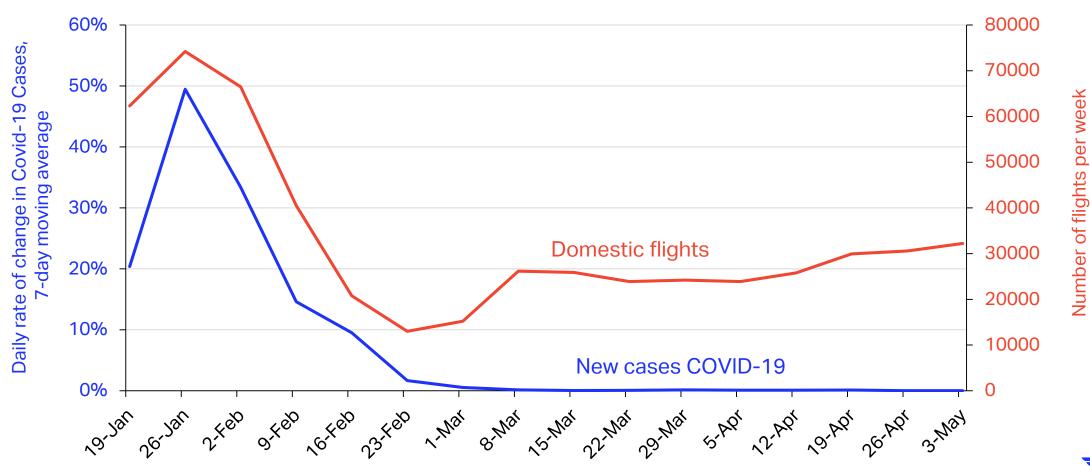




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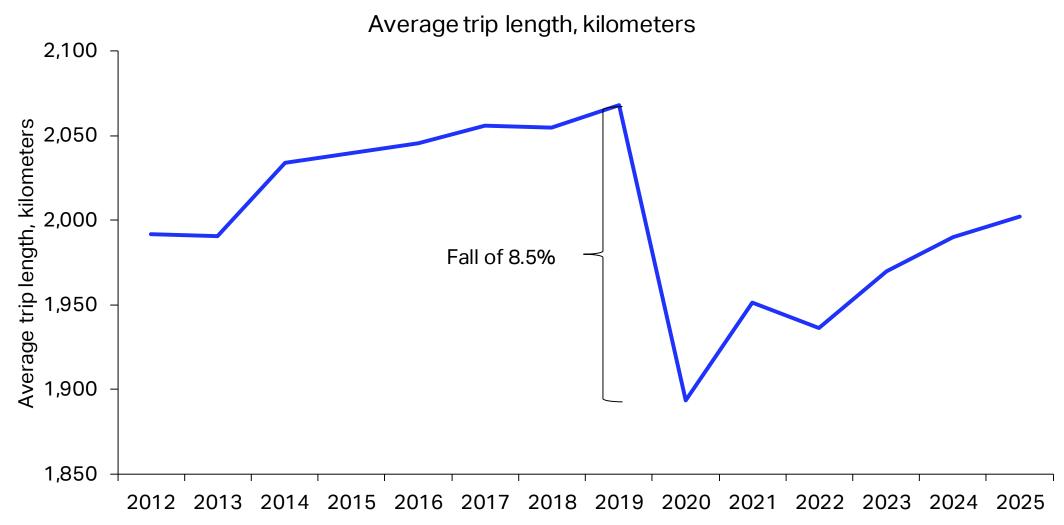
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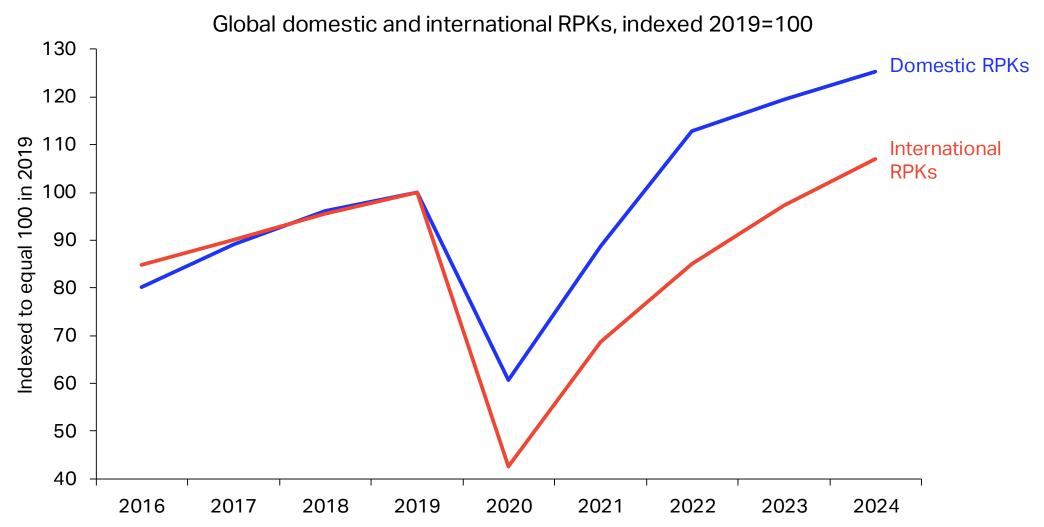


Average trip length will fall sharply Domestic markets open first and initial preference for short-haul trips



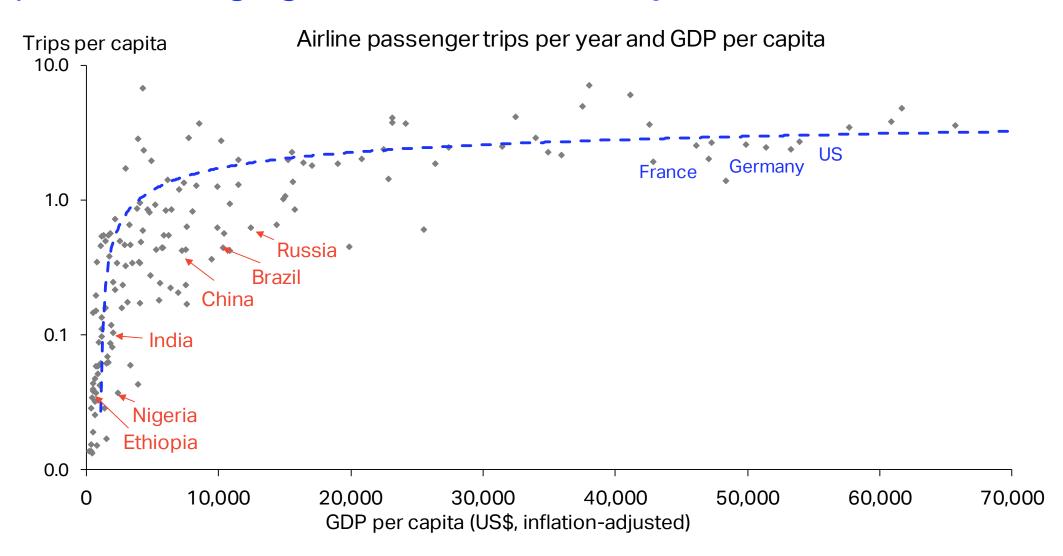


International RPKs will lag domestic air travel markets International air travel may not recover 2019 levels until 2023-24



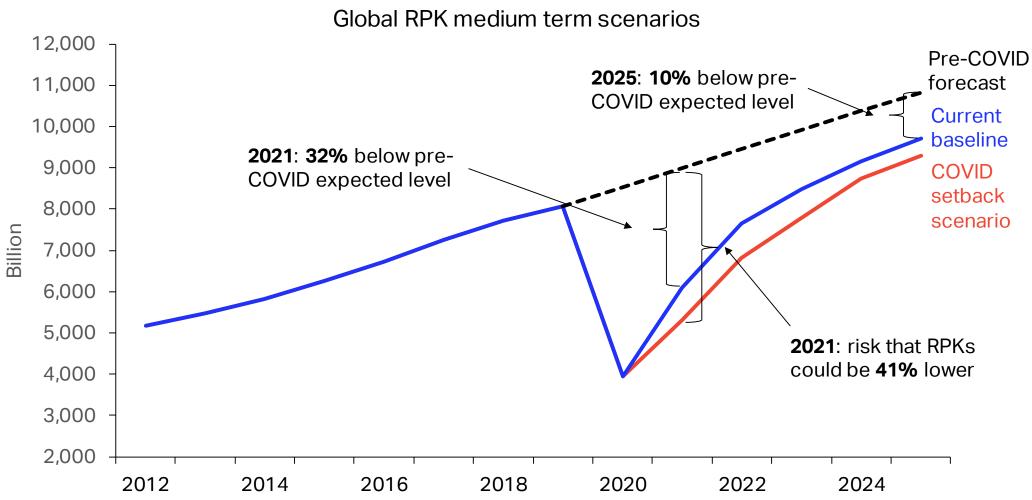


Long-term drivers for expanded demand remain Populous emerging markets are still likely to want more air services





Return to growth post-COVID but at a lower level Global RPKs forecast to be 32%-41% below expected levels in 2021





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