MIDDLE EAST AIR CONNECTIVITY

IATA'S AIR CONNECTIVITY INDEX measures how well connected a country’s cities are to other cities around the world critical for trade, tourism and other economic flows.

See report titled "Air Connectivity: Measuring the connections that drive economic growth" (www.iata.org/economics)

PRE COVID-19 AIR CONNECTIVITY

Air connectivity before COVID-19

1,060 city pairs

UAE and Saudi Arabia best absolute connectivity in the Middle East

But it’s relative connectivity that matters for economic growth

Qatar is among the fastest growing aviation markets in the Middle East in terms of air connectivity relative to population

Key drivers

- Robust air transport industry
- Supportive government policy environment

POST COVID-19 AIR CONNECTIVITY

Air connectivity decimated by COVID-19

440 city pairs

Disruptions to air connectivity in top 5 most connected countries in the Middle East

City pairs figures rounded to the second digit.