

State of the region: Asia Pacific

October 2020

Economy

GDP growth, selected countries

| % change on a yr ago | 2019 | Q4 2019 | Q1 2020 | Q2 2020 |
|----------------------|------|---------|---------|---------|
| India | 4.9 | 4.1 | 3.1 | -23.9 |
| Japan | 0.7 | -0.7 | -1.9 | -10.1 |
| Indonesia | 5.0 | 5.0 | 3.0 | -5.3 |
| Korea | 2.0 | 2.4 | 1.4 | -2.8 |
| Australia | 1.8 | 2.3 | 1.6 | -6.3 |
| Thailand | 2.4 | 1.5 | -2.0 | -12.1 |
| Malaysia | 4.3 | 3.6 | 0.7 | -17.1 |
| World* | 2.5 | 2.4 | -1.7 | -9.0 |

^{*} Market exchange rate basis Source: Datastream

Exchange rates

| end of period, # per US\$ | 2019 | Jul-20 | Aug-20 | Sep-20 |
|---------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| US\$ broad index | 114.7 | 117.6 | 116.1 | 117.3 |
| Japanese yen (JPY) | 108.6 | 105.7 | 106.5 | 105.5 |
| Australian dollar (AUD) | 1.43 | 1.39 | 1.36 | 1.40 |
| Sth Korean won (KRW) | 1155 | 1193 | 1187 | 1165 |
| Indian rupee (INR) | 71.4 | 74.8 | 73.6 | 73.8 |
| Indonesian rupiah (IDR) | 13883 | 14600 | 14563 | 14880 |
| Thai baht (THB) | 30.0 | 31.2 | 31.1 | 31.7 |
| Malaysian ringgit (MYR) | 4.09 | 4.24 | 4.17 | 4.16 |

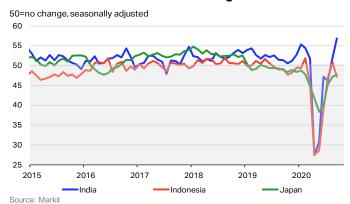
Source: Datastream

World oil and jet fuel price

| US\$/barrel (p | eriod ave.) | 2019 | Jul-20 | Aug-20 | Sep-20 |
|-----------------|-------------|------|--------|--------|--------|
| Crude oil (Brer | nt) | 64.2 | 43.3 | 45.1 | 41.9 |
| Jet fuel | | 79.6 | 45.5 | 45.4 | 41.1 |

Source: Platts, Datastream (monthly average data)

Business confidence - manufacturing PMIs



- India's manufacturing PMI reached the highest level since 2012, driven by the resumption of business activity after COVID restrictions were lifted. In contrast, negative effects of the pandemic continued to weigh on operating conditions in both Japan and Indonesia.
- The resurgence of the virus and concerns about its impact on the global economy contributed to the rise in the trade-weighted US dollar index (+1%) in Sep. Of the key regional currencies, the AUD lost 2.5% vs. the US\$.
- The average jet and crude oil price fell in September as the second waves of COVID-19 led to pessimism amongst investors about future fuel demand recovery.

Market

Revenue passenger kilometers (RPKs)

| % change on a yr ago | 2019 | Jun-20 | Jul-20 | Aug-20 |
|-----------------------------|------|--------|--------|--------|
| Region (registration basis) | | | | |
| Asia Pacific | 4.6 | -76.3 | -71.8 | -69.2 |
| World | 4.1 | -86.3 | -79.5 | -75.3 |
| Routes (segment basis) | | | | |
| Japan domestic | 3.7 | -74.9 | -64.4 | -68.6 |
| Australia domestic | 0.7 | -92.9 | -87.1 | -91.5 |
| Asia - Europe | 6.7 | -97.2 | -95.7 | -94.5 |
| Within Asia | 5.3 | -98.9 | -98.5 | -98.4 |
| Asia - Nth America | 2.4 | -95.7 | -94.4 | -93.5 |
| Asia - Middle East | 4.2 | -96.9 | -93.3 | -92.3 |
| S/w Pacific - N/S America | 4.8 | -97.3 | -97.7 | -97.2 |
| Asia - Africa | 3.5 | -98.5 | -97.6 | -95.1 |

Source: IATA Economics Note: historical data may be subject to revision

- Industry-wide revenue passenger-kilometres (RPKs) contracted by 75.3% year-on-year in August, compared with a 79.5% decline in July. Domestic markets continued to drive the industry rebound.
- Airlines based in Asia Pacific reported a 69.2% annual RPK contraction, which represents the best outcome of all regions for another month.

- The resurgence of the virus weighed on RPK performance in Japan and Australia where the year-onyear contraction accelerated slightly, to -68.6% and -91.5%yoy, respectively. RPK developments in Australia were also impacted by travel restrictions between some states and territories.
- Traffic in the region's international markets remained subdued due to quarantine requirements and other COVID-19 related restrictions. All key int'l routes contracted by more than 90%yoy.

Growth in air passenger volumes



Source: IATA Economics

Cargo tonne kilometers (CTKs)

| % change on a yr ago | 2019 | Jun-20 | Jul-20 | Aug-20 |
|-----------------------------|------|--------|--------|--------|
| Region (registration basis) | | | | |
| Asia Pacific | -5.6 | -19.6 | -20.3 | -20.1 |
| World | -3.2 | -16.1 | -14.4 | -12.6 |
| Routes (segment basis) | | | | |
| Asia - Europe | -1.5 | -21.9 | -19.7 | -18.6 |
| Asia - Nth America | -3.7 | 0.4 | 3.2 | 3.5 |
| Within Asia | -7.7 | -31.4 | -27.4 | -26.9 |
| Asia - Middle East | -2.3 | -17.5 | -14.3 | -3.3 |
| S/w Pacific - N/S America | -8.5 | -71.1 | -61.5 | -43.3 |
| Asia - Africa | 12.6 | 20.1 | 5.4 | 16.1 |

Source: IATA Economics. Note: historical data may be subject to revision

- Industry-wide cargo tonne-kilometres (CTKs) fell by 12.6% year-on-year in August compared with a14.4%yoy decline in the previous month.
- The recovery in cargo volumes has been slower than the rebound in some of the leading economic indicators such as new export orders amidst insufficient cargo capacity on some routes.

- Cargo demand of airlines based in Asia Pacific fell 20.1% year-on-year in August, almost unchanged from the result in July (-20.3%yoy).
- Of the key international markets, CTK growth continued to improve on trade lanes between Asia-Nth.Am (+3.5%yoy) due to a solid US demand for Asian goods. The smaller Asia-Africa also performed robustly (up 16.1%yoy).

Growth in air cargo volumes



Industry Capacity growth and load factors

| ASK/ACTK: %ch C | , , | 2019 | Jun-20 | Jul-20 | Aug-20 |
|-----------------|------|------|-------------|--------|--------|
| Passenger | | | | | |
| Asia Pacific | ASK | 4.3 | -69.8 | -64.4 | -60.3 |
| | PLF | 81.9 | 64.6 | 65.7 | 65.0 |
| World | ASK | 3.3 | -80.2 | -69.8 | -63.8 |
| | PLF | 82.6 | 58.2 | 58.2 | 58.5 |
| Cargo | | | | | |
| Asia/Pacific | ACTK | 0.9 | -35.2 | -35.1 | -33.5 |
| | CLF | 52.3 | 65.2 | 63.7 | 61.6 |
| World | ACTK | 2.1 | -32.6 | -31.8 | -29.4 |
| | CLF | 46.8 | <i>57.1</i> | 56.4 | 54.8 |

Source: IATA Economics. Note: LF=load factor. ASK=available seat kilometers. ACTK=available cargo tonne kilometers

- Industry-wide capacity (ASKs) continued to recover faster than RPKs. As a result, the global passenger load factor reached an all-time low for August, at 58.5%.
 Asia Pacific airlines recorded load factor down 19ppts vs. a year ago, at 65%.
- For cargo, the industry-wide load factor was at a new maximum for this month (54.8%), amidst the ongoing lack of belly cargo capacity. At the regional level, Asia Pacific carriers posted the CLF at 61.6%, up 10.3ppts compared with a year ago.
- The final sample of Q2 2020 financial results confirmed the severe impact of the pandemic on airlines' businesses as passenger demand collapsed.

Airline operating (EBIT) margins*

| % revenues | 2018 | 2019 | 2019Q2 | 2020Q2 |
|--------------|------|------|--------|--------|
| Asia Pacific | 4.7 | 3.7 | 8.3 | -39 |
| Industry | 5.7 | 5.2 | 9.7 | -71 |

Source: Airline Analyst * constant sample basis, not seasonally adjusted

- On the positive side, some airlines based in the Asia Pacific region returned to profitability with the help of their cargo business following large losses in the first quarter of the year.
- Note that the passenger yield data should be interpreted with caution due to the small number of tickets being sold amidst the pandemic crisis.

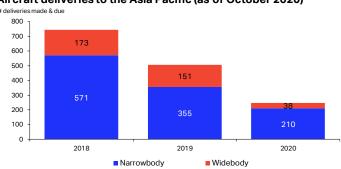
Passenger yields (US\$, excl. surcharges & ancillaries)

| % change on a yr ago | 2019 | Jun-20 | Jul-20 | Aug-20 |
|----------------------|------|--------|--------|--------|
| India domestic | 3.3 | -27.6 | -10.7 | -7.7 |
| Australia domestic | -5.6 | 10.0 | 11.7 | 5.1 |
| Asia - Europe | -7.7 | -7.6 | -11.5 | -6.9 |
| Within Asia | -4.5 | -26.7 | -25.8 | -21.6 |
| Asia - Nth America | -2.6 | 5.6 | 3.5 | -5.3 |
| Asia - Middle East | 7.7 | 7.4 | 19.4 | 28.3 |
| Asia - Sth America | -7.8 | 32.7 | 20.0 | 11.7 |
| Asia - Africa | -5.8 | 65.6 | 63.5 | 61.8 |

Source: DDS Note: historical data may be subject to revision

 The latest data indicate a 51% fall in jet aircraft deliveries scheduled for Asia Pacific carriers in 2020 versus 2019. This fall is driven by the orders of both wide-body and narrow-body aircraft.

Aircraft deliveries to the Asia Pacific (as of October 2020)



Source: Ascend