COVID-19 Weak year-end for air travel and outlook is deteriorating

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Air travel recovery in 2020 stalled after the summer RPKs ended year down 70%: domestic -43%, international -85% y-o-y

Growth in international and domestic RPKs



Source: IATA Economics using data from IATA Statistics

Domestic markets showed there is a demand to fly China and Russia markets near full recovery, but others revealed fragility

Growth in domestic market RPKs





International markets revival stifled by travel restrictions Revival only seen in travel bubbles and where quarantine rules relaxed

Growth in international RPKs by market segment





'Pre-variant' herd immunity projections look promising Reduction in travel restrictions will depend on efficacy against variants





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

Substantial pent-up demand but vulnerable to shocks Bookings surged when quarantine relaxed, here for UK-UAE market



Now COVID-19 cases have risen as new variants spread Virus control situation deteriorated in January as new variants spread



Source: IATA Economics using data from European Centre for Disease Control

Causing renewed lock-downs and travel restrictions Governments responded to variants by virtually closing borders to travel

International travel stringency index weighted by population (Jan 2020-Jan 2021)





Source: IATA Economics using data from Oxford University

Bookings for future travel are down significantly After improving to -60% yoy by end 2020, bookings are now down -70%



Source: IATA Economics using data from DDS

Risk that 2021 RPKs might only grow 13% to average 38% of 2019 levels

Global RPKs flown, billions per quarter



Source: IATA Economics

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