2017 was another year of above-trend passenger growth, well ahead of the ten-year average pace of 5.5%... and faster than that of capacity.

This combination lifted the load factor by 0.9 percentage points, to a record high for a calendar year.

Passenger growth in 2017 was driven by a broad-based pick-up in global economic conditions as well as stimulus from lower airfares.

India posted the fastest domestic passenger growth in 2017 for the third year in a row, followed by China and Russia.

Airlines in Asia Pacific flew 34% of global volumes in 2017.

The Middle East’s share of global traffic fell for the first time in 20 years.

86% of survey respondents expect passenger volumes to increase over the next 12 months - the highest proportion in more than a decade.

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