

# Developments in Global Air Traffic

July 2017



## **Aviation Growth Trends**



#### **Global Aviation Traffic & Capacity Growth**

	Traffic Growth (RPK²)					Capacity Growth (ASK³)				
2017	January	February	March	April	April YTD	January	February	March	April	April YTD
Global¹	8.9%	8.6%	6.5%	10.7%	7.9%	8.0%	6.4%	6.1%	7.1%	5.9%
International	9.2%	5.8%	6.4%	12.5%	8.4%	7.5%	3.4%	6.1%	7.7%	6.1%
Europe	8.3%	6.5%	5.7%	14.4%	8.9%	6.7%	3.4%	4.7%	7.9%	5.7%
North America	3.2%	0.3%	2.7%	10.3%	4.2%	4.1%	-0.5%	2.3%	5.8%	3.2%
Domestic	8.7%	3.3%	7.6%	7.7%	6.9%	8.7%	1.6%	6.1%	6.2%	5.6%
India	26.6%	17.0%	14.6%	15.3%	18.4%	20.9%	14.0%	13.5%	13.5%	16.3%
China	23.2%	19.1%	15.1%	12.7%	14.2%	18.5%	5.3%	10.8%	11.2%	11.3%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Global Data Adjusted for 2016 leap year; all other data unadjusted.

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- YTD through April, global air traffic is growing 200 percentage points faster than capacity (7.9% vs 5.9%)
  - Traffic higher than capacity growth in both domestic and international segments is supportive of narrow and wide body aircraft
- Adjusting for inflation, IATA reports that air fares were 10% lower during the first quarter of 2017 than a year ago
  - ULCCs and LCCs expansion is driving yields lower in short-haul regional markets
- China and India domestic demand is driving growth in the Asia Pacific region but both countries are expected to report slowing GDP growth in the second half of 2017 which may also result in moderating growth in air traffic demand
- Europe continues to grow well ahead of GDP growth
- The Oil Patch is recovering with Russia reporting in April the highest growth of any domestic country and the Middle East region growing at a stable low double digit pace

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> RPK is Revenue Passenger Kilometers

<sup>3</sup> ASK is Available Seat Kilometers

# **Implications & Market Opportunities**



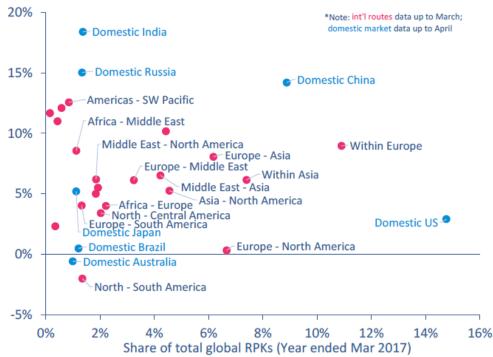
### **Industry Implications**

- If maintained, demand and capacity growth at this pace is broadly supportive for aircraft values
- Aggressive expansion of new entrants with competitive cost structures and continuing expansion of Middle East carriers with global ambitions are depressing yields
- Traffic increases may be driven by low and ultra-low cost carriers - more expensive latest generation aircraft may attract low lease rates and values despite this support
- Widebodies continue to appear over-ordered but April traffic growth almost 500 percentage points higher than capacity growth (12.5% vs 7.7%) sets up the potential for correction of current imbalances
- China, Japan and Korea have the potential to create imbalances in aviation leasing by investing much greater capital into the sector than growth in demand. Government sanctioned policies, both monetary and fiscal, and unintended consequences of currency flows may be contributing factors.
- Low range-bound oil supports mid and late life values while new orders placed before 2014 face steeper value depreciation curves
- Peripheral aviation markets, such as helicopters, turboprops, and corporate may offer better value though each have their own unique challenges

### **RPK Growth by Route & Market**

RPK Growth by Int'l Route & Domestic market (latest month, % year-on-year\*)

RPK growth by int'l route and dom. market (2017 YTD, % year-on-year\*)



Sources: IATA Economics, IATA Monthly Statistics by Route

## **Notes**



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