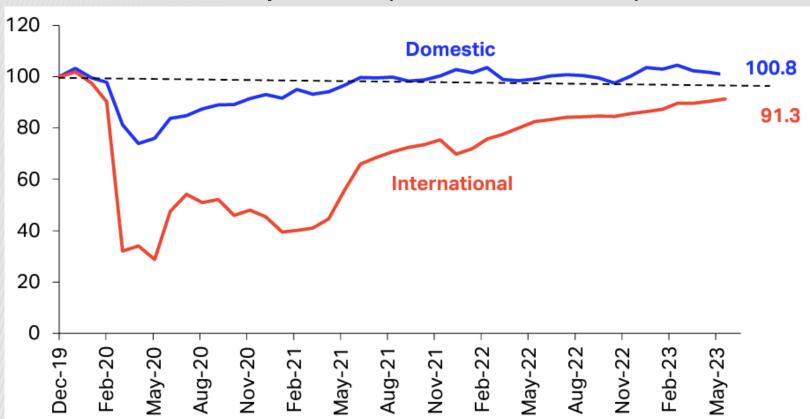


# **Introductory Remarks**

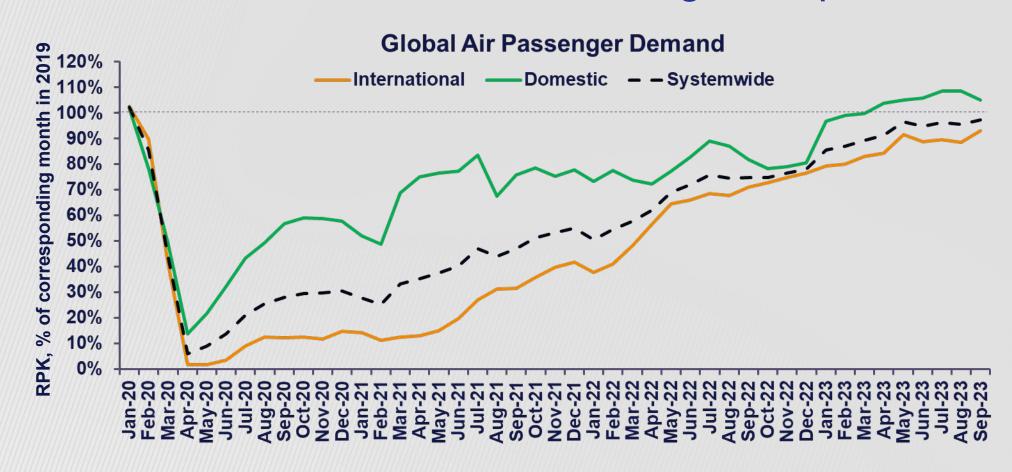
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Director General
Association of Asia Pacific Airlines

## Post-pandemic connectivity recovery nearly complete

Global Airport Pairs (Index Dec 2019 = 100)



# Domestic demand has surpassed pre-pandemic levels International markets on solid growth path



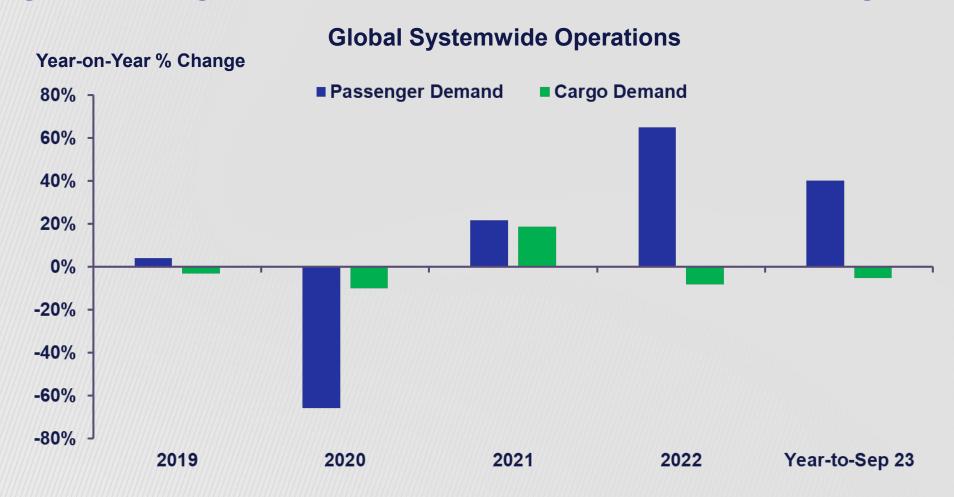
### **Asia Pacific GDP Growth**



- 2023 is seeing a post-pandemic shift in spending from goods to services, in particular travel & tourism
- Asia Pacific economies' combined GDP growth is projected to strengthen to 4.6% this year, from 3.9% in 2022
- By comparison, global economic growth is expected to weaken to 3.0% this year, from 3.5% in 2022

Source: IMF

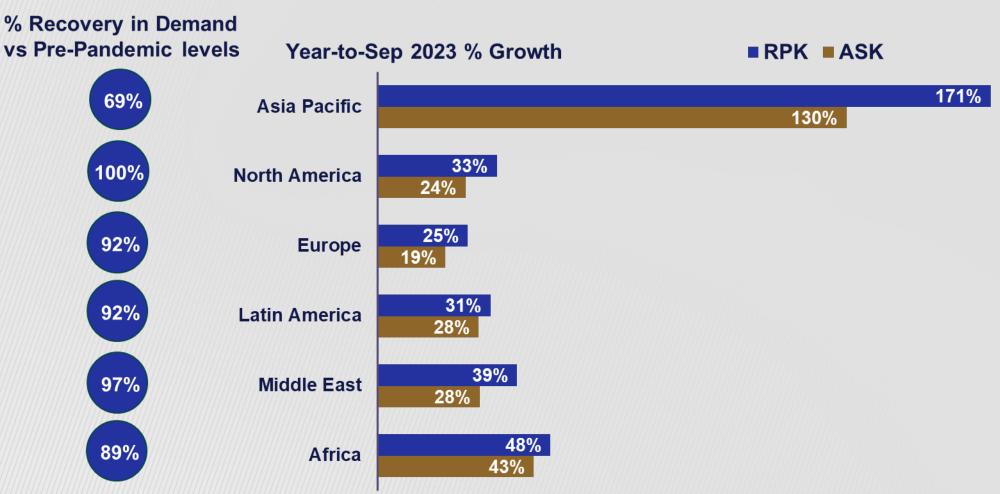
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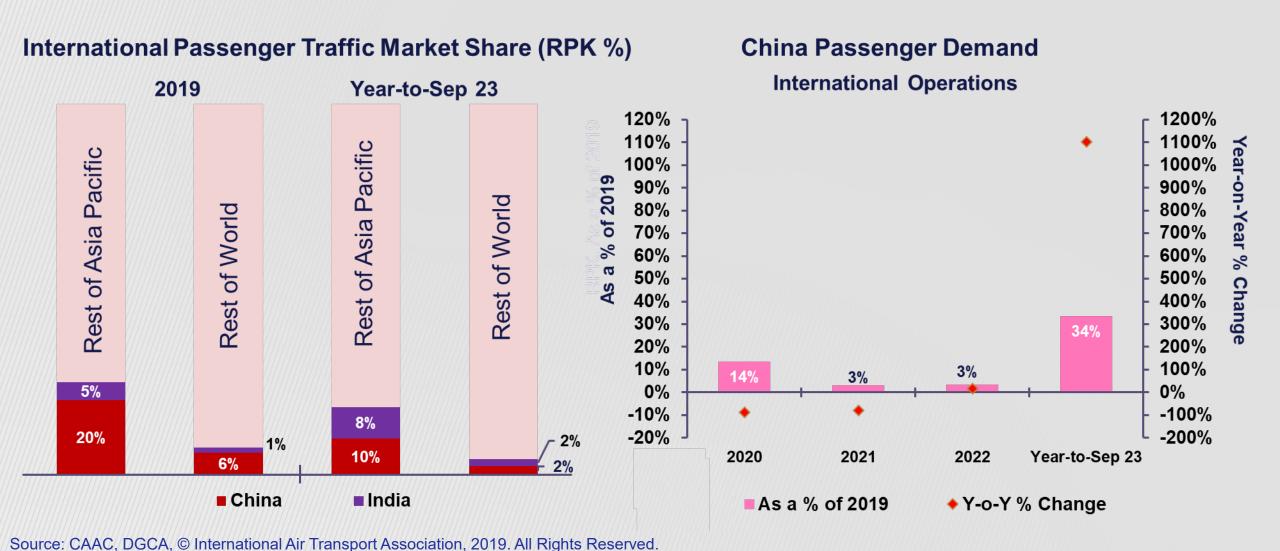


Global Air Passenger Demand, RPKs, Global Air Cargo Demand, FTKs Source: © International Air Transport Association, 2019. All Rights Reserved.

### Asia Pacific catching up with the rest of the world

#### **International Operations**





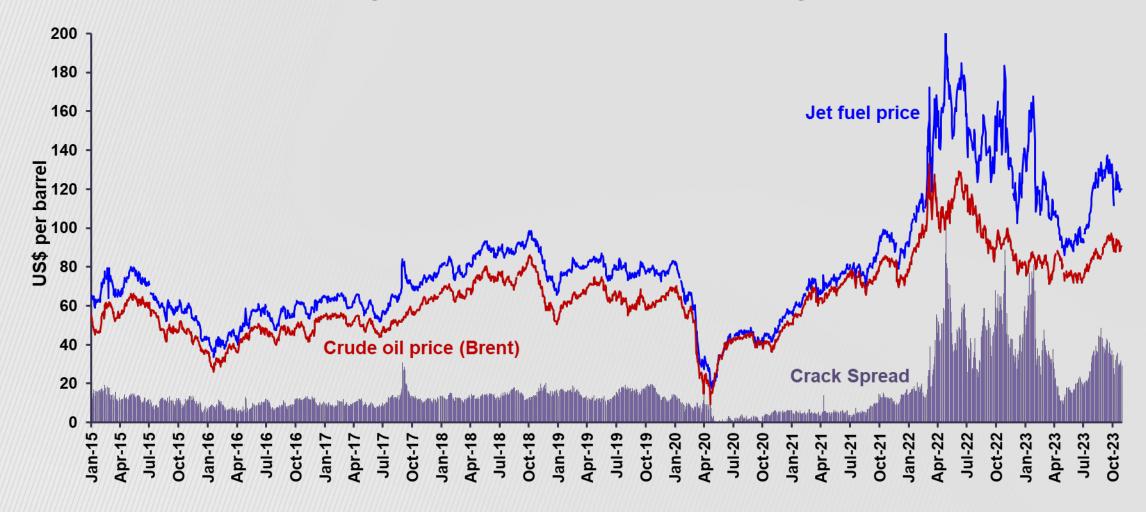
### Contribution of Travel & Tourism to Global GDP



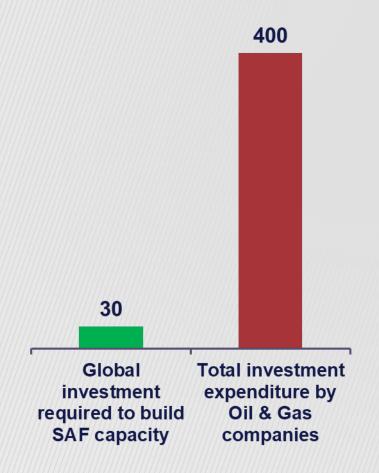
By 2033, the travel & tourism sector will employ 430 million people around the world, almost 12% of the working population

All values are in constant 2022 prices and exchange rates Source: WTTC

### Volatile fuel prices & high crack spread a challenge to airline cost control



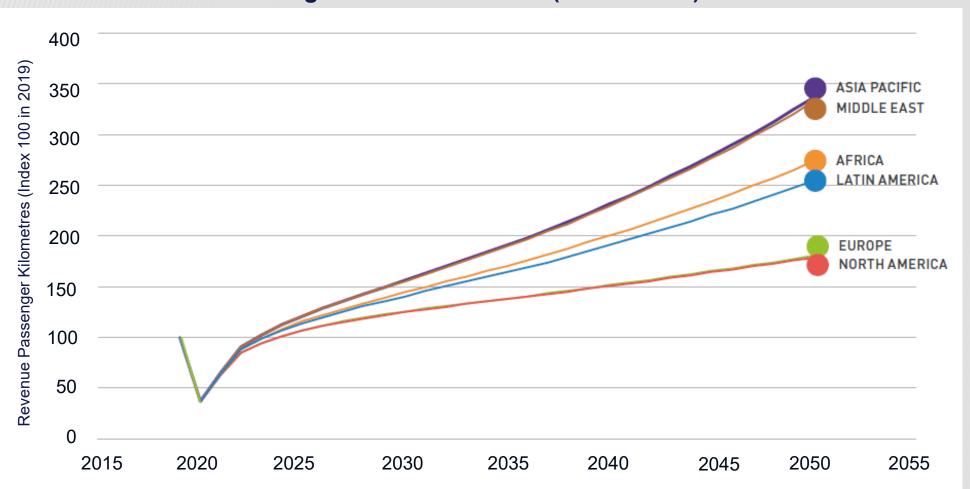
#### **Annual Investment, US\$ Billion**



- Investments in SAF infrastructure critical for future supply
- Global investment required to build sufficient SAF capacity represents just under 7.5% of annual investment expenditure of US\$400bn by the largest 100 oil & gas companies

# Future looks promising for Asia Pacific passenger markets

#### Regional RPK forecasts (2019 – 2050)



Source: ATAG

