

ASX Release

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Sydney Airport Traffic Performance August 2012

Pax (‘000s) ¹	August 2012			Year to Date		
	Aug-12	Aug-11	Growth (%)	YTD-12	YTD-11	Growth (%)
Domestic	2,096	1,998	+4.9%	15,923	15,798	+0.8%
International ²	993	928	+7.0%	7,958	7,575	+5.1%
DOC ³	9	5	+58.8%	64	39	+63.9%
Total	3,097	2,932	+5.7%	23,945	23,412	+2.3%

¹ Contains estimates with any adjustments to preliminary statistics to be included in the year to date results in future months.

² International excludes Domestic-On-Carriage.

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Sydney Airport achieved its best August on record for passenger numbers.

CEO Kerrie Mather said “International traffic through Sydney Airport grew by 7.0% during August, driven by double-digit growth in Singaporean, Malaysian, Indonesian, Chinese and Indian nationals arriving in Sydney. In addition, Australian outbound grew 4.4% driven by increased travel to destinations such as the USA, Middle East and South-East Asia. Capacity is a key driver of passenger growth, and it is pleasing that Aerolineas Argentinas, China Eastern and Air Canada will add more seats to Australia’s premier gateway from December.

“The airport continued to benefit from the recovery in the domestic market with traffic growing by 4.9%. Pleasingly, this is the third consecutive month of growth in the domestic market. The four major airlines all grew seat capacity, however competition in the low cost segment has been the catalyst for passenger growth with Tiger and Jetstar providing the strongest contributions. Tiger now has three A320 aircraft based in Sydney and is offering an expanded schedule to Melbourne, Brisbane and the Gold Coast, while Jetstar continues to expand the offering on its leisure-focused network. QantasLink also announced it will commence a new, direct service to Gladstone in Queensland in 2013 and upgauge to larger aircraft on a number of regional routes.”

Key Points

- Total passenger traffic for August is estimated to have increased 5.7% on the pcp, with domestic traffic estimated to be up 4.9% on the pcp and international traffic (excluding domestic on-carriage) up 7.0% on the pcp.
- For international traffic, the major nationality markets that grew included Australia (+4%), Singapore (+96%), Malaysia (+92%), Indonesia (+68%), China (+17%), India (+10%), Germany (+8%), New Zealand (+5%), Japan (+4%) and the USA (+4%). The UK (-7%), France (-5%) and Korea (-2%) were the major nationality markets that declined.
- Aerolineas Argentinas will add one weekly A340 frequency to Buenos Aires, flying four times weekly from 3 December 2012.
- China Eastern will add two weekly A330 frequencies to Shanghai, flying nine times weekly from 15 December 2012.
- Air Canada will add three weekly B777-200LR frequencies to Vancouver between 16 December 2012 and 30 January 2013, flying 10 times weekly during the period.
- QantasLink will commence direct flights to Gladstone, flying eight weekly Dash 8-400 frequencies from 4 March 2013. The airline also announced that a number of Dubbo, Wagga, Port Macquarie and Albury frequencies will be operated with larger Dash 8-400 aircraft.

Last 12 Months Traffic Data

('000s)	2011	2011	2011	2011	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	Total	Total	Growth
	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep 11 - Aug 12	Sep 10 - Aug 11	%
Dom	2,005	2,057	2,042	2,030	1,968	1,849	2,070	1,999	1,949	1,884	2,109	2,096	24,057	24,258	-0.8%
Int	977	1,027	947	1,107	1,167	931	968	997	870	965	1,068	993	12,016	11,535	+4.2%
DOC	7	6	7	7	8	7	7	8	7	9	10	9	91	66	+37.4%
Total	2,989	3,090	2,996	3,144	3,142	2,787	3,044	3,004	2,826	2,858	3,186	3,097	36,164	35,859	+0.8%

All data is for arriving and departing passengers.

All data is taken from management accounts, is provisional and subject to revision.

All data has been rounded to the nearest thousand and in some instances the total may not be equal to the sum of the parts. Percentage changes have been calculated based on actual figures and not based on rounded balances.

Contains estimates with adjustments made to preliminary data in later months.

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