

# Media Release

## Passenger Traffic Posts Moderate Gains of 2% for the Month of July

**Montréal, 5 September 2013** – Growth rates have fallen across the world to more modest levels for the month of July as compared to previous months. While the Asia-Pacific region leads global growth in passenger traffic at +5.9% year-over-year, overall global growth is at +2.2%. The world's top 20 busiest airports in terms of passenger traffic achieved growth of 1.6% for the month of July, while the world's two busiest airports experienced declines in passenger traffic. Both Atlanta (ATL) and Beijing (PEK) observed a decline in passenger traffic by -3.2% and -2.7% respectively.

Air freight continues along its sluggish growth path with only a slight increase of +0.6% year-over-year for the month of July. As high as 70% of the world's top 20 air freight airports experienced a year-over-year decrease in freight traffic during the same month. However, the first ranked Hong Kong (HKG) and second ranked Memphis (MEM) still achieved growth of +1.9% and +6% respectively. Results were mixed across regions, with some regions such as Latin America-Caribbean (-3.9%) and Africa (-0.7%) recording overall declines, while the Middle East (+2.3%), Europe (1.5%), North America (+0.7%) and Asia-Pacific (+0.4%) posted modest gains.

ACI World's Economics Director Rafael Echevarne commented, "The overall retreat in domestic demand across the euro area and other advanced economies is revealed in the data with weaker growth in air transport demand resulting in a drop from annualized growth of 5% in 2011 to below 3% in 2013. With a high level of interdependence across markets, this slowdown has obvious repercussions on air transport in emerging economies. Many of Asia's biggest airports have already experienced a drop from the double digit growth rates in passenger traffic that had persisted over many months despite the downside risks. Similarly, the demand for shipments and freight by air remains in a fragile state in tandem with the outlook for a weak global economy."

<b>TABLE 1: SUMMARY WORLDWIDE TRAFFIC RESULTS, July 2013 (% CHANGE)</b>			
	<b>July 2013 over July 2012</b>	<b>Year to Date 2013</b>	<b>12-Month Rolling Year</b>
<i><b>PaxFlash</b></i>			
<b>International Passenger</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.6</b>
<b>Domestic Passenger</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>Total Passenger</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.7</b>
<i><b>FreightFlash</b></i>			
<b>International Freight</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(0.4)</b>	<b>(0.0)</b>
<b>Domestic Freight</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<b>Total Freight</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>(0.0)</b>	<b>0.2</b>

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**Notes for editors**

**1. Airports Council International (ACI), the only worldwide association of airports, has 580 member airport authorities, which operate over 1,650 airports in 179 countries. ACI's mission is to promote professional excellence in airport management and operations, and this mandate is carried out through the organization's multiple training opportunities, as well as the customer service benchmarking programme, a wide range of conferences, industry statistical products and best practice publications.**

**2. PaxFlash and FreightFlash statistics are based on a significant sample of airports that provide regular monthly reports to ACI. They represent approximately 60% of total passenger traffic and 70% of total freight traffic worldwide. Commentary, tables and charts are based on preliminary data submitted by participating airports and are therefore subject to change.**

**3. Regional results and trend graphics are provided on the following pages.**

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**TABLE 2: PaxFlash Summary – July 2013**

Regions	JULY 2013 (000s)	% YOY	YTD JULY 2013 (000s)	% YOY	YE thru JULY 2013 (000s)	% YOY
<b>International Passengers</b>						
AFR	6 543	(8.8)	41 108	4.7	73 140	7.1
ASP	42 615	7.2	281 959	7.7	471 209	7.2
EUR	104 688	2.2	555 611	3.0	963 461	2.8
LAC	7 955	4.0	52 363	2.7	85 809	2.3
MEA	11 366	1.7	76 468	10.4	128 474	10.9
NAM	17 759	4.0	104 701	3.6	175 583	3.9
<b>ACI TOTAL</b>	<b>190 925</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>1 112 210</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>1 897 676</b>	<b>4.6</b>
<b>Domestic Passengers</b>						
AFR	2 476	(8.4)	18 233	(2.8)	31 947	(3.2)
ASP	57 326	5.1	382 479	4.6	644 785	3.2
EUR	25 513	(0.4)	155 055	(2.6)	269 565	(3.1)
LAC	17 007	1.8	102 568	2.7	174 728	3.9
MEA						
NAM	87 610	(0.3)	556 720	0.3	948 742	0.4
<b>ACI TOTAL</b>	<b>189 932</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1 215 055</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>2 069 766</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>Total Passengers</b>						
AFR	9 201	(7.9)	60 229	2.6	106 526	3.9
ASP	100 955	5.9	671 574	5.8	1 128 250	4.8
EUR	130 597	1.7	712 951	1.7	1 237 091	1.4
LAC	25 714	2.1	159 833	2.4	269 000	3.1
MEA	11 772	1.6	79 321	10.0	133 198	10.3
NAM	105 717	0.7	662 636	0.9	1 126 911	0.9
<b>ACI TOTAL</b>	<b>383 956</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2 346 545</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>4 000 977</b>	<b>2.7</b>

**Traffic table definitions:**
**PASSENGER TRAFFIC:** departing + arriving passengers (000s)

**INTERNATIONAL:** traffic performed between the designated airport and an airport in another country/territory

**DOMESTIC:** traffic performed between two airports located in the same country/territory

**TOTAL:** international + domestic passengers + direct transit passengers counted once (when breakdown is available)

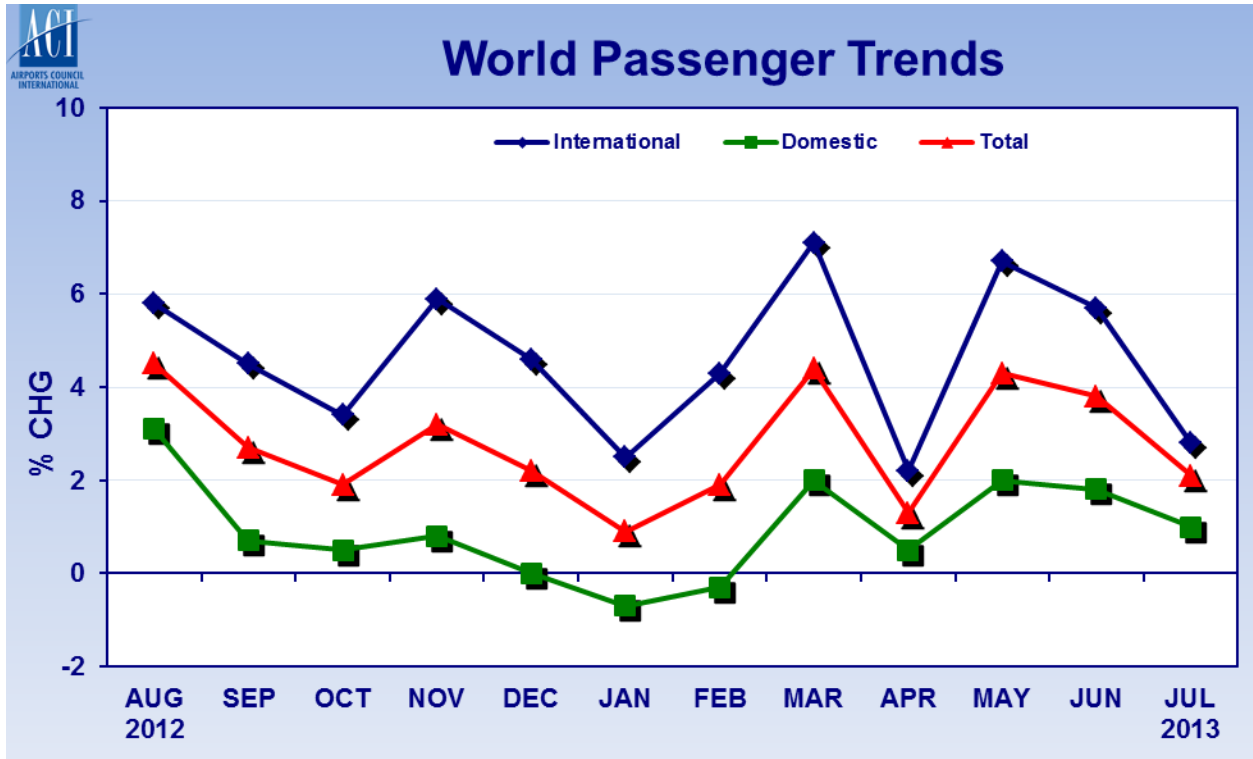
*Regional summaries and totals are calculated from a representative sample. The values in 000s do not represent the entire global coverage of airports.*
**YOY** Year over year same month comparison

**YTD** Year to date, starting January 2013 to July 2013, compared to same period previous year

**YE** Year end, based on rolling 12 month period, compared to same prior 12 month period

AFR – Africa	EUR – Europe	MEA – Middle East
ASP – Asia Pacific (including India)	LAC – Latin America and Caribbean	NAM – North America

## Passenger Traffic Growth Trends



*Month by month comparison with same month previous year*

**TABLE 3: FreightFlash Summary – July 2013**

Regions	JULY 2013	% YOY	YTD JULY 2013	% YOY	YE thru JULY 2013	% YOY
<b>International Freight</b>						
AFR	39.0	(2.8)	254.5	(3.0)	452.9	(1.5)
ASP	1 707.0	(0.1)	11 427.9	(1.6)	19 968.8	(0.5)
EUR	1 211.4	1.5	8 087.3	(0.6)	13 956.6	(1.3)
LAC	156.0	(5.0)	1 093.8	(2.1)	1 948.3	(1.7)
MEA	367.0	2.3	2 436.9	5.5	4 135.2	4.1
NAM	605.4	(2.3)	4 172.1	0.7	7 278.2	2.1
<b>ACI TOTAL</b>	<b>4 085.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>27 472.6</b>	<b>(0.4)</b>	<b>47 739.9</b>	<b>(0.0)</b>
<b>Domestic Freight</b>						
AFR	3.7	20.8	19.7	(14.1)	27.8	(12.4)
ASP	530.2	1.9	3 611.8	2.7	6 437.9	2.7
EUR	57.3	1.0	369.2	(1.7)	645.5	(1.8)
LAC	56.9	(0.5)	404.4	1.2	744.3	3.9
MEA						
NAM	1 009.1	2.6	7 237.6	0.2	12 678.3	(0.1)
<b>ACI TOTAL</b>	<b>1 657.1</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>11 642.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>20 533.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<b>Total Freight</b>						
AFR	47.9	(0.7)	314.4	(2.8)	550.3	(1.6)
ASP	2 237.2	0.4	15 054.0	(0.6)	26 429.0	0.3
EUR	1 274.1	1.5	8 509.3	(0.7)	14 732.3	(1.2)
LAC	212.9	(3.9)	1 498.3	(1.3)	2 692.6	(0.3)
MEA	367.1	2.3	2 437.8	5.5	4 136.6	4.1
NAM	1 649.2	0.7	11 635.4	0.4	20 348.7	0.6
<b>ACI TOTAL</b>	<b>5 788.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>39 449.2</b>	<b>(0.0)</b>	<b>68 889.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>

**Traffic table definitions:**

**FREIGHT TRAFFIC:** loaded and unloaded freight; data in metric tonnes

**INTERNATIONAL:** traffic performed between the designated airport and an airport in another country/territory

**DOMESTIC:** traffic performed between two airports located in the same country/territory

**TOTAL:** international + domestic freight (when breakdown is available)

**Note:** No domestic freight traffic is reported by airports in the Middle East region.

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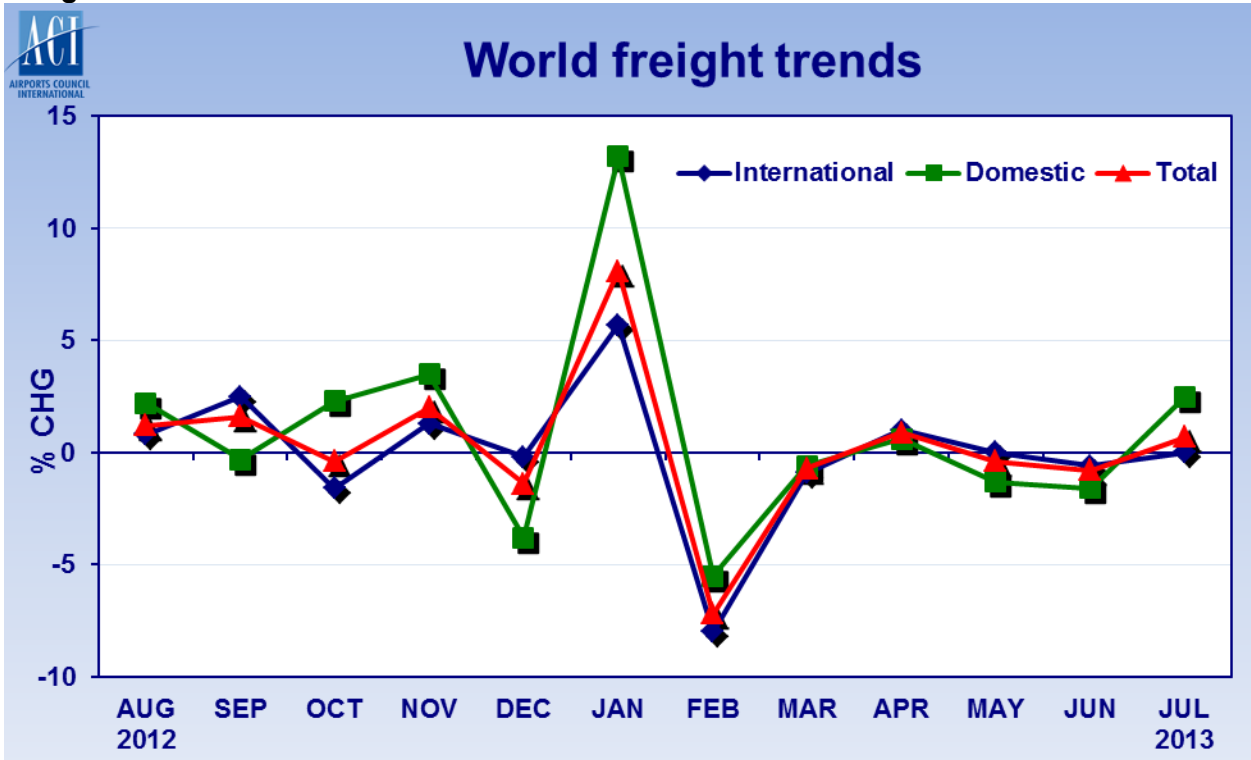
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## Freight Traffic Growth Trends



*Month by month comparison with same month previous year*

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