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## Sydney Airport Traffic Performance August 2015

Pax (‘000s) <sup>1</sup>	Monthly performance			Year to date performance		
	Aug-15	Aug-14	Growth (%)	YTD-15	YTD-14	Growth (%)
Domestic	2,150	2,132	+0.8%	16,822	16,512	+1.9%
International <sup>2</sup>	1,106	1,070	+3.4%	8,896	8,613	+3.3%
Total	3,256	3,202	+1.7%	25,717	25,125	+2.4%

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

<sup>2</sup> International includes Domestic-On-Carriage due to immateriality.

Sydney Airport managing director and chief executive officer Kerrie Mather said, “Passenger numbers have strengthened at Sydney Airport in August increasing 1.7% over the prior corresponding period (pcp). Load factor increases in international markets and seat capacity increases domestically, highlight continued underlying demand for air travel.

“International passengers grew 3.4% on the pcp as a result of a 3.1 percentage point increase in load factors. Foreign nationalities grew 4.1% above the pcp, with China (+14.1%), Singapore (+12.2%), India (+11.9%) and Hong Kong (+10.2%) as the top performing nationality markets during the month.

“Australian outbound grew strongly at 3.1% above the pcp, with the Philippines (+58.2%), Indonesia (+7.6%), UAE (+7.3%), New Zealand (+5.6%) and USA (2.7%) experiencing the highest growth from Australian visitors.

“Domestic passengers grew 0.8% on the pcp as a result of a 2.9% increase in seat capacity. Both the Qantas and Virgin groups added seats compared to the pcp.

“This month, Qantas announced it would add an additional four weekly return flights from Sydney to Hong Kong on its refurbished A330s from late October, in addition to the current daily B747 service. This service will add over 110,000 seats per annum. China Southern announced the expansion of its service from Sydney to Guangzhou, with this third daily operation contributing 209,000 seats annually. The expanded service will launch 11 December and operate year round.”

## Key Points

- Average international load factors improved by 3.1 percentage points and remained flat for domestic markets.
- Indonesia AirAsiaX will commence 17 October serving Sydney – Denpasar five times weekly with an A330-300, adding nearly 200,000 seats per annum.
- The ACCC approved the alliance between Qantas and China Eastern, facilitating additional frequencies and destinations between Australia and China, with growth of 21 per cent over the next five years.

## Top 10 Nationalities Travelling Through Sydney Airport

Rank	Nationality	Aug-15	YTD-15	Rank	Nationality	Aug-15	YTD-15
1	Australia	+3.1%	+2.4%	6	Korea	-4.9%	+3.3%
2	New Zealand	+5.8%	+1.3%	7	Japan	-8.0%	-5.0%
3	China	+14.1%	+16.0%	8	India	+11.9%	+16.7%
4	UK	+3.9%	-1.0%	9	Malaysia	-0.0%	-0.3%
5	USA	+4.9%	+5.0%	10	Germany	-4.1%	-3.4%

## Last 12 Months Traffic Data

('000s)													Total	Total	Growth
	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-14-Aug-15	Sep-13-Aug-14	%
Dom	2,130	2,350	2,174	2,185	2,090	1,948	2,204	2,119	2,049	1,983	2,279	2,150	25,661	25,204	+1.8%
Int	1,078	1,119	1,073	1,264	1,308	1,046	1,123	1,086	995	1,047	1,185	1,106	13,431	13,101	+2.5%
Total	3,209	3,469	3,247	3,449	3,399	2,994	3,327	3,205	3,044	3,030	3,464	3,256	39,091	38,304	+2.1%

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 figure.

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