

20 October 2015

## Sydney Airport Traffic Performance September 2015

Pax (‘000s) <sup>1</sup>	Monthly performance			Year to date performance		
	Sep-15	Sep-14	Growth (%)	YTD-15	YTD-14	Growth (%)
Domestic	2,201	2,131	+3.3%	19,022	18,642	+2.0%
International <sup>2</sup>	1,135	1,079	+5.2%	10,030	9,692	+3.5%
Total	3,335	3,209	+3.9%	29,053	28,334	+2.5%

<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 CEO Kerrie Mather said, “Sydney Airport passenger traffic continued to perform strongly during September, with international and domestic passengers growing 5.2% and 3.3% respectively, compared to the prior corresponding period (pcp). The international result was primarily driven by a 3.8 percentage point improvement in load factors, while the domestic result was underpinned by a 2.2% increase in seat capacity.

“Foreign nationality demand (+7.1%) contributed to international passenger growth, with Chinese (+13.5%), USA (+8.9%) and Philippine (+48.5%) nationalities performing well. Australian outbound also grew strongly (+4.5%), as a result of increased demand over the school holiday period. The Philippines (+33.8%), Chile (+21.0%), UAE (+12.6%) and USA (+8.4%) were amongst the fastest growing destinations for Australian travellers.

“Domestic passengers grew 3.3% on the pcp as a result of a 2.2% increase in seat capacity and 0.8 percentage point increase in load factors. All four domestic airlines added seats compared to the pcp.

“This month we were delighted to announce Qatar Airways will commence services to Sydney from 1 March 2016. Qatar Airways will serve Sydney – Doha daily on a 335 seat B777-300ER, adding 245,000 seats annually. This new service announcement came as a result of the recent increase in the bilateral Air Service Agreement by seven additional weekly frequencies. Qatar Airways is one of the fastest growing airlines in the world and as Skytrax’s 2015 Airline of the year, they will undoubtedly provide passengers with a quality product and connectivity to a wide range of destinations around the world.”

## Key Points

- Average international and domestic load factors improved by 3.8 and 0.8 percentage points respectively.
- Indonesia AirAsia X's inaugural launch occurred on 17 October, commencing services between Sydney and Denpasar five times weekly with a 377 seat A330-300. Indonesia AirAsia X CEO Dendy Kurniawan said "Our inaugural flight from Sydney to Bali recorded an impressive load factor of over 80%. We are confident that demand on this route will continue to be robust."
- Qantas announced it will commence seasonal services between Sydney and Bali as a result of increasing Australian demand. This will increase the Qantas group frequencies between Sydney and Bali by approximately 50% over December and January.

## Top 10 Nationalities Travelling Through Sydney Airport

Rank	Nationality	Sep-15	YTD-15	Rank	Nationality	Sep-15	YTD-15
1	Australia	+4.5%	+2.7%	6	Korea	-4.0%	+2.6%
2	New Zealand	+1.3%	+1.3%	7	Japan	-0.4%	-4.5%
3	China	+13.5%	+15.8%	8	India	+11.2%	+16.1%
4	UK	+1.9%	-0.8%	9	Malaysia	+22.0%	+2.2%
5	USA	+8.9%	+5.4%	10	Germany	-3.6%	-3.4%

## Last 12 Months Traffic Data

('000s)													Total	Total	Growth
	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-14-Sep-15	Oct-13-Sep-14	%
Dom	2,350	2,174	2,185	2,090	1,948	2,204	2,119	2,049	1,983	2,279	2,150	2,201	25,731	25,246	+1.9%
Int	1,119	1,073	1,264	1,308	1,046	1,123	1,086	995	1,047	1,185	1,106	1,135	13,487	13,087	+3.1%
Total	3,469	3,247	3,449	3,399	2,994	3,327	3,205	3,044	3,030	3,464	3,256	3,335	39,218	38,333	+2.3%

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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