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Sydney Airport Traffic Performance September 2013

Pax ('000s)[1]	September 2013			Year to Date		
	Sep-13	Sep-12	Growth (%)	YTD-13	YTD-12	Growth (%)
Domestic	2,110	2,117	-0.3%	18,457	18,040	+2.3%
International[2]	1,086	1,048	+3.7%	9,374	9,006	+4.1%
DOC[3]	5	11	-50.8%	52	75	-29.8%
Total	3,201	3,175	+0.8%	27,883	27,120	+2.8%

[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.
[3] Domestic-On-Carriage.

CEO Kerrie Mather said, "Solid international passenger growth of 3.7% on the prior corresponding period (pcp) was offset by flat domestic growth this month, resulting in total traffic growth of 0.8%. Year to date Sydney Airport has welcomed nearly 28 million passengers representing 3.7% growth on the pcp.

"Our international result this month was driven primarily by an increase in seat capacity and ongoing strong growth from our key Asian markets. We were particularly pleased with the Indian market performance (+18%) driven by the first full month of Air India's operation of direct services serving Delhi. In fact, six of our Asian nationality markets delivered double digit growth this month, with the strongest market being Greater China, with 28% from Mainland China, 27% from Taiwan and 23% from Hong Kong. These growth rates are particularly pleasing given a number of airlines suffered interruptions due to Typhoon Usagi."

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Key Points

- Total passenger traffic for September is estimated to have increased 0.8% on the pcp, with domestic traffic estimated to have reduced 0.3% on the pcp and international traffic (excluding domestic on-carriage) up 3.7% on the pcp.
- For international traffic, the major nationality markets that grew included Australia (+3%), China (+28%), Taiwan (+27%), Hong Kong (+23%), Korea (+21%), India (+18%), Malaysia (+11%), France (+2%) and UK (+2%). Singapore (-11%), Japan (-5%) and Germany (-5%) were the major nationality markets that declined during September.
- Tigerair announced the commencement of transcontinental frequencies from Sydney to Perth in the lead up to Christmas. The service will operate up to 6 times weekly on an A320 aircraft from 19 December.
- Qantas announced plans to increase capacity on the Sydney-Hong Kong route from 4 November 2013. This will increase the number of A380 return services on this route from four to five per week and will boost capacity by around five per cent after an earlier increase this year. Qantas has also announced further upgauges to their A380 capacity over the Chinese New Year period on the Sydney-Hong Kong route and through January on the Sydney-Los Angeles route.

Last 12 Months Traffic Data

('000s)	2012 Oct	2012 Nov	2012 Dec	2013 Jan	2013 Feb	2013 Mar	2013 Apr	2013 May	2013 Jun	2013 Jul	2013 Aug	2013 Sep	Total Oct 12 - Sep 13	Total Oct 11 - Sep 12	Growth %
Dom	2,218	2,184	2,127	2,065	1,882	2,117	2,073	1,980	1,930	2,183	2,117	2,110	24,986	24,168	+3.4%
Int	1,063	1,010	1,171	1,189	960	1,026	1,016	921	1,000	1,127	1,048	1,086	12,618	12,087	+4.4%
DOC	9	8	8	7	7	7	6	5	4	6	4	5	78	95	-18.0%
Total	3,290	3,203	3,307	3,261	2,849	3,150	3,095	2,906	2,935	3,316	3,170	3,201	37,683	36,350	+3.7%

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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