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Sydney Airport Traffic Performance March 2018

Pax ¹ (‘000s)	Monthly performance			Year to date performance		
	Mar-18	Mar-17	Growth (%)	YTD-18	YTD-17	Growth (%)
Domestic	2,414	2,332	+3.5%	6,842	6,651	+2.9%
International ²	1,371	1,234	+11.1%	4,273	4,023	+6.2%
Total	3,785	3,567	+6.1%	11,115	10,674	+4.1%

Sydney Airport CEO Geoff Culbert said, “Sydney Airport experienced exceptional international passenger traffic growth of 11.1% during the March holiday period. This was contributed to in part by an earlier Easter holiday period for 2018 compared to 2017. During this period, we had capacity growth of 7.5% (more than 120,000 additional seats) and a 2.3 percentage point increase in average load factors above the prior corresponding period (pcp).

“The nationalities which had the greatest contribution to our international performance over the March holiday season were Indian (+28.2%), Chinese (+19.9%), South Korean (+15.2%) and the USA (+14.3%). This is a pleasing performance from some of our largest markets and is a direct result of increasing seat capacity.

“Domestic growth was a robust 3.5% for March compared to the pcp, driven by a 1.4 percentage point improvement in load factors and a 1.7% increase in capacity.

“We were delighted that during the month, Skytrax named Sydney Airport as the top airport in the Australia/Pacific region by customers participating in one of the largest global customer satisfaction surveys. The Skytrax World Airport Awards assess customer service and facilities across 550 airports and are based on more than 13.7 million survey questionnaires completed by travellers of more than 100 nationalities. This level of global recognition is testimony to the work the team has undertaken to improve the customer experience at Sydney Airport.”

¹ Due to data availability, all international passenger numbers (including prior corresponding period comparisons) are based on Confirmed Airline Passenger (CAP) data. As per previous information releases, these figures may contain estimates with any adjustments to preliminary statistics included in the year to date results in future months.

² Includes Domestic-On-Carriage.

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Key Points

- **Emirates** commenced its fourth daily Sydney - Dubai service on 26 March. The new service is scheduled during off-peak and will be operated periodically on an A380 and 777-300ER. The additional service is expected to deliver an incremental ~300,000 seats on the route annually.
- **Air India** announced increased frequency on its previously four per week Delhi-Sydney service on their 787-800 Dreamliner to a five per week operation, which commenced on 30 March. The additional frequency delivers an incremental 14,000 seats annually.
- **Virgin** announced a new daily A330-200 service to Hong Kong, delivering an additional 200,000 seats annually. They have also announced significant additional capacity on the trans-tasman route including launching new services to Wellington.
- **Air New Zealand** announced significant additional seats trans-tasman, predominantly to Auckland. The net result of the additional Virgin and Air New Zealand capacity is approximately 300,000 seats annually.

Top 10 Nationalities Travelling Through Sydney Airport

Rank	Nationality	Mar-18	YTD-18	Rank	Nationality	Mar-18	YTD-18
1	Australia	8.9%	4.2%	6	South Korea	15.2%	9.6%
2	China (Including special administrative regions)	19.9%	5.9%	7	Japan	1.7%	1.5%
3	United States of America	14.3%	12.2%	8	India	28.2%	19.5%
4	New Zealand	2.3%	-0.6%	9	Canada	7.6%	9.5%
5	United Kingdom	3.9%	4.8%	10	Germany	0.2%	-0.8%

Last 12 Months Traffic Data

('000s)	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Total Apr-17-Mar-18	Total Apr-16-Mar-17	Growth %
Dom.	2,244	2,187	2,130	2,383	2,253	2,270	2,445	2,410	2,378	2,289	2,139	2,414	27,544	26,943	+2.2%
Int.	1,341	1,153	1,230	1,414	1,286	1,317	1,348	1,306	1,554	1,589	1,313	1,371	16,222	15,115	+7.3%
Total	3,585	3,340	3,360	3,797	3,539	3,587	3,793	3,717	3,933	3,878	3,452	3,785	43,765	42,058	+4.1%

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 figures.

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