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Sydney Airport Traffic Performance December 2018

Pax ¹ (‘000s)	Monthly performance			Year to date performance		
	Dec-18	Dec -17	Growth (%)	YTD-18	YTD-17	Growth (%)
Domestic	2,318	2,378	-2.6%	27,673	27,353	+1.2%
International ²	1,611	1,553	+3.7%	16,716	15,972	+4.7%
Total	3,928	3,932	-0.1%	44,389	43,325	+2.5%

Sydney Airport CEO Geoff Culbert said, “2018 was another record year for Sydney Airport with 44.4 million passengers travelling through our three terminals, an increase of 2.5% compared to 2017. Our strong growth has been underpinned by international capacity increases representing 1.2 million additional seats. Passenger growth on domestic sectors last year was driven by increased load factors on stable capacity.

“International passenger traffic in December increased 3.7% compared to the prior corresponding period helping offset a decline in domestic traffic growth. Cancellations due to storms and adverse weather activity impacted the domestic passenger movements for the month.

“Sydney’s fastest growing foreign nationalities in December align with the full year growth trends with American (13.1% Dec, 9.4% 2018), Japanese (10.7% Dec, 7.4% 2018), and Indian (9.8% Dec, 13.8% 2018) visitors, consistently strong throughout the year.”

Key Point

- China Eastern Airlines upgauge their A330-200 aircraft on the Shanghai-Sydney route to an A350-900 from 1 April 2019. The new product is configured with 288 seats and this upgauge is expected to add almost 41,000 seats annually to the Sydney-Shanghai Pudong route.

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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Top 10 Nationalities Travelling Through Sydney Airport

Rank	Nationality	Dec-18	YTD-18	Rank	Nationality	Dec-18	YTD-18
1	Australia	3.3%	4.0%	6	South Korea	-3.9%	0.7%
2	China (Including Hong Kong)	4.2%	4.5%	7	India	9.8%	13.8%
3	New Zealand	4.4%	1.1%	8	Japan	10.7%	7.4%
4	United States of America	13.1%	9.4%	9	Malaysia	-11.6%	2.6%
5	United Kingdom	-5.2%	-0.2%	10	Indonesia	7.1%	5.8%

Last 12 Months Traffic Data

('000s)	Jan-18 Feb-18 Mar-18 Apr-18 May-18 Jun-18 Jul-18 Aug-18 Sep-18 Oct-18 Nov-18 Dec-18												Total	Total	Growth
	Jan-18- Dec-18	Jan-17- Dec-17	%												
Dom.	2,289	2,139	2,414	2,314	2,210	2,130	2,404	2,328	2,260	2,484	2,384	2,318	27,673	27,353	+1.2%
Int.	1,589	1,313	1,371	1,365	1,217	1,291	1,491	1,347	1,340	1,430	1,352	1,611	16,716	15,972	+4.7%
Total	3,879	3,452	3,785	3,679	3,427	3,421	3,895	3,675	3,600	3,914	3,736	3,928	44,389	43,325	+2.5%

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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