

Traffic snapshot

- The MAHB network of airports started the year on a positive note, registering 9.08million passenger movements in January 2023, an increase of 90.0% over January 2022 and a recovery of 81.3% against 2019 levels.
- International and domestic passenger movements registered 4.2million and 4.8million passengers respectively, at 78.0% and 84.5% recovery against 2019 levels.
- On a twelve-month basis, the MAHB network of airports registered 88.2million passengers, an increase of almost 2 folds over the same corresponding period a year ago.
- It is encouraging to note that January 2023 passenger movements for Malaysia remained above the 6million mark (6.3million passengers) that was first recorded in December 2022, reaching 74.7% of pre-pandemic levels.
- International passenger movements fared equally well with 2.8million passenger movements recorded, the same levels seen in December 2022. This also translates into a recovery of 62.5% against 2019 levels, partly driven by China's reopening of international borders from 8 January 2023, the resumption of Qatar Airways flight frequencies, Chinese New Year holidays and other airlines additional frequencies.
- On the other hand, 3.5million domestic passenger movements were recorded, driven by the festive season, MYAirline flight expansions to more domestic destinations and AirAsia additional frequencies.
- Istanbul SGIA recorded 2.8million passenger movements in January 2023, an increase of 39.2% over January 2022 or 1.2% growth over January 2019. International and domestic passenger movements registered 1.5million and 1.4million passengers respectively.

Passenger movements ('000) snapshot, January 2023

| Total | 2023 Janua | 2022 ry | % YOY | 2023 ¹LTM | 2022 I | %YOY |
|----------------------------|---------------|------------|----------|--------------|-----------|----------|
| KLIA | 3,508 | 1,040 | 237.2% | 27,859 | 4,792 | 481.4% |
| International | 2,360 | 267 | 785.3% | 16,359 | 1,500 | 990.9% |
| ASEAN | 1,172 | 106 | 1001.5% | 8,562 | 585 | 1362.8% |
| Non-ASEAN | 1,188 | 160 | 641.7% | 7,797 | 914 | 752.8% |
| Domestic | 1,148 | 774 | 48.4% | 11,500 | 3,292 | 249.3% |
| MASB Airports | 2,746 | 1,710 | 60.6% | 28,343 | 7,937 | 257.1% |
| International | 419 | 5 | 7602.4% | 2,668 | 38 | 6907.2% |
| ASEAN | 340 | 5 | 6456.5% | 2,437 | 36 | 6698.5% |
| Non-ASEAN | 80 | 0.3 | 30259.2% | 231 | 2 | 10265.4% |
| Domestic | 2,327 | 1,704 | 36.5% | 25,675 | 7,899 | 225.0% |
| Total MAHB | 6,255 | 2,750 | 127.4% | 56,201 | 12,729 | 341.5% |
| Istanbul SGIA ² | 2,827 | 2,031 | 39.2% | 31,976 | 26,066 | 22.7% |
| Total MAHB System | 9,082 | 4,781 | 90.0% | 88,177 | 38,795 | 127.3% |

| International | 2023 | 2022 | | 2023 | 2022 | |
|-------------------|-------|-------|----------|--------|--------|----------|
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| Total KLIA & MASB | 2,780 | 272 | 921.7% | 19,027 | 1,538 | 1137.3% |
| ASEAN | 1,512 | 112 | 1254.8% | 10,999 | 621 | 1670.7% |
| Non-ASEAN | 1,268 | 160 | 690.1% | 8,028 | 917 | 775.9% |
| Istanbul SGIA | 1,458 | 1,000 | 45.7% | 16,169 | 9,555 | 69.2% |
| Total MAHB System | 4,238 | 1,272 | 233.0% | 35,196 | 11,093 | 217.3% |

| Domestic | 2023 | 2022 | | 2023 | 2022 | |
|-------------------|-------|---------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Janu | January | | ¹LTM | | %YOY |
| KLIA | 1,148 | 774 | 48.4% | 11,500 | 3,292 | 249.3% |
| MASB Airports | 2,327 | 1,704 | 36.5% | 25,675 | 7,899 | 225.0% |
| Total | 3,475 | 2,478 | 40.2% | 37,174 | 11,191 | 232.2% |
| Istanbul SGIA | 1,370 | 1,031 | 32.9% | 15,807 | 16,511 | -4.3% |
| Total MAHB System | 4,845 | 3,509 | 38.1% | 52,981 | 27,702 | 91.3% |

^{*}January is preliminary, where main variations if any lie largely from the non-scheduled or charter flights at domestic airports

KLIA Main & klia2 passenger movements ('000) snapshot, January 2023

| Airport | 2023 | 2022 | | 2023 | 2022 | |
|-----------------|-------|------|----------|--------|-------|---------|
| ım port | Jan | uary | % YOY | ¹LTM | | %YOY |
| KLIA Main Total | 1,789 | 495 | 261.2% | 14,619 | 2,526 | 478.8% |
| International | 1,405 | 233 | 503.1% | 10,248 | 1,297 | 689.8% |
| ASEAN | 474 | 75 | 535.3% | 3,659 | 397 | 821.0% |
| Non-ASEAN | 931 | 158 | 487.9% | 6,588 | 900 | 631.9% |
| Domestic | 384 | 262 | 46.5% | 4,371 | 1,228 | 255.9% |
| klia2 Total | 1,719 | 545 | 215.4% | 13,240 | 2,266 | 484.3% |
| International | 955 | 34 | 2738.6% | 6,111 | 202 | 2923.0% |
| ASEAN | 698 | 32 | 2099.2% | 4,903 | 188 | 2507.8% |
| Non-ASEAN | 258 | 2 | 13197.8% | 1,209 | 14 | 8434.7% |
| Domestic | 764 | 511 | 49.3% | 7,128 | 2,064 | 245.4% |

^{**}MASB Airports refers to the 38 Malaysian airports other than KLIA/KUL operated by Malaysia Airports Sdn Bhd.
²Istanbul SGIA is Istanbul Sabiha Gokcen International Airport with the SAW three-letter International Air Transport Association (IATA) code

Aircraft movements snapshot, January 2023

| Total | 2023 | 2022 | | 2023 | 2022 | |
|-------------------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| 10001 | January | | % YOY | LTM | | %YOY |
| KLIA | 24,113 | 11,868 | 103.2% | 210,556 | 80,481 | 161.6% |
| MASB Airports | 31,338 | 26,240 | 19.4% | 356,110 | 175,860 | 102.5% |
| Total | 55,451 | 38,108 | 45.5% | 566,666 | 256,341 | 121.1% |
| Istanbul SGIA | 17,215 | 14,790 | 16.4% | 197,813 | 181,854 | 8.8% |
| Total MAHB System | 72,666 | 52,898 | 37.4% | 764,479 | 438,195 | 74.5% |

| International | 2023 | 2022 | | 2023 | 2022 | |
|--------------------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| 111101111111011111 | January | 7 | % YOY | LTM | | %YOY |
| KLIA | 15,504 | 5,007 | 209.6% | 121,336 | 46,554 | 160.6% |
| MASB Airports | 4,289 | 1,310 | 227.4% | 35,238 | 13,077 | 169.5% |
| Total | 19,793 | 6,317 | 213.3% | 156,574 | 59,631 | 162.6% |
| Istanbul SGIA | 9,033 | 7,760 | 16.4% | 101,912 | 71,823 | 41.9% |
| Total MAHB System | 28,826 | 14,077 | 104.8% | 258,486 | 131,454 | 96.6% |

| Domestic | 2023 | 2022 | | 2023 | 2022 | |
|-------------------|---------|--------|-------|---------|---------|--------|
| 2011100110 | January | | % YOY | LTM | | %YOY |
| KLIA | 8,609 | 6,861 | 25.5% | 89,220 | 33,927 | 163.0% |
| MASB Airports | 27,049 | 24,930 | 8.5% | 320,872 | 162,783 | 97.1% |
| Total | 35,658 | 31,791 | 12.2% | 410,092 | 196,710 | 108.5% |
| Istanbul SGIA | 8,182 | 7,030 | 16.4% | 95,901 | 110,031 | -12.8% |
| Total MAHB System | 43,840 | 38,821 | 12.9% | 505,993 | 306,741 | 65.0% |

Overview of traffic

It is encouraging to note that the MAHB network of airports' December 2022 peak recovery momentum continued in January 2023 with 9.08million passenger movements and reaching 81.3% of 2019 levels. Historically, pre-COVID and even in 2022 when the travel restrictions were still imposed in other countries, the highest traffic levels were usually recorded in the month of December. Correspondingly, international passenger movements remained above the 4million mark for the second consecutive month with 4.2million passengers in January 2023, reaching 78.0% of 2019 levels. On the other hand, domestic passenger movements were at 4.8million, moving closer to full recovery against pre-COVID levels.

Malaysia's traffic recovery trends continued to positively move towards normalisation with January 2023 surpassing 6million passengers, a level that was first recorded in December 2022 since the pandemic outbreak. Most of the airlines in January recorded more than 70% of average load factor with 16 airlines reaching a load factor between 80%-92%. The strong traffic growth in January 2023 was supported by the Chinese New Year holidays, the resumption of Qatar Airways operations after a temporary suspension during the FIFA World Cup, airlines' additional frequencies and the reopening of China international borders from 8 January 2023. A growth of 16.2%, or 5,907 additional seat capacity was recorded in January 2023 over December 2022 for the China sector (excluding Hong Kong and Macau). The quick response by airlines in adding more seat capacity on the same on month China reopened its international borders was a positive trend considering the short notice. February 2023 seat capacity filing continued to show improvements with a 5% growth against January 2023. The latest announcement in allowing group tour packages for Chinese citizens to 20 countries, including Malaysia, from 6 February 2023, provides greater optimism for the gradual return of China travellers this year. Meanwhile, domestic passenger movements continue to lead traffic recovery with 3.5million passenger movements recorded for January 2023, just 11.5% behind January 2019.

The new year also started on a positive note with the commencement of MYAirline daily flights to Tawau from KLIA Terminal 2. In addition, Batik Air Malaysia (formerly known as Malindo Air) also introduced new services from KLIA to Sapporo-Chitose and Osaka via Taipei with three times and four times weekly flights respectively. AirAsia X also introduced new services from Kuala Lumpur to Osaka with three times weekly frequencies from 20 January 2023.

Istanbul SGIA total and international passenger movements have recovered to 2019 levels in January 2023, recording 1.2% and 47.9% growth against January 2019. On the other hand, the domestic sector recorded 1.4million passenger movements reaching 75.8% of pre-2019 levels.

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