

Traffic Snapshot

- Passenger movements for the MAHB network of airports continued to show resilience, handling more than 10 million passengers in October 2023, despite the month of October being generally a low season month for travelling.
- International and domestic passenger movements registered 5.1 million and 5.0 million passengers, an increase of 40.3% and 7.0% respectively over the same month last year reaching more than 87% of pre-pandemic levels for both sectors.
- Over the first ten months of the year, MAHB's network handled 98.9 million passengers, reaching 84.7% over the same period in 2019, an indication that traffic continues to move at the right trajectory towards recovery.
- Airports in Malaysia recorded 6.8 million passengers, reaching 79.6% of 2019 levels, and an increase of 25.5% compared to October 2022, driven by additional 85 weekly flight frequencies from 48 local and foreign airlines.
- The international and domestic sector equally contributed 50% to total passenger movements, registering 3.4million passengers each, an increase of 60.8% and 3.0% over October 2022.
- Istanbul SGIA passenger movements continue to surpass 2019 levels since May 2023 with October 2023 recording 3.3 million passengers, a growth of 5.9% over October 2019. International passenger movements continue to surpass pre-pandemic levels at 133.1% with 1.7 million passengers, while the domestic passenger movements registered 1.6million passengers reaching 86.5%.

Passenger movements ('000) snapshot, October 2023

Total	2023 October	2022 October	% YOY	2023 Year- to-date	2022 Year- to-date	% YOY	2023 11 TM	2022 11 TM	% YOY
KLIA	4,056	2,839	42.9%	38,590	18,828	105.0%	45,162	20,882	116.3%
<i>International</i>	2,885	1,814	59.1%	26,266	9,870	166.1%	30,670	10,332	196.8%
<i>ASEAN</i>	1,372	988	38.9%	13,106	5,183	152.8%	15,426	5,376	187.0%
<i>Non-ASEAN</i>	1,514	826	83.3%	13,160	4,687	180.8%	15,244	4,956	207.6%
<i>Domestic</i>	1,171	1,025	14.2%	12,325	8,958	37.6%	14,492	10,550	37.4%
MASB Airports	2,773	2,603	6.5%	28,927	21,869	32.3%	34,369	25,257	36.1%
<i>International</i>	517	302	71.2%	4,892	1,528	220.2%	5,620	1,537	265.6%
<i>ASEAN</i>	386	285	35.2%	3,775	1,449	160.5%	4,430	1,458	203.9%
<i>Non-ASEAN</i>	131	16.6	688.5%	1,116	79	1317.7%	1,189	79	1401.3%
<i>Domestic</i>	2,256	2,301	-1.9%	24,035	20,341	18.2%	28,749	23,720	21.2%
Total MAHB	6,829	5,442	25.5%	67,518	40,697	65.9%	79,531	46,139	72.4%
Istanbul SGIA²	3,338	2,921	14.3%	31,424	25,790	21.8%	36,813	30,444	20.9%
Total MAHB System	10,168	8,363	21.6%	98,941	66,487	48.8%	116,344	76,583	51.9%

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Total KLIA & MASB	3,402	2,116	60.8%	31,158	11,398	173.4%	36,290	11,869	205.8%
ASEAN	1,758	1,273	38.1%	16,881	6,633	154.5%	19,856	6,834	190.6%
Non-ASEAN	1,645	842	95.2%	14,276	4,765	199.6%	16,433	5,035	226.4%
Istanbul SGIA	1,746	1,555	12.3%	16,340	12,832	27.3%	19,219	14,953	28.5%
Total MAHB System	5,148	3,671	40.3%	47,498	24,230	96.0%	55,509	26,822	107.0%

Domestic	2023 October	2022 October	% YOY	2023 Year- to-date	2022 Year- to-date	%YOY	2023 LTM	2022 LTM	%YOY
KLIA	1,171	1,025	14.2%	12,325	8,958	37.6%	14,492	10,550	37.4%
MASB Airports	2,256	2,301	-1.9%	24,035	20,341	18.2%	28,749	23,720	21.2%
Total	3,427	3,326	3.0%	36,360	29,299	24.1%	43,241	34,270	26.2%
Istanbul SGIA	1,592	1,366	16.6%	15,084	12,958	16.4%	17,594	15,491	13.6%
Total MAHB System	5,019	4,692	7.0%	51,444	42,257	21.7%	60,835	49,760	22.3%

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

**MASB Airports refers to the 38 Malaysian airports other than KLIA/KUL operated by Malaysia Airports Sdn Bhd.

†LTM refers to the last twelve months, up to and including the month in question

‡Istanbul SGIA is Istanbul Sabiha Gokcen International Airport with the SAW three-letter International Air Transport Association (IATA) code

KLIA Terminal 1 & Terminal 2 passenger movements ('000) snapshot , October 2023

Airport	2023 October	2022 October	% YOY	2023 Year- to-date	2022 Year- to-date	%YOY	2023 LTM	2022 LTM	%YOY
Terminal 1 Total	2,103	1,538	36.8%	18,998	9,761	94.6%	22,570	10,725	110.5%
International	1,633	1,116	46.3%	14,856	6,365	133.4%	17,575	6,766	159.8%
ASEAN	571	408	39.8%	5,301	2,249	135.7%	6,318	2,383	165.1%
Non-ASEAN	1,062	708	50.0%	9,555	4,116	132.1%	11,257	4,382	156.9%
Domestic	471	422	11.5%	4,142	3,396	22.0%	4,995	3,959	26.2%
Terminal 2 Total	1,953	1,301	50.1%	19,592	9,067	116.1%	22,591	10,157	122.4%
International	1,253	698	79.6%	11,410	3,505	225.5%	13,094	3,566	267.2%
ASEAN	801	580	38.2%	7,805	2,935	166.0%	9,107	2,992	204.4%
Non-ASEAN	452	118	283.2%	3,604	570	531.9%	3,987	574	594.8%
Domestic	700	603	16.0%	8,183	5,562	47.1%	9,497	6,591	44.1%

Aircraft movements snapshot, October 2023

Total	2023	2022	% YOY	2023	2022	%YOY	2023	2022	%YOY
	October			Year- to-date			LTM		
KLIA	27,752	19,931	39.2%	263,223	153,336	71.7%	308,189	176,709	74.4%
MASB Airports	28,844	30,557	-5.6%	307,447	288,216	6.7%	370,402	339,530	9.1%
Total	56,596	50,488	12.1%	570,670	441,552	29.2%	678,591	516,239	31.4%
Istanbul SGIA	19,360	17,523	10.5%	185,561	162,734	14.0%	218,215	194,880	12.0%
Total MAHB System	75,956	68,011	11.7%	756,231	604,286	25.1%	896,806	711,119	26.1%

International	2023	2022	% YOY	2023	2022	%YOY	2023	2022	%YOY
	October			Year- to-date			LTM		
KLIA	19,556	12,357	58.3%	175,217	81,682	114.5%	204,363	91,681	122.9%
MASB Airports	5,007	3,571	40.2%	47,335	24,284	94.9%	55,309	26,872	105.8%
Total	24,563	15,928	54.2%	222,552	105,966	110.0%	259,672	118,553	119.0%
Istanbul SGIA	10,176	9,377	8.5%	98,619	83,300	18.4%	115,958	98,253	18.0%
Total MAHB System	34,739	25,305	37.3%	321,171	189,266	69.7%	375,630	216,806	73.3%

Domestic	2023	2022	% YOY	2023	2022	%YOY	2023	2022	%YOY
	October			Year- to-date			LTM		
KLIA	8,196	7,574	8.2%	88,006	71,654	22.8%	103,826	85,028	22.1%
MASB Airports	23,837	26,986	-11.7%	260,112	263,932	-1.4%	315,093	312,658	0.8%
Total	32,033	34,560	-7.3%	348,118	335,586	3.7%	418,919	397,686	5.3%
Istanbul SGIA	9,184	8,146	12.7%	86,942	79,434	9.5%	102,257	96,627	5.8%
Total MAHB System	41,217	42,706	-3.5%	435,060	415,020	4.8%	521,176	494,313	5.4%

Overview of traffic

MAHB network of airports continued to show encouraging traffic numbers registering more than 10 million passenger movements, despite the off-peak season travel in the month of October. International passenger movements for the first time contributed more than 50% from the overall total passenger handled in October and, reaching 91.5% over pre-pandemic levels, the highest monthly traffic recovery registered to-date. Domestic passenger movements registered 5.0 million passengers, retaining more than 80% traffic recovery compared to pre-pandemic levels.

On the local front, passenger movements in Malaysia continued to show steady traffic recovery in tandem with the gradual increase in airlines seat capacity as airlines progressively overcome shortage in fleets due to challenges in supply chain, and MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul). International airlines seat capacity offered in October 2023 increased by 3.3%, which is higher compared to September 2023, bringing the international passenger movements to 3.4 million, a growth of 3.6% over September 2023. Encouragingly the average load factor increases month-on-month with 0.2 percentage points, indicating demand for air travel is growing positively. Northeast Asia, South Asia and Southeast Asia passenger movements increased between 2.2% to 12.2% compared to the previous month, with the highest growth recorded for the Northeast Asia region. Though the recovery of passenger movements from Northeast Asia has not fully returned, the Golden week particularly in China from 1 to 7 October 2023, recorded an increase of passenger movements by 33% compared to the first week of September 2023. It is also noteworthy that countries such as Japan, Pakistan, Taiwan and Turkey recorded the highest passenger movements for 2023 in October.

The increase in international passenger movements were also supported by new services from KLIA to Zhangjiajie Dayong with three weekly flights by Batik Air Malaysia, Kertajati, Indonesia daily flight services by Malaysia Airlines and daily service from Padang by Super Air Jet. Qatar Airways has resumed daily services from Doha-Phuket-Penang. Thai Airways International commenced a new daily service to Bangkok from Penang International Airport.

Domestic passenger movements registered a total of 3.4 million passengers, reaching 80.3% of pre-pandemic levels. The average load factor for the domestic sector in October recorded 81.5%, the second highest to-date, although the airlines seat capacity offered is 69% of pre-pandemic levels in 2019, partly due to the recent suspension of a local airline in October, indicating domestic air travel demand is still positive.

Istanbul SGIA total passenger movements in October 2023 grew by 14% over October 2022, registering 3.3 million passengers and above 2019 levels by 4.7%. The international and domestic passenger movements recorded 1.7 million and 1.6 million passengers, a growth of 12.3% and 16.6% over October 2022, respectively.

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