

## Traffic snapshot

- October passenger movements for MAHB network of airports (including Istanbul SGIA) registered the highest passenger volume since the outbreak of pandemic, surpassing the 4million mark handled for the first time.
- October passenger movements for the network of airports grew by 56.9% over October 2020 with 4.1million passengers. International and domestic passenger movements grew by 108.2% and 41.9% with 1.2million and 2.9million passengers respectively.
- Malaysia passenger movements showed encouraging signs of traffic rebound, mainly driven by the domestic sector following the uplift of the interstate travel ban from 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 with 64.9% average load factor. Domestic passenger movements recorded 1.2million passengers for October or an increase of 99.7% over October 2020, surpassing December 2020 holiday peak season month, after the uplift of the interstate travel ban from 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The higher pent-up demand in October 2021 compared to December 2020 following relaxed travel rule combined with higher vaccination rates are positive developments for traffic to rebound strongly in the months to come.
- There were marginal improvements in international passenger movements following the travel relax rules for fully vaccinated Malaysian residents to travel abroad albeit travel restrictions, quarantines and border closure continue to exist in most countries in the region. Nevertheless, the Langkawi quarantine-free travel bubble open for vaccinated foreign tourists from 16<sup>th</sup> November is a positive development to revive international connectivity. In addition, the encouraging announcements of establishing a travel corridor via Vaccinated Travel Lanes (VTL) between Malaysia and Singapore from 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021, plans to establish a quarantine-free VTL for fully vaccinated travellers from UK and vice versa, and the most recent announcement on plans to open the country's borders to revive the tourism sector, latest by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022, are some of the progressive milestones for a realistic gradual traffic recovery in the international sector.
- Istanbul SGIA passenger movements registered 2.8million passenger movements, recording 88.3% of passenger traffic share in October 2019, a growth of 44.8% over October 2020. October international passenger movements was another significant milestone for Istanbul SGIA, registering 1.1million passengers or 84.1% of October 2019, the highest passenger volume handled by the airport since April 2020. It is encouraging to note that Istanbul is on track for traffic recovery and had achieved 2019 domestic connectivity to 37 domestic destinations, while the international connectivity was 93 destinations as of October. Pre-COVID, Istanbul SGIA connected to 174 destinations with 137 international and 37 was to domestic destinations and has reached 68.6% of 2019 passenger movements.

Passenger Movements ('000) Snapshot, October 2021

Total	2021	2020		2021	2020		2021	2020	
Total	October		% YOY	Year- to-date		%YOY	¹LTM		%YOY
KLIA	470	212	122.0%	1,958	12,730	-84.6%	2,384	23,811	-90.0%
International	116	87	33.5%	863	8,084	-89.3%	1,013	16,164	-93.7%
ASEAN	39	26	48.9%	313	3,749	-91.7%	358	7,548	-95.3%
Non-ASEAN	77	61	26.8%	551	4,335	-87.3%	655	8,616	-92.4%
Domestic	354	125	184.0%	1,094	4,645	-76.4%	1,371	7,647	-82.1%
MASB Airports	830	468	77.1%	3,328	11,645	-71.4%	4,288	19,220	-77.7%
International	4	2	65.9%	26	1,258	-97.9%	31	2,723	-98.8%
ASEAN	3.4	2	75.5%	24	824	-97.0%	29	1,739	-98.3%
Non-ASEAN	0.2	0.3	-7.1%	2	433	-99.6%	2.5	984	-99.7%
Domestic	826	466	77.2%	3,302	10,387	-68.2%	4,257	16,497	-74.2%
Total MAHB	1,300	680	91.1%	5,286	24,375	-78.3%	6,672	43,031	-84.5%
Istanbul SGIA <sup>2</sup>	2,786	1,924	44.8%	20,703	14,488	42.9%	23,421	20,248	15.7%
Total MAHB System	4,086	2,604	56.9%	25,989	38,863	-33.1%	30,093	63,279	-52.4%

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Total KLIA & MASB	120	89	34.3%	890	9,342	-90.5%	1,044	18,887	-94.5%
ASEAN	43	28	50.7%	337	4,573	-92.6%	387	9,287	-95.8%
Non-ASEAN	77	61	26.6%	552	4,769	-88.4%	657	9,600	-93.2%
Istanbul SGIA	1,104	498	121.5%	6,851	4,447	54.1%	7,741	6,795	13.9%
Total MAHB System	1,224	588	108.2%	7,741	13,790	-43.9%	8,785	25,683	-65.8%

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MASB Airports	826	466	77.2%	3,302	10,387	-68.2%	4,257	16,497	-74.2%
Total	1,180	591	99.7%	4,396	15,032	-70.8%	5,628	24,143	-76.7%
Istanbul SGIA	1,682	1,426	18.0%	13,852	10,041	38.0%	15,680	13,452	16.6%
Total MAHB System	2,862	2,016	41.9%	18,248	25,073	-27.2%	21,308	37,596	-43.3%

 $<sup>{}^*\!\</sup>text{October}$  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, October 2021

Airport	2021	2020		2021	2020		2021	2020	
	Octo	ber	% YOY	Year- t	o-date	%YOY	L1	rm	%YOY
KLIA Main Total	232	92	151.5%	1,189	5,825	-79.6%	1,386	11,197	-87.6%
International	110	72	52.1%	744	4,421	-83.2%	875	8,728	-90.0%
ASEAN	33	15	120.1%	204	1,548	-86.8%	235	3,212	-92.7%
Non-ASEAN	77	57	34.6%	540	2,873	-81.2%	640	5,516	-88.4%
Domestic	122	20	505.3%	445	1,404	-68.3%	510	2,469	-79.3%
klia2 Total	238	120	99.2%	769	6,905	-88.9%	999	12,613	-92.1%
International	7	15	-55.0%	119	3,664	- <b>96.7</b> %	138	7,436	-98.2%
ASEAN	7	11.7	-41.3%	109	2,201	-95.1%	123	4,336	-97.2%
Non-ASEAN	О	3.5	-100.0%	10	1,463	-99.3%	14	3,100	-99.5%
Domestic	231	104	121.6%	649	3,242	-80.0%	861	5,177	-83.4%

Aircraft Movements Snapshot, October 2021

Total	2021	2020		2021	2020		2021	2020	2020
	Oct	ober	% YOY	Year- to-date		%YOY	LTM		%YOY
KLIA	7,533	4,785	57.4%	50,107	114,954	-56.4%	59,682	184,994	-67.7%
MASB Airports	16,348	12,863	27.1%	109,409	199,175	-45.1%	134,492	283,907	-52.6%
Total	23,881	17,648	35.3%	159,516	314,129	-49.2%	194,174	468,901	-58.6%
Istanbul SGIA	18,939	13,644	38.8%	145,008	101,591	42.7%	166,210	138,689	19.8%
Total MAHB System	42,820	31,292	36.8%	304,524	415,720	-26.7%	360,384	607,590	-40.7%

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

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>LTM$  refers to the last twelve months, up to and including the month in question

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Istanbul SGIA is Istanbul Sabiha Gokcen International Airport with the SAW three-letter International Air Transport Association (IATA) code

International	2021	2020		2021	2020		2021	2020	
	Octol	er	% YOY	Year- to-date		%YOY	LT	M	%YOY
KLIA	4,334	2,811	54.2%	34,497	71,070	-51.5%	40,171	118,680	-66.2%
MASB Airports	1,168	807	44.7%	10,024	20,807	-51.8%	11,830	33,496	-64.7%
Total	5,502	3,618	52.1%	44,521	91,877	-51.5%	52,001	152,176	-65.8%
Istanbul SGIA	7,614	4,027	89.1%	52,989	33,819	56.7%	60,354	49,646	21.6%
Total MAHB System	13,116	7,645	71.6%	97,510	125,696	-22.4%	112,355	201,822	-44.3%

Domestic	2021	2020		2021	2020		2021	2020	
	October		% YOY	Year- to-date		%YOY	LTM		%YOY
KLIA	3,199	1,974	62.1%	15,610	43,884	-64.4%	19,511	66,314	-70.6%
MASB Airports	15,180	12,056	25.9%	99,385	178,368	-44.3%	122,662	250,411	-51.0%
Total	18,379	14,030	31.0%	114,995	222,252	-48.3%	142,173	316,725	-55.1%
Istanbul SGIA	11,325	9,617	17.8%	92,019	67,772	35.8%	105,856	89,043	18.9%
Total MAHB System	29,704	23,647	25.6%	207,014	290,024	-28.6%	248,029	405,768	-38.9%

## Traffic performance at Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad's (MAHB) network of airports

MAHB network of airports registered 4.1million passengers in October 2021, a growth of 56.9% over October 2020. International and domestic passenger movements recorded 1.2million and 2.9million, an increase of 108.2% and 41.9% passenger movements respectively. On a last-twelve-month basis, the total MAHB network of airports registered 30.1million passengers, contracting by 52.4% over the same period last year. Overall aircraft movements grew by 36.8% with international and domestic aircraft movements increasing by 71.6% and 25.6% respectively over October 2020.

Airports in Malaysia registered 1.3million passenger movements in October 2021, an increase of 91.1% over October 2020. The international sector recorded 120,000 passengers with an increase of 34.3%, while the domestic sector increased to 99.7% with 1.2million passengers over the same month last year. Overall aircraft movements increased by 35.3%. International and domestic aircraft movements increased by 52.1% and 31.0% respectively over October 2020. The average load factor for the domestic sector and overall aircraft movements were 64.9% and 56.6%, the highest registered since April 2020.

KLIA registered 470,000 passenger movements in October 2021, an increase of 122.0% over the same month last year. International and domestic passenger movements at KLIA increased by 33.5% and 184.0% respectively over October 2020. KLIA Main Terminal recorded 232,000 passengers with an increase of 151.5% while klia2 recorded 238,000 passengers with an increase of 99.2% over the same month last year. The last twelve-month passenger movements for KLIA

Main Terminal and klia2 recorded 1.4million and 999,000 passenger movements, a decline of 87.6% and 92.1% respectively over the same corresponding period last year. Overall aircraft movements at KLIA increased by 57.4% over October 2020. International and domestic aircraft movements at KLIA increased by 54.2% and 62.1% respectively for the same period.

Passenger movements at MASB Airports registered 0.8million passengers with an increase of 77.1% in October 2021. International and domestic passenger movements increased by 65.9% and 77.2% over the same month last year. Aircraft movements in October 2021 increased by 27.1%. The international and domestic aircraft movements grew by 44.7% and 25.9% over October 2020.

Istanbul SGIA passenger movements continued to record an uptrend with 2.8million passengers, an increase of 44.8% over October 2020 or 88.3% October 2019 share of traffic. International and domestic passenger movements grew by 121.5% and 18.0% with 1.1million and 1.7million passengers respectively. Total aircraft movements increased by 38.8% with international and domestic aircraft movements increasing by 89.1% and 17.8% respectively over October 2020.

## Overview of traffic

Both international and domestic October passenger movements for MAHB network of airports recorded an uptrend in passenger volume handled. Domestic traffic in Malaysia set off with sturdy growth following the uplift of the interstate travel ban from 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 as average daily passenger movements increased 2-folds to 48,000 for the second half of October. Istanbul SGIA domestic passenger movements continued to recover at 91.3% of 2019 traffic, having resumed all 37 pre-COVID domestic destinations. The international sector for Istanbul SGIA had also reached a significant milestone, reaching the highest volume since April 2020 at 1.1million passenger movements or 84.1% of October 2019 passengers, connecting to 93 international destinations.

International passenger movements for airports in Malaysia registered a small increase in passenger volume as travel restrictions and border closure in most of Asia Pacific are still in place. Nevertheless, the positive developments that are taking place locally and around the region to revive the tourism and aviation sector provide optimism for realistic air connectivity and better prospect for international traffic recovery for the months to come.

Quarantine-free travel protocols that ties up with high and successful vaccination rates, safety measures and effort to ensure immediate containment of an outbreak have successfully worked in some other airports have helped increase the level of confidence for travellers, paving the way for Malaysia to emulate the travel bubble model for further improvements in traffic recovery.

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