

Traffic snapshot

- MAHB's network of airports traffic recovery continued to be buoyant with 1Q24 total passenger reaching more than 90% recovery rate on a quarter basis for the first time, registering 31.4 million passengers.
- It is also encouraging to note that the 1Q24 international passenger movements have surpassed 1Q19 pre-pandemic levels for the first time by 5%, registering 16.9 million passenger movements, the highest passenger volume recorded since year 2020.
- Domestic passenger movements for 1Q24 reached 82.9% of 1Q19 levels with 14.5million passenger movements.
- Likewise, Malaysia's 1Q24 passenger movements were the highest traffic recorded at 21.8 million reaching 85.9% of 1Q19 traffic, with Istanbul SGIA passenger movements fully recovered and recording growth of 17% over 1Q19 at 9.5 million passengers.
- Despite the Ramadan month, March 2024 passenger movements for the network of airports were resilient, recording 10.2 million passengers slightly higher than January 2024 normal month, driven by both domestic and international sectors. In the past, Ramadan month posted the lowest traffic for the year.
- Equally, Malaysia total passenger movements for March 2024 continued to record above 7 million albeit the fasting period of which travelling trends are generally slow. International and domestic passenger movements recorded 3.8 million and 3.2 million passengers, reaching 85.8% and 72.8% respectively over March 2019.
- The positive traffic development for Malaysia is mainly driven by new airline operations, school holiday breaks, Chinese New Year festive seasons, airlines resuming routes and introducing new services, 30-day visa-free waiver for China and India travellers to Malaysia, 15-day visa-waiver to China, as well as new aircraft delivery.
- Istanbul SGIA's total passenger movements for 1Q24 recorded 9.5million and grew by 17.3% over 1Q19 driven by the international sector with new services to Zagreb, Kuala Lumpur International Airport and Cairo with a total additional of 11 weekly frequencies. International and domestic passenger movements recorded 5.2 million and 4.3 million passengers respectively with a double-digit growth of 22.1% and 13.9% over 1Q23.

Passenger Movements ('000) snapshot, March 2024

Total	2024		% YOY	2023		%YOY	2024		%YOY
	2024	2023		2024	2023		'LTM	2023	
KLIA	4,292	3,768	13.9%	13,295	10,587	25.6%	49,951	32,734	52.6%
<i>International</i>	3,220	2,516	28.0%	9,874	7,112	38.9%	35,341	20,444	72.9%
<i>ASEAN</i>	1,502	1,273	18.0%	4,630	3,561	30.0%	17,197	10,695	60.8%
<i>Non-ASEAN</i>	1,718	1,243	38.2%	5,245	3,550	47.7%	18,145	9,749	86.1%
<i>Domestic</i>	1,072	1,252	-14.3%	3,421	3,475	-1.6%	14,609	12,290	18.9%
MASB Airports	2,761	2,899	-4.8%	8,532	8,149	4.7%	35,096	30,376	15.5%
<i>International</i>	619	450	37.5%	1,843	1,263	46.0%	6,635	3,492	90.0%
<i>ASEAN</i>	441	368	19.7%	1,286	1,027	25.2%	4,923	3,106	58.5%
<i>Non-ASEAN</i>	178	82	117.5%	558	236	136.7%	1,712	386	342.9%
<i>Domestic</i>	2,142	2,449	-12.5%	6,689	6,886	-2.9%	28,461	26,884	5.9%
Total MAHB	7,053	6,667	5.8%	21,827	18,736	16.5%	85,047	63,110	34.8%
Istanbul SGIA²	3,146	2,751	14.3%	9,546	8,074	18.2%	39,032	32,817	18.9%
Total MAHB System	10,198	9,418	8.3%	31,372	26,810	17.0%	124,079	95,927	29.3%

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	March			Year- to-date			LTM		
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Total KLIA & MASB	3,838	2,966	29.4%	11,718	8,374	39.9%	41,977	23,936	75.4%
ASEAN	1,943	1,641	18.4%	5,916	4,588	28.9%	22,120	13,800	60.3%
Non-ASEAN	1,896	1,325	43.1%	5,802	3,786	53.2%	19,857	10,136	95.9%
Istanbul SGIA	1,755	1,497	17.2%	5,191	4,253	22.1%	20,516	16,800	22.1%
Total MAHB System	5,593	4,463	25.3%	16,909	12,627	33.9%	62,493	40,736	53.4%

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	March			Year- to-date			LTM		
KLIA	1,072	1,252	-14.3%	3,421	3,475	-1.6%	14,609	12,290	18.9%
MASB Airports	2,142	2,449	-12.5%	6,689	6,886	-2.9%	28,461	26,884	5.9%
Total	3,214	3,701	-13.2%	10,109	10,361	-2.4%	43,070	39,174	9.9%
Istanbul SGIA	1,391	1,254	10.9%	4,354	3,821	13.9%	18,516	16,017	15.6%
Total MAHB System	4,605	4,955	-7.1%	14,463	14,183	2.0%	61,586	55,191	11.6%

*March 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.

¹Istanbul 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, March 2024

Airport	2024	2023	% YOY	2024	2023	%YOY	2024	2023	%YOY
	March			Year- to-date			LTM		
KLIA Terminal 1 Total	2,341	1,847	26.7%	7,224	5,331	35.5%	25,576	17,039	50.1%
International	1,865	1,457	28.0%	5,687	4,194	35.6%	20,034	12,461	60.8%
ASEAN	666	515	29.3%	2,024	1,448	39.7%	7,239	4,463	62.2%
Non-ASEAN	1,199	942	27.4%	3,663	2,746	33.4%	12,795	7,997	60.0%
Domestic	476	391	21.8%	1,537	1,137	35.2%	5,541	4,578	21.0%
KLIA Terminal 2 Total	1,951	1,920	1.6%	6,071	5,256	15.5%	24,375	15,695	55.3%
International	1,355	1,059	27.9%	4,187	2,917	43.5%	15,307	7,983	91.7%
ASEAN	836	758	10.3%	2,606	2,113	23.4%	9,957	6,231	59.8%
Non-ASEAN	519	301	72.2%	1,581	805	96.5%	5,350	1,752	205.4%
Domestic	596	861	-30.7%	1,884	2,338	-19.4%	9,068	7,712	17.6%

Aircraft movements snapshot, March 2024

Total	2024	2023	% YOY	2024	2023	%YOY	2024	2023	%YOY
	March			Year- to-date			LTM		
KLIA	27,470	25,323	8.5%	84,459	71,550	18.0%	331,935	233,613	42.1%
MASB Airports	28,143	31,247	-9.9%	86,634	89,647	-3.4%	363,892	361,336	0.7%
Total	55,613	56,570	-1.7%	171,093	161,197	6.1%	695,827	594,949	17.0%
Istanbul SGIA	18,409	17,144	7.4%	55,414	48,933	13.2%	228,731	201,069	13.8%
Total MAHB System	74,022	73,714	0.4%	226,507	210,130	7.8%	924,558	796,018	16.1%

International	2024	2023	% YOY	2024	2023	%YOY	2024	2023	%YOY
	March			Year- to-date			LTM		
KLIA	20,108	16,534	21.6%	60,852	46,505	30.9%	229,161	142,180	61.2%
MASB Airports	5,298	4,464	18.7%	15,797	12,728	24.1%	60,748	41,090	47.8%
Total	25,406	20,998	21.0%	76,649	59,233	29.4%	289,909	183,270	58.2%
Istanbul SGIA	10,368	9,167	13.1%	30,522	26,064	17.1%	122,469	104,552	17.1%
Total MAHB System	35,774	30,165	18.6%	107,171	85,297	25.6%	412,378	287,822	43.3%

Domestic	2024	2023	% YOY	2024	2023	%YOY	2024	2023	%YOY
	March			Year- to-date			LTM		
KLIA	7,362	8,789	-16.2%	23,607	25,045	-5.7%	102,774	91,433	12.4%
MASB Airports	22,845	26,783	-14.7%	70,837	76,919	-7.9%	303,144	320,246	-5.3%
Total	30,207	35,572	-15.1%	94,444	101,964	-7.4%	405,918	411,679	-1.4%
Istanbul SGIA	8,041	7,977	0.8%	24,892	22,869	8.8%	106,262	96,517	10.1%
Total MAHB System	38,248	43,549	-12.2%	119,336	124,833	-4.4%	512,180	508,196	0.8%

Overview of traffic

MAHB network of airports have reached a new milestone for 1Q24, recording more than 90% recovery rate against 1Q19 with 31.4 million passenger movements. It is encouraging to note that the international passenger movements have surpassed 1Q19 for the first time by 5% registering 16.9 million for 1Q24, mainly driven by Istanbul SGIA airlines’ strong network international expansion recording a double-digit recovery rate of 73.8% over the same quarter in 2019, while Malaysia international passengers continued to register new highs. Domestic passenger movements were subtle, recording 14.5 million with an 82.9% recovery rate over 2019 levels, an indication that airlines are expanding more to the international sector compared to domestic.

In addition, March 2024 passenger movements were encouraging, despite the Ramadan month, the network of airports recorded 10.2 million passengers slightly higher than January 2024 normal month, driven by both domestic and international sectors. In the past, Ramadan month posted the lowest traffic for the year.

On the local front, Malaysia Airports 1Q24 total passenger movements continued to be buoyant, recording the highest traffic at 21.8 million passengers since year 2020 and reaching 85.9% of 1Q19 traffic. International sector contributed 53.7% at 11.7 million passengers with an 89.4% recovery rate over 1Q19, while the domestic sector recorded 10.1 million passengers reaching 82.2% of 1Q19 levels. There were 1,386 additional weekly frequencies in 1Q24 compared to 1Q23 mainly driven by new airline operations namely, Air Macau with 4 weekly frequency, Loong Air with 3 weekly frequency, Turkmenistan Airlines with 2 weekly frequencies from Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KUL) and Flydubai with daily service operate between Penang (PEN) and Langkawi (LGK) to Dubai. Iraqi Airways resume operations with 1 weekly frequency from KUL. Batik Air resumed operations to Batam, Guiyang from KUL and introduced services to Istanbul Sabiha Gocken and Kunming from KUL and Xi’an from Kuching (KCH). AirAsia resumed operations to Lombok and introduced new services to Perth, Thiruvananthapuram from KLIA, and Incheon, Shanghai from BKI. AirAsia X introduced new services to Almaty from KUL and resumed Xi’an. New services in 1Q24 operated by foreign airlines from KUL are Kunming, Beijing Daxing, Ashgabat, and Chengdu. As for the domestic sector, AirAsia had launched new services between Kuching and Penang with daily service, whilst Batik Air Malaysia launched KUL to Kota Bharu and Sibul with twice weekly service each, and daily service to Tawau.

It is also encouraging to note that despite the Ramadan period, the airports recorded more than 7 million passenger movements in March 2024, higher than January 2024 passenger movements and registered the highest load factor in 2024 at 80.7% and 79.0% for international and domestic sectors respectively. The average daily passengers for the month of March 2024 was higher by 1.5% compared to January 2024 with additional 3,300 passengers.

Istanbul SGIA 1Q24 passenger movements have reached normalisation and continue to grow recording more than 3 million passengers each month. It is also noteworthy that the 1Q24 total passenger movements for Istanbul SGIA has exceeded 1Q19 by 17.3% mainly contributed by airlines continuous expansion to the international sector surpassing the 2019 level by 73.8%. The launch of Batik Air Malaysia maiden journey from KUL to Istanbul SGIA was a significant milestone strengthening Batik Air's presence in the region and increased connectivity between Malaysia and Turkey.

Malaysia Airports are monitoring the recent conflict in West Asia and the possible impact on jet fuel and higher operating cost as airlines reroute flights to avoid specific airspace.

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