

# **ASX Release**

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# MAp TRAFFIC PERFORMANCE JANUARY 2011

MAp announces traffic performance at its airports for January 2011.

	Key Traffic I	Results
Airport		January 2011
Sydney		4.0% increase on pcp
-	Domestic/Regional	4.4% increase on pcp
-	International	4.0% increase on pcp
Copenhage	n	8.5% increase on pcp
-	Domestic	11.3% increase on pcp
-	International	12.9% increase on pcp
-	Transfer	3.0% decrease on pcp
Brussels		8.3% increase on pcp
-	Intra-EU	7.3% increase on pcp
-	Extra-EU	9.8% increase on pcp
-	Transfer & Transit	15.1% increase on pcp

Data is taken from management accounts, is provisional and subject to change

MAp Chief Executive Officer, Ms Kerrie Mather, said, "Each of MAp's airports has started 2011 in a very strong position. Sydney delivered record traffic, while Copenhagen and Brussels continued to deliver above-trend growth. The strong start to the year is evidence of the ongoing economic recovery and the resilience of our airports. Traffic across the business also continues to benefit from the introduction of new routes and frequencies.

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"Sydney delivered impressive growth in both the international and domestic markets. This was the best ever month for international traffic and best January on record for domestic traffic. International traffic growth was driven by capacity increases from Qantas, United Airlines, China Southern and Air New Zealand in particular. The Chinese market delivered exceptional growth of 66% due to capacity increases from Chinese airlines, the recent Amway China Conference for more than 8,000 delegates in NSW and pre-Chinese New Year travel.

"Copenhagen started 2011 strongly with January traffic 8.5% above the pcp, driven by continued O&D traffic growth. Domestic traffic has maintained strong growth, which is encouraging given the intensifying competition within this market. International traffic also continues to increase, driven by the five long haul routes launched during 2010 and the continued expansion of the European network. The number of intercontinental routes has now reached a record of 22. This, combined with the newly announced year-round route by Emirates to Dubai starting August 2011, demonstrates the attractiveness of Copenhagen Airport and its increasing importance as the Scandinavian hub.

"Brussels recorded January traffic growth of 8.3% versus the pcp, despite a number of service cancellations due to political unrest in Ivory Coast, Egypt and Tunisia. It is particularly pleasing to see growth across all the segments, which continues to be stimulated by a general recovery in air travel and new routes launched during the year. The ongoing growth in transfer traffic and new capacity announcements by Brussels Airlines and its Star Alliance partners are evidence of Brussels Airport's growing importance as a European Star Alliance hub."

## Sydney Airport

Key Points:

- Total passenger traffic for January is estimated to have increased 4.0% on the pcp, with domestic traffic estimated to be up 4.4% on the pcp and international traffic (excluding domestic on-carriage) up 4.0% on the pcp.
- Australia was the major market which grew (+6%) together with China (+66%), Korea (+3%), India (+3%) and the UK (+1%). Germany (-13%), France (-7%), Japan (-7%), Canada (-6%), the USA (-4%) and New Zealand (-3%) were the major markets that declined.
- The exceptional Chinese growth was a result of the significant capacity increase from Chinese carriers, the Amway China Conference, and late January travel in advance of Chinese New Year which was early in February this year.
- The ACCC has authorised the alliance between Virgin Blue Group and Air New Zealand for a period of three years, on the condition that capacity is maintained or grown on routes where the ACCC has identified competition issues.
- Air New Zealand and Etihad have entered into a codeshare agreement for flights to Abu Dhabi and New Zealand, subject to regulatory approval.

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		Month		١	'ear to Dat	te	Moving Annual Total			
			Growth	Jan-11	Jan-10	Growth	Feb-10	Feb-09	Growth	
('000)	Jan-11	Jan-10	(%)	Jan-11	Jan-10	(%)	Jan-11	Jan-10	(%)	
Domestic	1,980	1,896	+4.4%	1,980	1,896	+4.4%	24,255	22,403	+8.3%	

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+5.4%

+7.6%

• Tiger commenced its three times-daily A320 service to Brisbane on 7 February 2011, and will commence a daily A320 service to the Sunshine Coast from 27 March 2011.

<sup>1</sup> International excludes Domestic-On-Carriage.

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Any adjustments to preliminary statistics will be included in the year to date results in future months.

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Domestic-On-

Carriage Total

## Copenhagen Airport

Key Points:

- January 2011 traffic increased 8.5% on the pcp with over 1.5 million passengers travelling through the airport.
- Domestic O&D traffic was 11.3% above the pcp, as the strong growth from 2010 continued into 2011 despite the intensifying competition. The Karup route recorded the largest increase in traffic at approximately 30%.
- International O&D traffic was 12.9% above the pcp, largely due to the ongoing benefit of the five new long haul routes launched during 2010, combined with the continuing expansion of the European route network.
- Transfer traffic was 3.0% below the pcp due to new direct competing routes from Swedish airports, and a reduction in services to Barcelona.
- Emirates, the largest airline in the Middle East, announced it will launch a new, yearround route from Copenhagen to Dubai from 1 August 2011. Swiss announced that it will launch a new route from 27 March 2011 between Copenhagen and Basel, operating six weekly frequencies. Swiss already serves the route between Copenhagen and Zurich.

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('000)	Jan-11	Jan-10	(%)	Jan-11	Jan-10	(%)	Jan-11	Jan-10	(%)	
Domestic <sup>2</sup>	139	125	+11.3%	139	125	+11.3%	1,816	1,480	+22.7%	
International <sup>2</sup>	1,007	892	+12.9%	1,007	892	+12.9%	14,507	13,396	+8.3%	
Transfer <sup>2</sup>	356	367	-3.0%	356	367	-3.0%	5,296	4,914	+7.8%	
Total	1,502	1,384	+8.5%	1,502	1,384	+8.5%	21,620	19,789	+9.2%	

<sup>2</sup> Note that domestic and international traffic is point to point only. Transfer traffic is shown separately. The figures exclude other traffic (Military, VIP etc)

### **Brussels Airport**

Key Points:

- Total traffic for January was 8.3% higher than the pcp.
- Intra-EU traffic was 7.3% above the pcp. Brussels Airlines recorded a significant increase in load factors and continues to benefit from increased capacity launched in 2010. The wider segment benefited from traffic recovery in the full service market and ongoing growth in low cost.
- Extra-EU traffic was 9.8% above the pcp. The strong performance in the segment was driven by the continuing effect of new long haul services. During the month a number of service and/or booking cancellations occurred in travel to Ivory Coast, Egypt and Tunisia due to political unrest. This particularly affected the charter segment.
- The continuing strong growth in transfer and transit traffic at 14.0% above the pcp reflects Brussels Airport's growing importance as a European Star Alliance hub.
- Brussels Airport has welcomed new services announcements to Bacau (two weekly service by Blue Air from June 2011), Jonkoping (10 weekly service by Skyways from April 2011), and Vigo (three weekly service by Air Nostrum on behalf of Iberia from April 2011). In addition, a frequency increase to Bilbao has been announced (one additional daily service by Brussels Airlines from April 2011). Additional seat capacity is also expected on North American routes with both United Airlines and Air Canada planning to deploy larger aircraft on services to Washington (Boeing 777 from April 2011), Newark (Boeing 777 from September 2011) and Montreal (Airbus A330 from July 2011).

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('000)	Jan-11	Jan-10	(%)	Jan-11	Jan-10	(%)	Jan-11	Jan-10	(%)	
Intra-EU	666	621	+7.3%	666	621	+7.3%	10,589	10,731	-1.3%	
Extra-EU	455	414	+9.8%	455	414	+9.8%	6,678	6,286	+6.2%	
Total	1,121	1,035	+8.3%	1,121	1,035	+8.3%	17,267	17,018	+1.5%	
Departing	433	414	+4.7%	433	414	+4.7%	7,395	7,477	-1.1%	
Departing T&T <sup>3</sup>	99	87	+14.0%	99	87	+14.0%	1,222	1,023	+19.5%	
TCP <sup>4</sup>	532	501	+6.3%	532	501	+6.3%	8,618	8,500	+1.4%	

<sup>3</sup>Departing Transfer & Transit – difference between Departing Transfer & Transit growth versus Transfer & Transit growth presented in "Key Traffic Results" table, is due to the inclusion of arriving transfer traffic in the latter <sup>4</sup> Total Chargeable Passengers

## **Traffic Data**

	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2011	MAT <sup>1</sup>
	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb 10 – Jan 11
Sydney													
Domestic/ regional <sup>2</sup>	1,875	2,049	1,999	1,903	1,870	2,085	2,033	2,051	2,184	2,101	2,124	1,980	24,255
International	880	916	879	791	853	1,003	912	945	1,001	930	1,083	1,141	11,334
Domestic-On- Carriage	10	8	10	9	8	9	7	7	7	7	6	5	93
Total	2,764	2,973	2,887	2,703	2,731	3,098	2,952	3,003	3,192	3,039	3,213	3,126	35,682
Copenhagen <sup>3</sup> Domestic	132	168	107	159	168	145	164	164	160	166	143	139	1,816
International	937	1,135	871	1,264	1,379	1,599	1,462	1,330	1,394	1,108	1,022	1,007	14,507
Transfer/Transit	375	474	337	474	544	473	476	524	498	415	351	356	5,296
Total	1,443	1,776	1,316	1,897	2,092	2,217	2,101	2,018	2,052	1,689	1,516	1,502	21,620
Brussels													
Intra-EU	680	808	700	994	1,002	1,111	1,042	1,064	1,001	812	708	666	10,589
Extra-EU	398	471	471	580	587	749	741	625	619	511	470	455	6,678
Total	1,079	1,279	1,171	1,573	1,590	1,860	1,783	1,690	1,620	1,323	1,177	1,121	17,267
Departing	470	553	531	698	708	873	675	706	691	545	513	433	7,395
Transfer & Transit	72	91	67	89	109	127	132	120	123	88	103	99	1,222
TCP <sup>4</sup>	542	645	598	787	817	1,000	807	826	814	633	616	532	8,618

Note:

All data unless noted is for arriving and departing passengers (000s).

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 and not based on rounded balances.

<sup>1</sup>MAT refers to Moving Annual Total

<sup>2</sup>Sydney data contains estimates with adjustments made to preliminary data in later months.

<sup>3</sup>Note that domestic and international traffic is origin and destination only. Transfer traffic is shown separately. The figures exclude other traffic (Military, VIP etc) and have been adjusted to conform to current year presentation.

<sup>4</sup>Total Chargeable Passengers

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## Attachment 1 – Copenhagen Airports Traffic Release – January 2011 – Newcastle

Passenger traffic increased by 4.4% on the pcp

Newcastle International **Traffic Distribution - Month** Traffic distribution - Year to date PASSENGERS Year to date Year to date **JAN 2010 JAN 2011** Change (%) Change (%) 2011 2010 Scheduled International 48,531 45,127 7.5% 48,531 45,127 7.5% Domestic 56,563 49,908 13.3% 56,563 49,908 13.3% 105,094 95,035 105,094 95,035 Total 10.6% 10.6% Charter 40,545 36,286 11.7% 40,545 36,286 11.7% International Domestic 0 0 0 0 Total 40,545 36,286 11.7% 40,545 36,286 11.7% Low Cost -5.0% 57,015 54,142 57,015 -5.0% International 54,142 Domestic 34,990 34,027 2.8% 34,990 34,027 2.8% 89,132 91,042 -2.1% 89,132 91,042 -2.1% Other Total Other 2,309 4,654 -50.4% 2,309 4,654 -50.4% Total 4,654 4,654 2,309 -50.4% 2,309 -50.4% **GRAND TOTAL** International 145,527 143,082 1.7% 145,527 143,082 1.7% Domestic 91,553 83,935 91,553 83,935 9.1% 9.1% 227,017 227,017 Total 237,080 4.4% 237,080 4.4%