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Sydney Airport Traffic Performance October 2016

Pax (‘000s) ¹	Monthly performance			Year to date performance		
	Oct-16	Oct-15	Growth (%)	YTD-16	YTD-15	Growth (%)
Domestic	2,379	2,347	+1.4%	22,261	21,369	+4.2%
International ²	1,274	1,176	+8.3%	12,249	11,207	+9.3%
Total	3,653	3,524	+3.7%	34,510	32,576	+5.9%

¹ Contains estimates with any adjustments to preliminary statistics included in the year to date results in future months.

² International includes Domestic-On-Carriage.

Sydney Airport Managing Director and CEO Kerrie Mather said, “Our exceptional international traffic growth has extended into October, with year to date growth now at 9.3%. Double digit seat capacity growth for the year continues to be driven by new and existing airline customers.

In October, international growth was 8.3% compared to the prior corresponding period (pcp), supported by Australian nationality growth of 6.4%. Top outbound destinations were Qatar (new), Japan (+24.0%), New Zealand (+14.9%), Indonesia (+14.1%) and China (+13.3%). The inbound nationalities which underpinned our strong international result were Japanese (+41.2%), Indian (+22.0%), Chinese (+15.9%), American (+13.8%), and Korean (+9.8%).

“Domestic passenger growth continues to be robust at 1.4% above pcp for the month and 4.2% for the year to date, driven by seat growth and load factor improvements.

“We were excited that China Eastern Airlines announced its third new route to Sydney this year by placing on sale its new Sydney to Wuhan service, launching on 19 January 2017. Wuhan will represent Sydney Airport’s sixth new Chinese city since January 2016, and will follow the start of China Eastern’s new Hangzhou service this week, and the Kunming-Sydney service commencing on 24 November. In combination, these new services will deliver 219,000 incremental seats per annum to Sydney.

Key points

- Air China's new service from Sydney to Chengdu commenced on 12 November, adding 74,000 seats annually
- Emirates is now an all-A380 operation to Sydney, having upgauged its third A380 service to Dubai and commenced A380 services to Christchurch on 31 October (upgauged from a B777-300ER). The new A380 services will add 237,000 seats annually to the route
- Also on 31 October, Korean Air upgauged its services to an Airbus A380 for the peak summer season, a month earlier than they had originally planned. The A380 services will operate until the end of March 2017, before reverting to the Airbus A330.

Top 10 Nationalities Travelling Through Sydney Airport

Rank	Nationality	Oct-16	YTD-16	Rank	Nationality	Oct-16	YTD-16
1	Australia	+6.4%	+7.0%	6	Korea	+9.8%	+21.4%
2	China	+15.9%	+18.2%	7	Japan	+41.2%	+30.3%
3	New Zealand	+0.7%	+0.7%	8	India	+22.0%	+14.4%
4	USA	+13.8%	+17.5%	9	Malaysia	+16.3%	+8.5%
5	UK	+3.1%	+4.7%	10	Germany	+8.1%	+7.5%

Last 12 Months Traffic Data

('000s)	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Total Nov-15- Oct-16	Total Nov-14- Oct-15	Growth %
Dom	2,265	2,307	2,221	2,114	2,301	2,229	2,130	2,055	2,335	2,211	2,287	2,379	26,833	25,728	+4.3%
Int	1,134	1,374	1,433	1,178	1,211	1,202	1,072	1,125	1,331	1,191	1,233	1,274	14,757	13,546	+8.9%
Total	3,399	3,681	3,654	3,292	3,512	3,431	3,201	3,180	3,666	3,402	3,519	3,653	41,590	39,274	+5.9%

All data is for arriving and departing passengers. 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 figure.

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