



Arab Air Transport Statistics 2011



AACO Members Quick Facts 2010

Member Airlines	25
Billion \$ Revenue (10 members)	19
Million Passengers Carried	119
Million Tonnes of Cargo	3.6
Destinations Served	322
Countries Served	104
Average Daily Flights	2,756
Average Daily Seats	515,756
Aircraft in Fleet	850
Employees	135,000



2010... A Breathing Year



After the “Annus Horribilis of Aviation” in 2009, economic recovery from the global financial crisis began in 2010, bringing with it recovery for world airlines. Passenger traffic measured in RPKs grew by 7.3% in 2010, mainly attributed to the growth of airlines in developing economies, namely the Arab world, Africa, Latin America and Asia-Pacific. In addition, cargo traffic measured by international FTKs grew by 20.8% in 2010 over 2009, marking the revival of the economic-tied trade cycle. As a result, the industry made USD 18 billion in profits in 2010; the largest ever.

Despite the rosy dreams of prosperity induced in 2010, 2011 emerged with an unprecedented combination of bad fortunes. The uncertainty over the sustainability of the recovery in Europe caused by the fragility of the recovery and the fears of sovereign debt in Euro peripheral economies, coupled with the inability of the US to spur the economic cycle and reduce unemployment, add to that skyrocketing oil prices, the Japanese Earthquake, and finally the political changes in the Arab world, and you will have the most lethal recipe ever faced by this industry.

AACO member airlines were resilient to the financial crisis and maintained a double digit passenger growth in 2009. Moreover, they benefited from the surge of the global economic activity in 2010 and from the additional market share scooped in 2008 and 2009 to post 17% of growth in passenger traffic and 21% in absolute traffic in 2010 over 2009 measured in RPKs and RTKs respectively.

However, 2011 came with the political changes in the Arab world to hit Arab airlines in their homes. The situation in the region resulted in freezing air transport in some countries for several months, closing the airspace in other areas, and disturbed operations of all Arab airlines.

Despite all of the above, AACO member airlines will quickly recover as the situation in the region progresses back to normal, and will re-embark on their growth and prosperity journey, emphasizing their position as global players on the aviation landscape.

Enjoy your reading,,,

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Geographical Areas

Americas	North, Central, & South American Countries.
Mid Asia	Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Iran, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka.
Australasia	Australia, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand.
Europe	All European Countries.
Arab World	Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen.
Sub-Saharan Africa	All African Countries except: Egypt, Sudan, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco.

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Abbreviations and Definitions:

ASK	Available Seat Kilometer
ATK	Available Tonne Kilometer
PAX	Passengers
PLF	Passenger Load Factor
RPK	Revenue Passenger Kilometer
RTK	Revenue Tonne Kilometer
Unit Cost	Operating Expense per ASK
Yield	Operating Revenue per RPK