



# Arab Air Transport **Statistics** 2013



## AACO Members Quick Facts 2012

Member Airlines	30
Billion \$ Revenue	(+11.5% over 2011) 45
Million Passengers Carried	(+14.2% over 2011) 142
Million Tonnes of Cargo	(+10.9% over 2011) 4.3
Destinations Served	389
Countries Served	107
Average Daily Flights	(+20.2% over 2011) 3,453
Average Daily Seats	(+22.4% over 2011) 663,069
Aircraft in Fleet	(+27 A/C over 2011) 967
Employees	(+8.1% over 2011) 139,000

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2012 marked the relative return to stability to the Arab world; at least to major air transport markets. The air traffic disruptions and airspace closures that occurred in 2011 saw an end; however, instability still persists in several Arab countries.

In spite of the prevailing situation in the Arab world, and despite the external factors affecting the Arab air transport, among which the most significant is the weakness of the EU economy and its global spillovers, Arab airlines continued to expand. The driver behind this expansion is the global carriers concentrated in the Arabian Peninsula, and which are able to mitigate the regional drawbacks using their massive portfolio of global traffic through their hubs. As a result, Arab airlines grew their RPKs by 15.4% in 2012 over 2011, which is three fold the global growth. That helped the Arab air transport market expand by 6.9% during the same period.

Of course, Arab airlines' success would not have been that significant if they did not respond to the needs and requirements of the global customer. Arab airlines have been and still are benefiting from the natural attributes of the region, namely its location, diversity, culture, hospitality and young population, in addition to the continuous development of its aviation infrastructure. Moreover, airlines topped these endowments with massive investments in an avant-garde product, be it in modern aircraft equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and the highest possible level of service which provide the customer with the best value of money, and ensure a delightful air travel experience.

This year's AATS encapsulates the main factors and trends affecting the Arab air transport industry. I hope you will find AATS 2013 a useful addition to your information.

Enjoy your reading,,,

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Secretary General

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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 and 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 and Yemen.
Sub-Saharan Africa	All African Countries except: Egypt, Sudan, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco.

### SOURCES

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Section 4	AACO, Flightglobal ACAS Database
Section 5	AACO, IATA
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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

### AACO Member Airlines IATA Codes

8U: Afriqiyah Airways	IY: Yemenia	RG: Rotana Jet
9P: Petra Airlines	KU: Kuwait Airways	RJ: Royal Jordanian
AH: Air Algerie	LN: Libyan Airlines	SD: Sudan Airways
AT: Royal Air Maroc	ME: Middle East Airlines	SF: Tassili Airlines
BJ: Nouvelair	MS: EgyptAir	SM: Air Cairo
EK: Emirates	MXU: Maximus Air	SV: Saudia
EY: Etihad Airways	PF: Palestinian Airlines	TL: TMA
G9: Air Arabia	QR: Qatar Airways	TU: Tunisair
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