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APRIL A GOOD MONTH FOR AUSTRIAN: PASSENGER INCREASES AND LOAD FACTOR GROWTH

Traffic result of the Austrian Airlines Group for January to April 2008

The Austrian Airlines Group achieved passenger growth of 4.3% in April, with the short- and medium-haul segment driving growth once again with an increase in passenger volume of 6.7%. The total number of passengers carried of approximately 3.2 million people in the period from January to April translated into an increase of 2.9%.

Austrian Chief Executive Officer **Alfred Ötsch** said the following about the result: "We had a good month in April, with load factor increases in all segments, and are still very much on course to reach our targets in the short- and medium-haul segment, especially in our core markets. We proved our competence as a First Mover in the East once again, with our inaugural flights to the cities of Sochi, Nizhny Novgorod and Baia Mare. Introducing our new Premium Service this summer and incorporating new routes to Riyadh and Jeddah into the schedule will enable us to position ourselves even more strongly in the growth markets of the Middle East."

Short- and medium-haul segment continues to grow

With passenger growth totalling 7.3% in the months from January to April, the short- and medium-haul segment showed a significant increase on the previous year. Revenue passenger kilometers (RPK) on scheduled services rose by 9.0%, while scheduled capacity (measured in available seat kilometers or ASK) increased by 6.2%. The resultant improved passenger load factor of 65.8% was above the figure for last year, rising by 1.7 percentage points.

Around 727,000 passengers were carried in April in the short- and medium-haul segment, 6.7% more than in the comparison period in 2007. The traffic result measured in revenue passenger kilometers on scheduled services (RPK) rose disproportionately strongly, by 5.8%, while capacity on these scheduled services (ASK) was expanded by just 3.8%. The passenger load factor in this segment, at 69.0%, was 1.3 percentage points above the comparable 2007 figure.

Long-haul segment sees significant rise in load factor in April

In cumulative terms, around 364,000 scheduled passengers were carried from January to April 2008 in the long-haul segment, a 20.8% reduction on the comparable period in 2007, in line with the company's restructuring plans. While there was a structural reduction in capacity on scheduled services of 27.7% (ASK), revenue passenger kilometers (RPK) on these same scheduled services fell by 28.5%. The passenger load factor in the long-haul segment was 80.8%.

The load factor increased in April, and at 83.7% was 3.4 percentage points above the figure for the previous year. Scheduled capacity on long-haul routes (ASK) in April 2008 was just 12.8% below the comparable figure for April 2007, with revenue passenger kilometers (RPK) in the long-haul segment 9.1% down on the figure for the previous April.

Charter segment well-positioned

Charter traffic reported rises in passenger volume and load factor both in April and the past four months as a whole. From January to April, 252,600 passengers were carried, an increase of 3.9% on the previous year. The passenger load factor rose significantly in April compared to the same period in 2007, jumping by 3.2 percentage points.

Traffic statistics in detail

AUSTRIAN AIRLINES GROUP (Austrian + Austrian Arrows + Lauda Air)

TRAFFIC STATISTICS	April			January - April		
	2008	+/- % p.y.		2008	+/- % p.y.	
Revenue passenger km (**RPK**) m	1,534.7	-4.2		5,665.6	-13.6	
Scheduled	1,363.9	-2.2		5,086.2	-14.3	
Long Haul	677.7	-9.1		2,645.2	-28.5	
Short/Medium Haul	686.1	5.8		2,441.0	9.0	
Charter	170.8	-17.9		579.3	-6.9	
Available seat km (**ASK**) m	2,013.5	-6.5		7,713.7	-12.6	
Scheduled	1,804.1	-4.4		6,986.4	-13.0	
Long Haul	809.7	-12.8		3,275.3	-27.7	
Short/Medium Haul	994.5	3.8		3,711.1	6.2	
Charter	209.3	-21.1		727.3	-8.9	
Passenger load factor %	76.2	1.8	P.	73.4	-0.9	P.
Scheduled	75.6	1.7	P.	72.8	-1.2	P.
Long Haul	83.7	3.4	P.	80.8	-0.9	P.
Short/Medium Haul	69.0	1.3	P.	65.8	1.7	P.
Charter	81.6	3.2	P.	79.7	1.7	P.
Passengers carried 000	908.3	4.3		3,206.6	2.9	
Scheduled	819.1	4.7		2,954.1	2.8	
Long Haul	92.0	-9.1		363.9	-20.8	
Short/Medium Haul	727.1	6.7		2,590.2	7.3	
Charter	89.3	0.7		252.6	3.9	
Total revenue tonne km (**RTK**) m	195.4	-4.2		732.7	-14.4	
Scheduled	178.9	-2.6		676.4	-14.9	
Long Haul	105.6	-7.5		414.3	-25.2	
Short/Medium Haul	73.3	5.6		262.0	8.6	
Charter	16.4	-19.1		56.3	-8.1	
Total available tonne km (**ATK**) m	258.0	-8.4		1.000.6	-15.2	
Scheduled	237.2	-6.2		923.9	-15.4	
Long Haul	125.0	-14.5		505.5	-28.0	
Short/Medium Haul	112.2	5.2		418.4	7.4	
Charter	20.8	-27.4		76.7	-12.5	
Overall load factor %	75.7	3.3	P.	73.2	0.6	P.
Scheduled	75.4	2.8	P.	73.2	0.4	P.
Long Haul	84.5	6.4	P.	82.0	3.2	P.
Short/Medium Haul	65.3	0.2	P.	62.6	0.7	P.
Charter	78.8	8.2	P.	73.3	3.5	P.

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