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Traffic Result of the Austrian Airlines Group for January to July 2009: Positive Trend for Load Factor in July

- **Capacity successively reduced; fewer passengers as a result**
- **Load factor raised on short- and medium-haul routes in July**
- **Sharp improvement in load factor, especially in Western Europe**

We were able to welcome a total of 985,300 passengers on board of Austrian Airlines flights in July. This is 8.9 percent fewer than in July 2008. This reduction is first and foremost a result of the fact that we have reduced capacity on a targeted basis; this was 11.7 percent lower than the figure for July last year (measured in available seat kilometers or ASK). In this way, we succeeded in keeping the load factor stable at 79.8 percent. On short- and medium-haul routes, we even raised the load factor by 2.2 percentage points, with a particularly sharp increase, of 5.8 percentage points, in Western Europe (region includes domestic flights).

From January to July around 5.4 million passengers flew with Austrian Airlines. This means the figure for passengers carried fell by 13.4 percent in this period compared to the previous year. This is also a result of the fact that we have successively reduced capacity due to the financial crisis, so that the figure (measured in ASK) was 12.2 percent lower than last year. We reduced capacity on long-haul routes particularly sharply, by 16.9 percent. Short- and medium-routes were also reduced, however, by 5.3 percent, with flights to Western Europe being cut especially sharply. The overall load factor was 72.3 percent, which means a reduction of 2.7 percentage points.

Short- and medium-haul segment

In July around 727,300 passengers where on board of short- and medium-haul flights of Austrian Airlines, which means a reduction of 4.3 percent compared to 2008. The load factor trend remained very positive, rising by 2.2 percentage points. It is particularly pleasing that we were able to increase the load factor by 5.8 percentage points on flights to Western Europe, whereas we reported a drop of 1.2 percentage points in the Focus East region.

In the period from January to July, we reduced capacity on short- and medium-haul routes by 5.3 percent compared to last year (measured in ASK). Accordingly, the number of passengers carried fell by 10.5 percent. The load factor reached 66.5 percent.

Long-haul segment

We reduced capacity on long-haul flights by 16.9 percent in July compared to the previous year. Accordingly, we had 18.7 percent fewer passengers in this segment. The load factor remained stable with 86.5 percent.

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Charter segment

We reduced capacity on charter flights by 21.7 percent in July. Accordingly, the number of passengers carried fell by 20.5 percent. The load factor fell by 1.7 percentage points to 86.6 percent.

From January to July, we reduced capacity on charter flights by 23.1 percent compared to the same period the previous year. The number of passengers carried fell by 24.4 percent in the same period. The load factor remained relatively stable, falling slightly by 0.3 percentage points to 80.1 percent.

Traffic statistics in detail

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

TRAFFIC STATISTICS	July			January - July		
	2009	+/- % p.y.		2009	+/- % p.y.	
Revenue passenger km (**RPK**) m	1,705.5	-11.6		9,356.1	-15.3	
Scheduled	1,430.6	-9.0		8,271.9	-14.2	
Long Haul	691.5	-17.0		3,967.5	-21.0	
Short/Medium Haul	739.2	0.0		4,304.4	-6.8	
- Focus East[1]	391.1	-0.7		2,204.5	-6.5	
- Rest of Europe[2]	348.1	0.8		2,099.9	-7.0	
Charter	274.8	-23.2		1,084.2	-23.4	
Available seat km (**ASK**) m	2,137.2	-11.7		12,939.9	-12.2	
Scheduled	1,819.7	-9.7		11,587.0	-10.8	
Long Haul	799.7	-16.9		5,109.9	-16.9	
Short/Medium Haul	1,020.0	-3.0		6,477.1	-5.3	
- Focus East[1]	549.5	0.9		3,424.8	-0.4	
- Rest of Europe[2]	470.5	-7.2		3,052.3	-10.2	
Charter	317.5	-21.7		1,353.0	-23.1	
Passenger load factor %	79.8	0.0	P.	72.3	-2.7	P.
Scheduled	78.6	0.5	P.	71.4	-2.8	P.
Long Haul	86.5	-0.1	P.	77.6	-4.0	P.
Short/Medium Haul	72.5	2.2	P.	66.5	-1.0	P.
- Focus East[1]	71.2	-1.2	P.	64.4	-4.2	P.
- Rest of Europe[2]	74.0	5.8	P.	68.8	2.4	P.
Charter	86.6	-1.7	P.	80.1	-0.3	P.
Passengers carried 000	985.3	-8.9		5,453.4	-13.4	
Scheduled	819.3	-6.1		4,897.9	-12.0	
Long Haul	92.1	-18.7		531.7	-22.6	
Short/Medium Haul	727.3	-4.3		4,366.2	-10.5	
- Focus East[1]	291.9	-7.8		1,670.1	-12.7	
- Rest of Europe[2]	435.4	-1.8		2,696.1	-9.1	
Charter	166.0	-20.5		555.5	-24.4	
Total revenue tonne km (**RTK**) m	208.4	-13.0		1,168.1	-17.3	
Scheduled	182.0	-11.3		1,063.1	-16.7	
Long Haul	101.7	-19.3		595.3	-23.8	
Short/Medium Haul	80.4	1.5		467.8	-5.5	
- Focus East[1]	43.6	2.8		245.9	-3.8	
- Rest of Europe[2]	36.7	0.0		221.9	-7.4	
Charter	26.4	-23.1		105.0	-23.1	
Total available tonne km (**ATK**) m	272.3	-11.5		1,661.4	-12.6	
Scheduled	240.4	-10.0		1,520.7	-11.6	
Long Haul	123.2	-17.0		786.6	-17.0	
Short/Medium Haul	117.2	-1.2		734.1	-5.0	
- Focus East[1]	65.6	6.0		398.6	2.0	
- Rest of Europe[2]	51.6	-9.1		335.5	-12.1	
Charter	32.0	-21.5		140.7	-21.8	
Overall load factor %	76.5	-1.3	P.	70.3	-4.0	P.
Scheduled	75.7	-1.1	P.	69.9	-4.3	P.
Long Haul	82.5	-2.4	P.	75.7	-6.7	P.
Short/Medium Haul	68.6	1.8	P.	63.7	-0.4	P.
- Focus East[1]	66.6	-2.1	P.	61.7	-3.7	P.
- Rest of Europe[2]	71.1	6.5	P.	66.2	3.3	P.
Charter	82.7	-1.8	P.	74.6	-1.3	P.

[1] CEE and Middle East [2] Incl. Domestic

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