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Traffic Result of the Austrian Airlines Group, January 2010: Positive Trend in Passenger Volume and Load Factor

- **2.8 percent more passengers carried than in comparison month**
- **Load factor improved by 3.8 percentage points**

The Austrian Airlines Group achieved an average load factor on its flights of 68.7 percent in January 2010. This was 3.8 percentage points above the figure for the same month the previous year. Austrian Airlines carried around 668,000 passengers in January 2010, 2.8 percent more than in January 2009. Passenger volume was therefore positive, even though this trend is also a reflection of the fact that the comparison month of January 2009 was particularly weak due to the economic crisis. The Members of the Austrian Airlines Executive Board, Andreas Bierwirth and Peter Malanik, said the following: “We must not allow ourselves to be deceived by the positive trend in passenger volume; the revenue situation remains as difficult as ever.”

Short- and Medium-Haul

Around 567,300 passengers flew short- and medium-haul routes with Austrian Airlines in January. This corresponds to growth of 7.1 percent compared to January of last year. With a rise of 3.8 percentage points, the load factor has increased to 61.0 percent. It proved possible to increase the load factor in all traffic segments: in Eastern Europe, the load factor improved by 3.7 percentage points to 60.2 percent, while in Western Europe it rose by 3.7 percentage points to 61.9 percent. We increased our capacity measured in Available Seat Kilometers (ASK) by 1.1 percent, with Revenue Passenger Kilometers (RPK) rising by 7.8 percent.

Long-Haul

The number of passengers taking long-haul flights fell by 8.2 percent to 69,000 in January. As we reduced our ASK by 14.6 percent, we succeeded in increasing the load factor by 8.6 percentage points to 81.3 percent.

Charter

The number of passengers carried on charter flights in January, at 31,700, was 29.4 percent down on the same month the previous year. We sharply reduced capacity in January compared to last year in the charter segment, cutting the figure by 21.2 percent where measured by ASK.

Austrian Airlines

Austrian Airlines is Austria's largest carrier and offers a global route network of 120 destinations. In Central and Eastern Europe, the route network is particularly dense: With 45 destinations Austrian Airlines is the market leader throughout the region. Thanks to its favourable geographical location at the heart of Europe, the company's hub at Vienna International Airport is the ideal gateway between East and West. Austrian Airlines is part of the Lufthansa Group, Europe's largest airline group, and a member of the Star Alliance, the first global alliance of international airlines.

Traffic statistics in detail

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

TRAFFIC STATISTICS	January 2010	+/- % p.y.	
Revenue passenger km (**RPK**) m	1,154.7	-1.8	
Scheduled	1,078.2	1.6	
Long Haul	508.4	-4.5	
Short/Medium Haul	569.7	7.8	
- Focus East[1]	291.9	0.2	
- Rest of Europe[2]	277.8	17.2	
Charter	76.5	-33.0	
Available seat km (**ASK**) m	1,680.9	-7.1	
Scheduled	1,559.6	-5.8	
Long Haul	625.7	-14.6	
Short/Medium Haul	933.8	1.1	
- Focus East[1]	484.7	-6.0	
- Rest of Europe[2]	449.1	10.2	
Charter	121.3	-21.2	
Passenger load factor %	68.7	3.8	P.
Scheduled	69.1	5.1	P.
Long Haul	81.3	8.6	P.
Short/Medium Haul	61.0	3.8	P.
- Focus East[1]	60.2	3.7	P.
- Rest of Europe[2]	61.9	3.7	P.
Charter	63.1	-11.2	P.
Passengers carried 000	668.0	2.8	
Scheduled	636.3	5.2	
Long Haul	69.0	-8.2	
Short/Medium Haul	567.3	7.1	
- Focus East[1]	205.8	0.0	
- Rest of Europe[2]	361.5	11.7	
Charter	31.7	-29.4	
Total revenue tonne km (**RTK**) m	144.5	-0.4	
Scheduled	137.0	2.4	
Long Haul	76.1	-3.1	
Short/Medium Haul	60.9	10.1	
- Focus East[1]	32.3	5.2	
- Rest of Europe[2]	28.6	16.2	
Charter	7.5	-32.8	
Total available tonne km (**ATK**) m	212.8	-7.5	
Scheduled	199.2	-6.5	
Long Haul	96.4	-14.7	
Short/Medium Haul	102.9	2.7	
- Focus East[1]	55.2	-1.7	
- Rest of Europe[2]	47.6	8.3	
Charter	13.5	-19.3	
Overall load factor %	67.9	4.8	P.
Scheduled	68.7	6.0	P.
Long Haul	78.9	9.5	P.
Short/Medium Haul	59.2	4.0	P.
- Focus East[1]	58.5	3.8	P.
- Rest of Europe[2]	60.0	4.1	P.
Charter	55.5	-11.2	P.

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

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