

Traffic snapshot

- January 2022 saw 4.8million passenger movements for the MAHB network of airports. Passenger movements contribution from both Malaysia and Istanbul SGIA were more than 2million passenger movements respectively.
- International and domestic passenger movements recorded 1.3million and 3.5million passengers respectively, driven by Malaysia's domestic traffic recovery following the easing of interstate travel restriction since October 2021.
- Overall passenger movements for Malaysia recorded 2.7million passenger movements, with international and domestic sectors recording over 270,000 and 2.5million passengers respectively. Domestic passenger movements reached 63.0% of 2019 January traffic, the highest growth achieved to-date compared to pre-COVID levels.
- Istanbul SGIA handled a total of 2.0million passenger movements, with international passengers exceeding January 2019 movements for the first time by 8.5% or 84,094 passengers. The traffic recovery momentum from 2021 continued to 2022 as Istanbul SGIA was ranked as the 6th busiest airport in terms of total passenger traffic by ACI (Airport Council International) Europe in 2021.
- Despite the unfolding of Omicron wave resulting in the temporary suspension of the Vaccinated Travel Lane (VTL) and Umrah trips in Malaysia, January passenger movements for Malaysia was resilient and performed better than the average passenger movements recorded in the fourth quarter of 2021. In addition, Istanbul SGIA daily passenger movements recorded an increasing trend towards the last week of January.

Passenger Movements ('000) Snapshot, January 2022

Total	2022 January	2021 January	% YOY	2022 1 st LTM	2021 1 st LTM	%YOY
KLIA	1,040	261	299.3%	4,792	8,105	-40.9%
International	267	93	187.2%	1,500	4,416	-66.0%
ASEAN	106	27	295.9%	585	2,003	-70.8%
Non-ASEAN	160	66	142.9%	915	2,413	-62.1%
Domestic	774	168	361.3%	3,292	3,690	-10.8%
MASB Airports	1,704	499	241.7%	7,929	9,484	-16.4%
International	5	3	74.7%	38	520	-92.7%
ASEAN	5	3	99.9%	36	403	-91.1%
Non-ASEAN	0.2	0.5	-56.9%	2	117	-98.1%
Domestic	1,698	495	242.8%	7,891	8,964	-12.0%
Total MAHB	2,744	759	261.5%	12,720	17,589	-27.7%
Istanbul SGIA²	2,031	1,321	53.7%	26,066	15,564	67.5%
Total MAHB System	4,775	2,081	129.5%	38,786	33,154	17.0%

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Total KLIA & MASB	272	96	183.6%	1,538	4,936	-68.9%
<i>ASEAN</i>	111	29	278.6%	621	2,406	-74.2%
<i>Non-ASEAN</i>	160	66	141.4%	917	2,530	-63.8%
Istanbul SGIA	1,000	417	139.7%	9,555	4,528	111.0%
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Total	2,472	663	272.8%	11,183	12,653	-11.6%
Istanbul SGIA	1,031	904	14.0%	16,511	11,036	49.6%
Total MAHB System	3,503	1,567	123.5%	27,693	23,690	16.9%

**January is preliminary, where main variations if any lie largely from the non-scheduled or charter flights at domestic airports*

***MASB Airports refers to the 38 Malaysian airports other than KLIA/KUL operated by Malaysia Airports Sdn Bhd.*

¹LTM refers to the last twelve months, up to and including the month in question

²Istanbul SGIA is Istanbul Sabiha Gokcen International Airport with the SAW three-letter International Air Transport Association (IATA) code

KLIA Main & klia2 Passenger Movements ('000) snapshot, January 2022

Airport	2022	2021	% YOY	2022	2021	%YOY
	January			LTM		
KLIA Main Total	495	123	302.5%	2,526	3,629	-30.4%
<i>International</i>	233	81	187.4%	1,298	2,605	-50.2%
ASEAN	75	17	341.5%	397	830	-52.2%
Non-ASEAN	158	64	146.8%	901	1,776	-49.2%
<i>Domestic</i>	262	42	524.5%	1,228	1,024	20.0%
klia2 Total	545	137	296.4%	2,265	4,476	-49.4%
<i>International</i>	34	12	185.9%	202	1,810	-88.9%
ASEAN	32	10	218.6%	188	1,173	-84.0%
Non-ASEAN	2	1.8	6.8%	14	637	-97.9%
<i>Domestic</i>	511	126	306.7%	2,064	2,666	-22.6%

Aircraft Movements Snapshot, January 2022

Total	2022	2021	% YOY	2022	2021	2020 %YOY
	January			LTM		
KLIA	11,714	5,060	131.5%	80,108	94,280	-15.0%
MASB Airports	26,322	12,056	118.3%	175,783	192,409	-8.6%
Total	38,036	17,116	122.2%	255,891	286,689	-10.7%
Istanbul SGIA	14,790	10,090	46.6%	181,854	114,275	59.1%
Total MAHB System	52,826	27,206	94.2%	437,745	400,964	9.2%

International	2022	2021	% YOY	2022	2021	%YOY
	January			LTM		
KLIA	4,871	3,061	59.1%	46,241	55,743	-17.0%
MASB Airports	1236	960	28.8%	12,956	16,648	-22.2%
Total	6,107	4,021	51.9%	59,197	72,391	-18.2%
Istanbul SGIA	7,760	3,879	100.1%	71,823	36,927	94.5%
Total MAHB System	13,867	7,900	75.5%	131,020	109,318	19.9%

Domestic	2022	2021	% YOY	2022	2021	%YOY
	January			LTM		
KLIA	6,843	1,999	242.3%	33,867	38,537	-12.1%
MASB Airports	25,086	11,096	126.1%	162,827	175,761	-7.4%
Total	31,929	13,095	143.8%	196,694	214,298	-8.2%
Istanbul SGIA	7,030	6,211	13.2%	110,031	77,348	42.3%
Total MAHB System	38,959	19,306	101.8%	306,725	291,646	5.2%

Overview of traffic

January passenger movements remained buoyant with 4.8million passenger movements, despite the additional challenges from the unfolding of Omicron wave which triggered temporary renewed travel restrictions and tightening of travel procedures to contain the spread of the new variant. High vaccination rates and the ramp up for booster shot campaigns in significantly reducing serious illness and hospitalisation has provided optimism for more progressive relaxation of travel restrictions and procedures.

Malaysia's daily average passenger movements slowed down as the school term resumed on 10th January, combined with the effect from the temporary suspension of the VTL and Umrah services from 8th January and 23rd December 2021, respectively. VTL ticket sales, however, resumed from 21st January albeit with an interim 50% reduction of ticket quotas and flexibility to increase flight frequencies based on risk assessment of COVID cases in Malaysia and Singapore. Notwithstanding the challenges brought by the new variant, January's 8,700 daily average passenger movements, recorded a much higher daily average than November 2021 by 2-fold though slightly lower than December 2021 by 2,000 daily average passengers. December, on the other hand, has consistently remained a peak month that records the highest passenger movements in a year, pre-COVID as well as during COVID.

The new year also started on positive note with SKS Airways commencing operations to Pangkor and Redang Island on 26th and 31st January respectively from Lapangan Terbang Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport, Subang. In addition, AirAsia had also introduced new services from Kuching to Langkawi v.v. with two flights per week, Bintulu to Johor Bharu v.v. with one flight per week, Penang to Sibu v.v. with two flights per week and Kota Kinabalu to Kuala Terengganu with one flight per week. Malindo Air had also introduced new services from Kota Bharu to Langkawi v.v. with four times weekly frequencies from 27th January. These new services had a good average load factor, ranging from 53% to 75%, indicating an underlying demand for additional domestic flights.

Istanbul SGIA's traffic recovery momentum had also continued into January 2022 while showing signs of moving towards normalisation with 49:51 ratio of passenger movements between international and domestic traffic, reaching 72.7% of January 2019 overall passenger movements. The first week of February 2022 recorded higher daily average passenger movements of more than 75,500 passengers compared to the last week of January 2022 at 62,900 average daily passengers. In addition, connectivity in 2022 would see more flights to the international sector from Istanbul SGIA as new slots for Pegasus were approved in December 2021. Pegasus has launched new services to Yerevan, Armenia on 2nd February with 3 times weekly frequencies.

Pegasus will also be launching another new service in March, with two times weekly frequencies to Ganja, Azerbaijan.

Some of the countries within Southeast Asia and Asia Pacific are planning to gradually open borders with ongoing talks to establish new travel bubbles. The latest news from National Recovery Council (NRC) on relaxing Malaysia's borders as early as March brought optimism for the aviation industry. Nevertheless, MAHB will continue to monitor the latest developments and challenges regarding the Omicron variant, booster shot roll out and the recent move to include children between five to eleven years old in the vaccination programme for Malaysia. The gradual relaxation for air travel in Malaysia in line with the expansion of the vaccination programme is expected to further accelerate passengers' confidence to travel.

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