

Media release

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Quarterly traffic results

SWISS reports slight increase in first-quarter passenger numbers

Swiss International Air Lines (SWISS)¹ transported 3,808,356 passengers in the first three months of 2019, 2.1% more than in the same period last year. A total of 33,743 flights were operated during the period, a 4.2% increase on January-to-March 2018.

First-quarter passenger capacity, measured in available seat-kilometres (ASK), was raised 2.0%. Total traffic volume, measured in revenue passenger-kilometres (RPK) rose 2.9%. Systemwide seat load factor for the first three months amounted to 78.6%, a 0.7-percentage-point improvement on the prior-year period.

Passenger numbers for **March 2019** totalled 1,410,856, broadly unchanged from the 1,410,605 of the prior-year period. SWISS operated 11,736 flights in the month, 2.7% more than in March 2018. Monthly ASK capacity was raised 1.3%, while March RPK traffic volume decreased by 1.2%. Monthly seat load factor declined accordingly, slipping 2.0 percentage points to 80.7%.

¹ excluding Edelweiss

Swiss International Air Lines (SWISS) is The Airline of Switzerland, serving over 100 destinations in 44 countries worldwide from Zurich, Geneva and Lugano and carrying some 18 million passengers a year with its fleet of around 90 aircraft. The company's Swiss WorldCargo division provides a comprehensive range of airport-to-airport airfreight services for high-value and care-intensive consignments to around 175 destinations in more than 80 countries.

As The Airline of Switzerland, SWISS embodies its home country's traditional values, and is committed to delivering the highest product and service quality. With its workforce of some 9,000 personnel, SWISS generated total revenues of over CHF 5 billion in 2018. SWISS is part of the Lufthansa Group, and is also a member of Star Alliance, the world's biggest airline network.

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Lufthansa Group

		Month	yoy	Cumulative	yoy
Total Lufthansa Group Airlines	Passengers in 1,000	11,274	+1.7%	29,384	+3.1%
	Available seat-kilometers (m)	28,669	+4.9%	79,499	+6.3%
	Revenue seat-kilometers (m)	23,091	+4.1%	61,899	+6.3%
	Passenger load-factor (%)	80.5	-0.7pts.	77.9	-0.0pts.
	Available Cargo tonne-kilometers (m)	1,504	+10.5%	4,049	+8.6%
	Revenue Cargo tonne-kilometers (m)	974	-1.1%	2,543	-3.0%
	Cargo load-factor (%)	64.7	-7.6pts.	62.8	-7.5pts.
	Number of flights	95,126	+2.7%	262,492	+3.5%
Lufthansa German Airlines*	Passengers in 1,000	5,753	+1.4%	14,977	+2.0%
	Available seat-kilometers (m)	16,334	+3.3%	45,233	+4.3%
	Revenue seat-kilometers (m)	13,110	+1.8%	35,118	+3.6%
	Passenger load-factor (%)	80.3	-1.2pts.	77.6	-0.5pts.
	Number of flights	47,210	+3.8%	129,589	+3.1%
thereof Hub FRA	Passengers in 1,000	3,513	+0.7%	9,207	+1.7%
	Available seat-kilometers (m)	11,277	+0.9%	31,289	+1.5%
	Revenue seat-kilometers (m)	9,103	-0.3%	24,663	+0.9%
	Passenger load-factor (%)	80.7	-1.0%	78.8	-0.4%
	Number of flights	26,337	+1.5%	72,305	+1.8%
thereof Hub MUC	Passengers in 1,000	2,153	+2.0%	5,554	+1.9%
	Available seat-kilometers (m)	4,999	+8.9%	13,787	+11.0%
	Revenue seat-kilometers (m)	3,968	+6.7%	10,359	+10.3%
	Passenger load-factor (%)	79.4	-1.6%	75.1	-0.5%
	Number of flights	19,735	+6.4%	54,208	+4.1%
SWISS	Passengers in 1,000	1,612	+3.6%	4,347	+5.4%
	Available seat-kilometers (m)	5,194	+9.0%	14,761	+9.6%
	Revenue seat-kilometers (m)	4,232	+7.3%	11,799	+11.2%
	Passenger load-factor (%)	81.5	-1.3pts.	79.9	+1.1pts.
	Number of flights	12,824	+4.8%	36,694	+6.2%
Austrian Airlines	Passengers in 1,000	1,071	+7.0%	2,664	+7.3%
	Available seat-kilometers (m)	2,066	+2.2%	5,591	+6.9%
	Revenue seat-kilometers (m)	1,584	+4.6%	4,082	+7.5%
	Passenger load-factor (%)	76.7	+1.7pts.	73.0	+0.4pts.
	Number of flights	10,926	+4.5%	28,754	+4.7%
Total Network Airlines**	Passengers in 1,000	8,383	+2.5%	21,842	+3.3%
	Available seat-kilometers (m)	23,563	+4.4%	65,495	+5.6%
	Revenue seat-kilometers (m)	18,901	+3.2%	50,931	+5.5%
	Passenger load-factor (%)	80.2	-1.0pts.	77.8	-0.1pts.
	Number of flights	70,232	+4.1%	192,946	+3.9%

* Lufthansa German Airlines incl. Hub FRA, Hub MUC & regional airlines

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Total Eurowings*	Passengers in 1,000	2,891	-0.5%	7,542	+2.7%
	Available seat-kilometers (m)	5,106	+7.3%	14,005	+9.6%
	Revenue seat-kilometers (m)	4,190	+8.2%	10,968	+9.9%
	Passenger load-factor (%)	82.1	+0.7pts.	78.3	+0.2pts.
	Number of flights	24,894	-1.1%	69,546	+2.5%

* Incl. Eurowings and Brussels Airlines

Network Airlines & Cargo*

By region		Month	yoy	Cumulative	yoy
Europe	Passengers in 1,000	6,390	+2.4%	16,427	+2.5%
	Available seat-kilometers (m)	6,830	+4.5%	18,542	+5.7%
	Revenue seat-kilometers (m)	5,079	+3.6%	12,934	+4.1%
	Passenger load-factor (%)	74.4	-0.6pts.	69.8	-1.1pts.
	Available Cargo tonne-kilometers (m)	85	+36.5%	226	+35.8%
	Revenue Cargo tonne-kilometers (m)	31	-3.2%	83	-3.0%
	Cargo load-factor (%)	36.4	-14.9pts.	36.7	-14.7pts.
America (North und South)	Passengers in 1,000	921	+0.2%	2,432	+3.8%
	Available seat-kilometers (m)	8,517	+2.9%	23,600	+3.2%
	Revenue seat-kilometers (m)	7,146	+2.5%	19,038	+5.2%
	Passenger load-factor (%)	83.9	-0.3pts.	80.7	+1.5pts.
	Available Cargo tonne-kilometers (m)	682	+12.0%	1,838	+9.6%
	Revenue Cargo tonne-kilometers (m)	441	+0.5%	1,170	-0.3%
	Cargo load-factor (%)	64.7	-7.4pts.	63.6	-6.3pts.
Asia/Pacific	Passengers in 1,000	573	-0.9%	1,651	+3.7%
	Available seat-kilometers (m)	5,648	+2.3%	16,113	+5.1%
	Revenue seat-kilometers (m)	4,636	-0.1%	13,328	+4.6%
	Passenger load-factor (%)	82.1	-2.0pts.	82.7	-0.4pts.
	Available Cargo tonne-kilometers (m)	597	+4.4%	1,595	+2.9%
	Revenue Cargo tonne-kilometers (m)	419	-6.4%	1,078	-8.9%
	Cargo load-factor (%)	70.2	-8.1pts.	67.6	-8.8pts.
Middle East/ Africa	Passengers in 1,000	500	+12.7%	1,332	+12.4%
	Available seat-kilometers (m)	2,568	+14.9%	7,240	+15.7%
	Revenue seat-kilometers (m)	2,040	+12.8%	5,631	+12.8%
	Passenger load-factor (%)	79.4	-1.5pts.	77.8	-2.0pts.
	Available Cargo tonne-kilometers (m)	140	+18.6%	391	+15.8%
	Revenue Cargo tonne-kilometers (m)	82	+26.5%	212	+17.9%
	Cargo load-factor (%)	58.6	+3.7pts.	54.3	+1.0pts.

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Eurowings*

		Month	yoy	Cumulative	yoy
Short-haul	Passengers in 1,000	2,595	-2.1%	6,741	+1.6%
	Available seat-kilometers (m)	3,085	+0.7%	8,384	+5.9%
	Revenue seat-kilometers (m)	2,490	+2.5%	6,285	+6.4%
	Passenger load-factor (%)	80.7	+1.4pts.	75.0	+0.3pts.
Long-haul	Passengers in 1,000	295	+15.3%	801	+13.1%
	Available seat-kilometers (m)	2,021	+19.1%	5,621	+15.6%
	Revenue seat-kilometers (m)	1,700	+17.8%	4,682	+15.0%
	Passenger load-factor (%)	84.1	-0.9pts.	83.3	-0.4pts.

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Additional references

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