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Foreword



Dear Colleagues and Partners,

It am honoured to present you the much-anticipated ACI World Annual World Airport Traffic Report 2023, the most authoritative source and industry reference for airport traffic trends and rankings.

The aviation sector stands out as one of the world’s most data-intensive industries. The ACI World Annual World Airport Traffic Report 2023, our flagship product, is based on data gathered from an extensive network of over 2,600 airports spanning more than 180 countries and territories worldwide.

Curated by the leading industry economists, the report provides a comprehensive in-depth analysis of global airport traffic trends, including rankings and evaluations of passenger, cargo, and aircraft traffic data for 2022 and the first half of 2023.

“The aviation industry, having confronted unparalleled challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic is on the path to rapid recovery.”

Global passenger traffic surged 43.8% year over year in 2022, reaching a total of 6.6 billion passengers. This remarkable recovery came after a steep -60.7% decline from the level seen in 2019. Aircraft movements mirrored the passenger trend, rising 14.8% in 2022 to reach 85 million takeoffs and landings. During the same year, airports across the globe handled a total of 117 million metric tonnes of cargo.

Indeed, the aviation industry, having confronted unparalleled challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic is on the path to rapid recovery. We saw a swift resurgence of global interest in air travel as people eagerly seek opportunities to travel and engage in personal interactions, for leisure or business purposes.

Although upside and downside risks remain present, we continue to witness the dedicated efforts and commitment of ACI airport members and partners, and we are filled with optimism about the industry’s future. Aviation is a key driver of growth, jobs, and prosperity, providing employment, social benefits, and economic development to communities worldwide. This sector remains a steadfast force in global economic recovery, bridging connections among people, cultures, and economies.

ACI World projects that global air travel will nearly return to pre-pandemic levels by the end of 2023, with all regions expected to reach this milestone in 2024. Indeed, the future is promising and bright.

I encourage you to delve into the valuable insights that the ACI World Annual World Airport Traffic Report 2023 holds.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luis Felipe de Oliveira'. The signature is stylized and fluid, written over a white background.

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