COVID-19 Assessing prospects for domestic markets

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### Post lock-down return to air travel likely to be in stages We assume domestic markets open in Q3 but international slower to open

Share of global air travel in 2019



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Source: IATA Economics using data from IATA Statistics

#### Worldwide domestic flights are down 70% today Domestic markets grounded outside of North America and Asia





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### China and US dominate domestic air travel - key to Q3 Other Asian and Emerging Markets in the top-10 largest markets

#### Top Domestic Markets by RPKs (Share in global domestic travel in 2019)



#### Top Domestic Markets by **# of Passengers** (Share in global domestic travel in 2019)





Source: IATA Economics using data from IATA Statistics

#### Lessons from China on domestic air travel 'restart' Rise in flights as new cases fell towards zero, but recovery then stalled



China domestic flights, COVID-19 new cases



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### China return to work and VFR but not to 'play' Weakness of services indicates consumers remain cautious







Source: IATA Economics using data from Markit

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### COVID-19 cases stabilizing in key domestic markets China and Australia stable, US slowing fast, others less certain at this stage



Source: IATA Economics using data from the World Health Organization (WHO)



#### No sign yet of rebound in Australia domestic market COVID-19 new cases have now dropped almost to zero





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### US domestic market stabilized by policy measures CARES and other measures stopping decline. New cases slowing rapidly





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# Business (but not consumer) confidence up in China, not elsewhere





Source: IATA Economics using data from Markit

#### Recession will damage passenger confidence in Q3 Economic forecasts show a small improvement in GDP growth in Q3

Economic growth (GDP) in the US and China, % change year-on-year





Source: IATA Economics using data and forecasts from Oxford Economics

### As a result Q3 rise in domestic air travel likely to be slow Domestic markets should open first, but demand will be slow to return





Source: IATA Economics using data and forecasts from Oxford Economics and IATA

# Restoring passenger confidence will be crucial 40% of passengers say they will wait 6 months or more before travelling



**Returning to Travel After Containment Announcement** 

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Source: IATA Survey, Conducted in 11 countries (Australia, Canada, Chile, France, Germany, India, Japan, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Unites States at the beginning of April. Numbers are rounded.

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