

The SAS Group Traffic figures October 2008

SAS Group's October traffic figures

- SAS Group's traffic decreased by 8.8% during October and seat capacity was down 3.8% vs 2007.
- SAS Group carried 3.2 million passengers in September, down 11.5% vs 2007.
- Total passenger load factor was down by 3.7 p.u. to 69.0%.

Group market trends and yield development

Yield for Scandinavian Airlines in September was up by 6.9%, somewhat higher than indicated last month. For October 2008, the change in yield is expected to be positive versus last year, but somewhat less positive than in September.

The market is now characterized by lower demand due to weaker macroeconomic development in Scandinavia and Europe. The challenges within the credit market will most likely result in an even more difficult macroeconomic environment. Due to a more stable lower oil price SAS has been reducing surcharges. The SAS Group is currently implementing measures - Profit 2008 - to secure the result development in 2008. The measures comprises both revenue enhancing and cost measures totaling 1,5 SEK billion. Capacity reductions of 10% as announced earlier are gradually taking effect. The program is running according to set out plan.

SAS Scandinavian Airlines

- Traffic decreased by 2.9% in October
- The load factor decreased by 4.1 p.u. to 70.6%.

Scandinavian Airlines International's total intercontinental traffic was down by 0.4 % vs last year and capacity was in up 2.5%. Traffic on Asian routes was down 5% and up 3% on USA routes. The total passenger load factor was 83.7%, down 2.4 p.u.

Scandinavian Airlines Danmark decreased its capacity with 2.8% in October. On European routes, the capacity was unchanged and traffic was down 4%. The total load factor was 67.4%, down 3.2 p.u.

Scandinavian Airlines Norge's capacity increased by 8.7% but traffic was down by 4.3%. Capacity on Intrascandinavian and European routes was increased. Total load factor was 61.6%, down 8.3 p.u.

Scandinavian Airlines Sverige's capacity increased by 1.2% due to growth on international routes. On Swedish domestic routes the capacity was reduced by 7.7% and the traffic was down 9.2%. The total traffic was down 0.8% resulting in a 1.3 p.u. lower total passenger load factor.

Punctuality (October)

Within 15 minutes 89.9% of the flights departed on time and the regularity was 99.1%.

Internet bookings (September)

The proportion of Internet bookings was 31.7% (35.3%) in September 2008

SAS Group	Oct 08	Change	Jan-Oct 08	Change
ASK (Mill.)	4 788	-3,8%	47 400	4,0%
RPK (Mill.)	3 302	-8,8%	33 908	2,1%
Passenger load factor	69,0%	-3,7 p u	71,5%	-1,4 p u
No. of passengers (Mill.)	3,241	-11,5%	32,935	-1,2%

p u = percentage units



Summary of the airlines	Oct 2008 vs. Oct 2007			
	Traffic (RPK)	Capacity (ASK)	Load factor	Change of load factor
SAS Group	-8,8%	-3,8%	69,0%	-3,7 p u
SAS Scandinavian Airlines	-2,9%	2,7%	70,6%	-4,1 p u
Spanair	-27,1%	-22,3%	64,8%	-4,3 p u
Widerøe	4,7%	8,0%	60,9%	-1,9 p u
Blue1	-8,8%	-6,0%	64,1%	-2,0 p u

SAS Scandinavian Airlines	Oct 08	Change	Jan-Oct 08	Change
ASK (Mill.)	3 536	2,7 %	33 355	7,3 %
RPK (Mill.)	2 496	-2,9 %	24 299	4,2 %
Passenger load factor	70,6%	-4,1 p u	72,8%	-2,2 p u
Passengers (Mill.)	2,276	-6,0 %	21,911	1,6 %
Route area (change):	Oct 08	Change	Jan-Oct 08 vs. Jan-Oct 07	Change
	Traffic (RPK)	Capacity (ASK)	Traffic (RPK)	Capacity (ASK)
Intercontinental	-0,4%	2,5%	3,5%	1,6%
Europe	-0,3%	6,6%	8,4%	13,4%
Intrascandinavian	-2,4%	8,3%	1,9%	12,8%
Denmark	-3,3%	-13,1%	5,1%	6,4%
Norway	-14,6%	-4,7%	-3,1%	0,2%
Sweden	-9,2%	-7,7%	-0,9%	8,1%

Scandinavian Airlines Danmark	Oct 08	Change	Jan-Oct 08	Change
ASK (Mill.)	759	-2,8 %	7 479	4,6 %
RPK (Mill.)	512	-7,2 %	5 094	-0,5 %
Passenger load factor	67,4%	-3,2 p u	68,1%	-3,5 p u
Passengers (000)	680,5	-9,4 %	6 728,8	-3,3 %

Scandinavian Airlines Norge	Oct 08	Change	Jan-Oct 08	Change
ASK (Mill.)	1 014	8,7 %	9 404	12,0 %
RPK (Mill.)	624	-4,3 %	6 345	7,5 %
Passenger load factor	61,6%	-8,3 p u	67,5%	-2,9 p u
Passengers (000)	891,3	-4,4 %	8 680,9	5,0 %

Scandinavian Airlines Sverige	Oct 08	Change	Jan-Oct 08	Change
ASK (Mill.)	709	1,2 %	6 483	13,6 %
RPK (Mill.)	477	-0,8 %	4 383	6,5 %
Passenger load factor	67,3%	-1,3 p u	67,6%	-4,5 p u
Passengers (000)	580,9	-5,5 %	5 316,6	2,0 %

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Spanair traffic development

In October capacity decreased by 22.3% following implementation of the restructuring program reducing the fleet with 15 aircraft. Total load factor decreased 4.3 p.u. vs last year and was 64.8%. The number of passengers was 630.000, down 28.8% vs last year.

Domestic capacity decreased by 21.2% due to closure of five routes and frequency reduction on major routes. The traffic decreased by 28.9% due to the capacity adjustment and accelerated slowdown in the Spanish economy. The load factor decreased by 6.6 p.u. to 60.9% and total number of passengers on domestic routes was 527.000.

International capacity decreased by 25.4% due to the closure of three routes. The traffic decreased 22.4%, leading to a load factor increase of 2,9 p.u.. Total number of passengers on the international routes was 103.000. Spanair's bookings continue to improve and is back to normal level, but with lower yield.

Widerøe's traffic development

Widerøe carried 189.000 passenger in October, up 2.3% vs last year. Capacity was lower the previous year due to the grounding of the company's Dash 8-Q400. The overall passenger loadfactor was down by 1,9 p.u. to 60.9%.

Blue 1's traffic development

The total number of passengers was 145.000 in October, down 15.8% vs last year. The total traffic decreased by 8.8% vs last year and the overall passenger load factor was 64.1% down 2.0 p.u. vs last year.

The passenger load factor on the Domestic routes decreased by 1.6 p.u. and the capacity by 18%. Capacity on Scandinavian routes decreased by 6% and the traffic by 13% vs last year. This resulted in a 4,6 p.u. lower load factor than last year. Capacity on European routes was on last year's level but the traffic decreased by 2% vs last year resulting in a 1.0 p.u. lower passenger load factor.



Spanair (scheduled)	Oct 08	Change	Jan-Oct 08	Change
ASK (Mill)	964	-22,3 %	11 319	-3,9 %
RPK (Mill)	625	-27,1 %	7 862	-3,3 %
Passenger load factor	64,8%	-4,3 p u	69,5%	+0,4 p u
Total no. of passengers (Mill)	0,630	-28,8 %	7,929	-7,6 %
Route area (change):	Oct 08 vs. Oct 07		Jan-Oct 08 vs. Jan-Oct 07.	
	Traffic (RPK)	Capacity (ASK)	Traffic (RPK)	Capacity (ASK)
Spanish domestic	-28,9%	-21,2%	-4,0%	-1,9%
European Routes	-22,4%	-25,4%	-1,0%	-9,5%



Widerøe's	Oct 08	Change	Jan-Oct 08	Change
ASK (Mill.)	97	8,0 %	914	6,1 %
RPK (Mill.)	59	4,7 %	552	6,6 %
Passenger load factor	60,9%	-1,9 p u	60,5%	+0,3 p u
Total no. of passengers (Mill)	0,189	2,3 %	1,719	4,0 %



Blue1	Oct 08	Change	Jan-Oct 08	Change
ASK (Mill.)	191	-6,0 %	1 812	-1,2 %
RPK (Mill.)	123	-8,8 %	1 196	-4,2 %
Passenger load factor	64,1%	-2,0 p u	66,0%	-2,1 p u
Total no. of passengers (Mill)	0,145	-15,8 %	1,377	-9,8 %

SAS Group APPENDIX – Traffic, capacity, passenger load factors and number of passengers per route area.

INTERCONTINENTAL ROUTES	Oct 08	Oct 07	CHANGE	Jan-Oct 08	Jan-Oct 07	CHANGE
ASK (Mill.)	1 054	1 028	2,5%	9 989	9 834	+1,6%
RPK (Mill.)	882	886	-0,4%	8 477	8 188	+3,5%
Passenger load factor	83,7%	86,1%	-2,4 p u	84,9%	83,3%	+1,6 p u
Total no. of passengers (000)	124	123	0,1%	1 184	1 140	+3,9%
EUROPEAN ROUTES	Oct 08	Oct 07	CHANGE	Jan-Oct 08	Jan-Oct 07	CHANGE
ASK (Mill.)	2 675	2 869	-6,8%	27 366	26 182	4,5%
RPK (Mill.)	1 774	2 021	-12,2%	18 907	18 468	2,4%
Passenger load factor	66,3%	70,4%	-4,2 p u	69,1%	70,5%	-1,4 p u
Total no. of passengers (000)	1 658	1 953	-15,1%	17 833	18 131	-1,6%
INTRA-SCANDINAVIAN ROUTES	Oct 08	Oct 07	CHANGE	Jan-Oct 08	Jan-Oct 07	CHANGE
ASK (Mill.)	272	249	9,3%	2 615	2 287	14,3%
RPK (Mill.)	162	164	-1,1%	1 607	1 551	3,6%
Passenger load factor	59,4%	65,7%	-6,2 p u	61,5%	67,8%	-6,4 p u
Total no. of passengers (000)	328	340	-3,5%	3 229	3 179	1,6%
DANISH DOMESTIC ROUTES	Oct 08	Oct 07	CHANGE	Jan-Oct 08	Jan-Oct 07	CHANGE
ASK (Mill.)	22	26	-13,1%	251	235	6,4%
RPK (Mill.)	15	15	-3,3%	163	155	5,1%
Passenger load factor	66,6%	59,9%	+6,8 p u	65,1%	65,9%	-0,8 p u
Total no. of passengers (000)	71	74	-3,9%	668	646	3,4%
NORWEGIAN DOMESTIC ROUTES	Oct 08	Oct 07	CHANGE	Jan-Oct 08	Jan-Oct 07	CHANGE
ASK (Mill.)	551	573	-3,9%	5 216	5 200	0,3%
RPK (Mill.)	327	376	-13,0%	3 441	3 533	-2,6%
Passenger load factor	59,4%	65,6%	-6,2 p u	66,0%	67,9%	-2,0 p u
Total no. of passengers (000)	774	851	-9,1%	7 429	7 573	-1,9%
SWEDISH DOMESTIC ROUTES	Oct 08	Oct 07	CHANGE	Jan-Oct 08	Jan-Oct 07	CHANGE
ASK (Mill.)	214	232	-7,7%	1 965	1 819	8,1%
RPK (Mill.)	143	157	-9,2%	1 312	1 324	-0,9%
Passenger load factor	66,8%	67,9%	-1,1 p u	66,8%	72,8%	-6,0 p u
Total no. of passengers (000)	287	323	-11,2%	2593	2662	-2,6%