

How airlines and airport operators are responding to the COVID-19 crisis and preparing to bounce back

Welcome to the second edition of the monthly Aviation Resilience Report. At MA Business, we have a unique, detailed overview of the aviation sector through our titles Ground Handling International, Aircraft Interiors International, Business Airport International, Air Logistics International, Ramp Equipment News and Business Jet Interiors International. At this challenging time for the industry we have seen a great deal of innovation and resilience right across the sector, as operators navigate a path through the coronavirus crisis. As a service to all our loyal readers, across our brands, we have compiled this cross-sector report, compiling some of the most important stories from the past month, in order to provide inspiration and ideas that will enable all parts of the aviation industry to bounce back stronger than ever in the weeks and months to come.





Aircraft interiors



Business Jet interiors



MORE BUSES AND DISINFECTION POINTS PROPOSED UNDER REVAMPED BOARDING PROTOCOL

EASA advises SOPs that ensure physical distancing without creating additional waiting times and contact risks...





CEVA signs agreement to develop logistics project in Italy

CEVA Logistics Italia and Emmelibri (a Messaggerie Group company) have signed a Letter of Intent to launch a joint project aimed at developing an innovative logistics and book distribution centre in Italy...

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LEISURE TRAVEL WILL SPARK INITIAL RECOVERY OF AIR TRAVEL, FINDS OLIVER WYMAN

According to a survey conducted by management consultancy, Oliver Wyman, 60% of Americans are looking forward to travelling again. And Americans aren't alone, as globally 56% of the 4,600 travellers surveyed indicated that they plan to travel the same or more once COVID-19 travel restrictions ease – and most want to travel by air...





Coronavirus: Business aviation showing signs of recovery

Statistics from activity tracker WingX during May are showing a slow increase in business aviation flights, while the sector continues to deal with the difficult operating environment caused by the COVID-19 pandemic...

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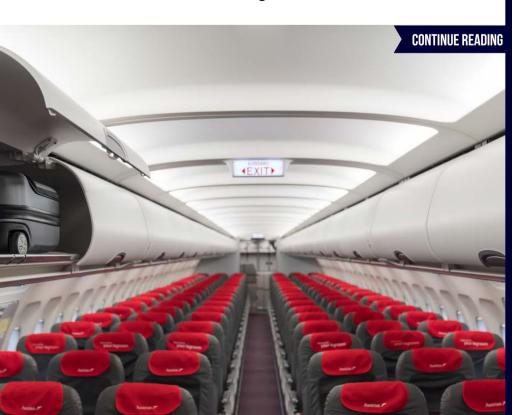
CSafe Global's track and trace pilot

CSafe Global has become the first cold chain packaging provider to successfully implement track and trace technology into its active air cargo containers, following a flawless commercial pilot shipment...



AUSTRIAN PREPARES TO Restart routes in June — And Potentially Long-Haul in July

Austrian Airlines has announced that it will restart its regularly scheduled flights on 15 June 2020, following a grounding that lasted nearly 90 days. The first week will see 27 routes open, including London, Paris and Brussels, rising to 37 destinations the following week...





Airbus officially opens A220 facility in the USA

Airbus has expanded its production capabilities in the USA with the inauguration of the completed A220 commercial aircraft final assembly line (FAL) in Mobile, Alabama.

The 270,000-square-foot facility will produce both the A220-100 and A220-300 variants, with five primary assembly stations where major airframe component assemblies come together to create completed aircraft...

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CONGO AIRWAYS UPGRADES E 175 ORDER FOR TWO-CLASS E 190-E2S

Congo Airways, the state-owned flag carrier airline of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, has converted its firm order made in December 2019 for two E175 aircraft (with purchase rights for two more), into a firm order for two E190-E2 jets, with purchase rights for a further two. The revised deal has a total value of US\$256 million at current list prices with all purchase rights exercised, and will be included in Embraer's second-quarter backlog...

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EXCLUSIVE BLOG: HOW CLEAN DESIGN CAN RESTORE TRUST IN AIR TRAVEL

Restoring passenger confidence in air travel is the immediate problem facing airlines during this pandemic. "This is a very human issue, involving more than just the sanitisation of interiors. Airlines must inspire a compassionate behavioural change in passengers to move the needle,"

says Anthony Harcup, senior director of airline experience at Teague in part one of a threepart series...

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Swissport increases rates to offset rising operating costs and guarantee service levels

Rises of 0-50% to account for added process complexity and cost inefficiency created by the COVID-19 crisis...







CargoLogicAir using CHAMP

CargoLogicAir has implemented CHAMP's Weight & Balance solution, flying again to provide much needed freighter capacity supporting the global supply chain in these challenging times...

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GEODIS HELPS IN PPE DISTRIBUTION

Singapore-based enterprise LabMed has entrusted global logistics company GEODIS to support the company's growing activity in new markets by delivering urgently needed PPE from Asia to the COVID-19 hot-spots of Europe and North America...





DEFIANT AIRASIA REBUILDS VOLUMES AFTER DEVASTATING COVID-19 BLOW

Low cost airline aims for 50% of flight activity by July while embracing contactless checkin processes to minimise virus spread and restore passenger confidence...

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Universal Aviation launches COVID-19 standards programme

Universal Aviation has set up a COVID-19 standards programme for its preferred suppliers across the top 100 destinations where its trip support customers travel...



Antibacterial cleaner for aircraft interiors passes new tests

Flitetec's MX14 Aero antibacterial cleaner for soft furnishings, leather and plastics on aircraft has won new certification for its ability to eliminate E.coli, listeria monocytogenes, salmonella typhi and staphylococcus aureus...



EU PUBLISHES COVID-19 Health and safety guidance

The European Union Aviation Safety Agency has published health and safety guidelines for airport and aircraft operators as normal operations resume following COVID-19...



IATA AND ACI CREATE Roadmap for Restarting aviation

IATA and ACI (Airports Council International) have called on governments around the world to ensure that any new measures introduced for airports and airlines in the wake of COVID-19 are supported by scientific evidence and are consistent across the globe...

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LIFT OFFERS FREE USE OF 'I PROTECT YOU; YOU PROTECT ME' MESSAGING

Tokyo-based studio, LIFT Aero Design, has created a collection of aviation-themed graphics to help airlines rebuild confidence in air travel by communicating the benefits of wearing face masks in the cabin for both wearer and fellow travellers...





NBAA's COVID-19 resource offers real-time ATC status update

With business aviation operators facing a constantly evolving environment as the nation continues to contend with the COVID-19 virus, the FAA has developed a real-time graphical resource with the latest information on FAA facility limitations and closures resulting from the ongoing pandemic...

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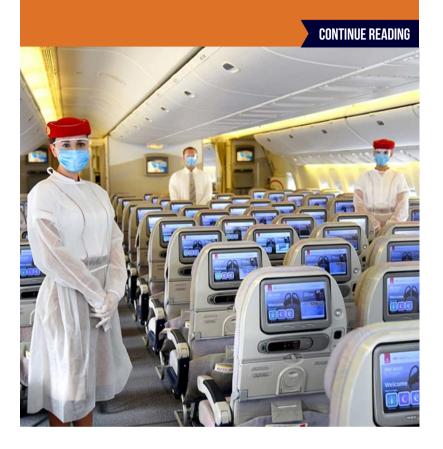
Honeywell, Bombardier fighting against COVID-19

Two more business aircraft and equipment manufacturers are taking on the global COVID-19 crisis by donating, distributing or producing personal protective equipment (PPE) – Honeywell and Bombardier Business Aircraft...



IATA REJECTS BLOCKING MIDDLE SEATS TO PREVENT VIRUS SPREAD

Social distancing measure would be expensive and unjustified according to the airline association, despite a growing band of operators prohibiting middle seat use...





A380 cleared for temporary cargo conversion

Lufthansa Technik (LHT) has reported "great interest" from the aviation market for its new technical and engineering services that enable temporary operational changes from passenger to cargo aircraft. To date, according to the company, its cabin modification experts have received enquiries from more than 40 airlines...

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