

# Recession ? ... Depression ?... & *A Bright Spot*

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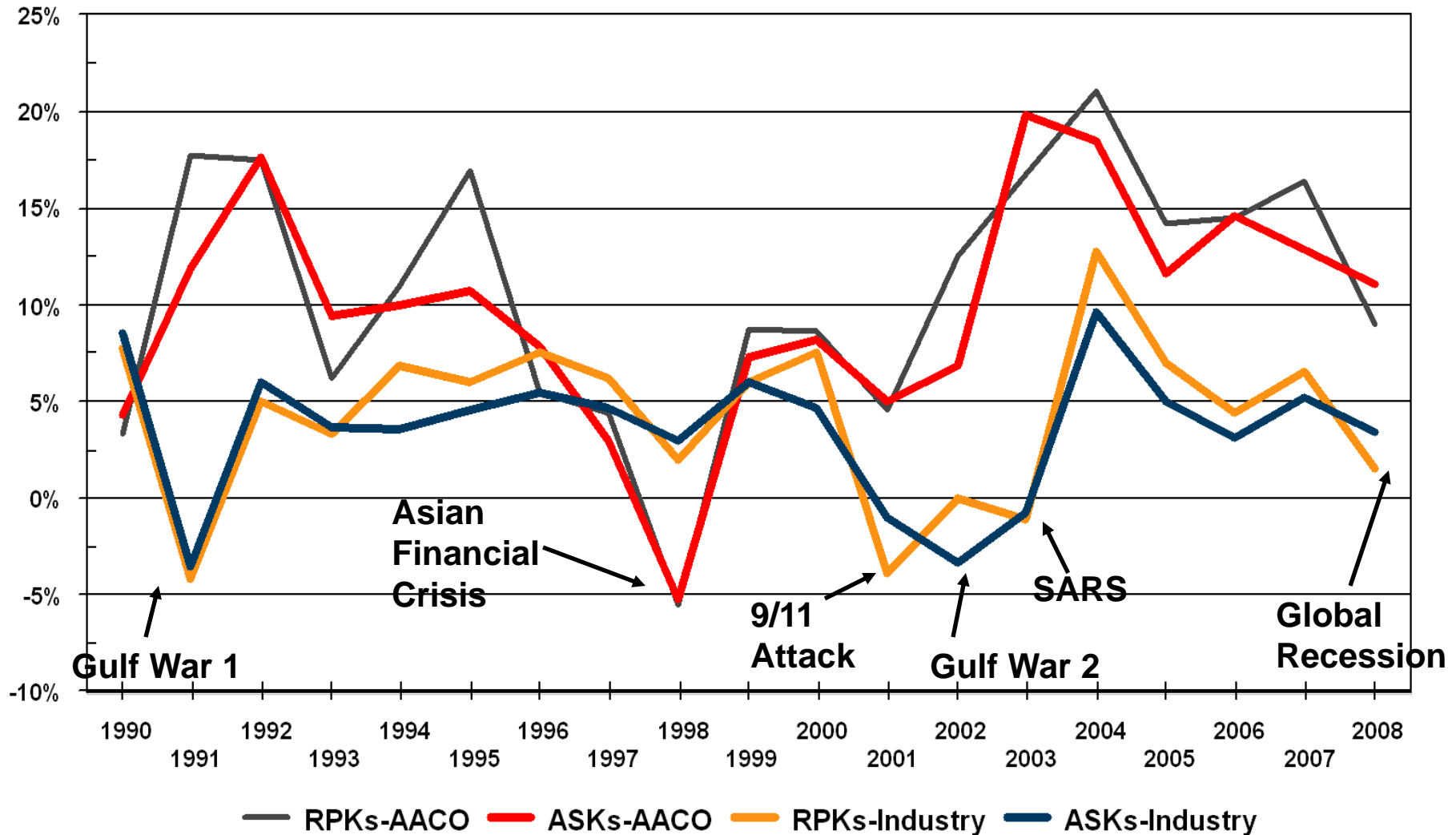


# Overview

- ❑ **In spite of a global crisis, Arab Aviation continues its growth**
- ❑ **Air Transport is STILL a strategic asset .. Especially as an economic catalyst**
- ❑ **Effects of the crisis on Arab Aviation**
- ❑ **An Aero-political gridlock .. almost!**

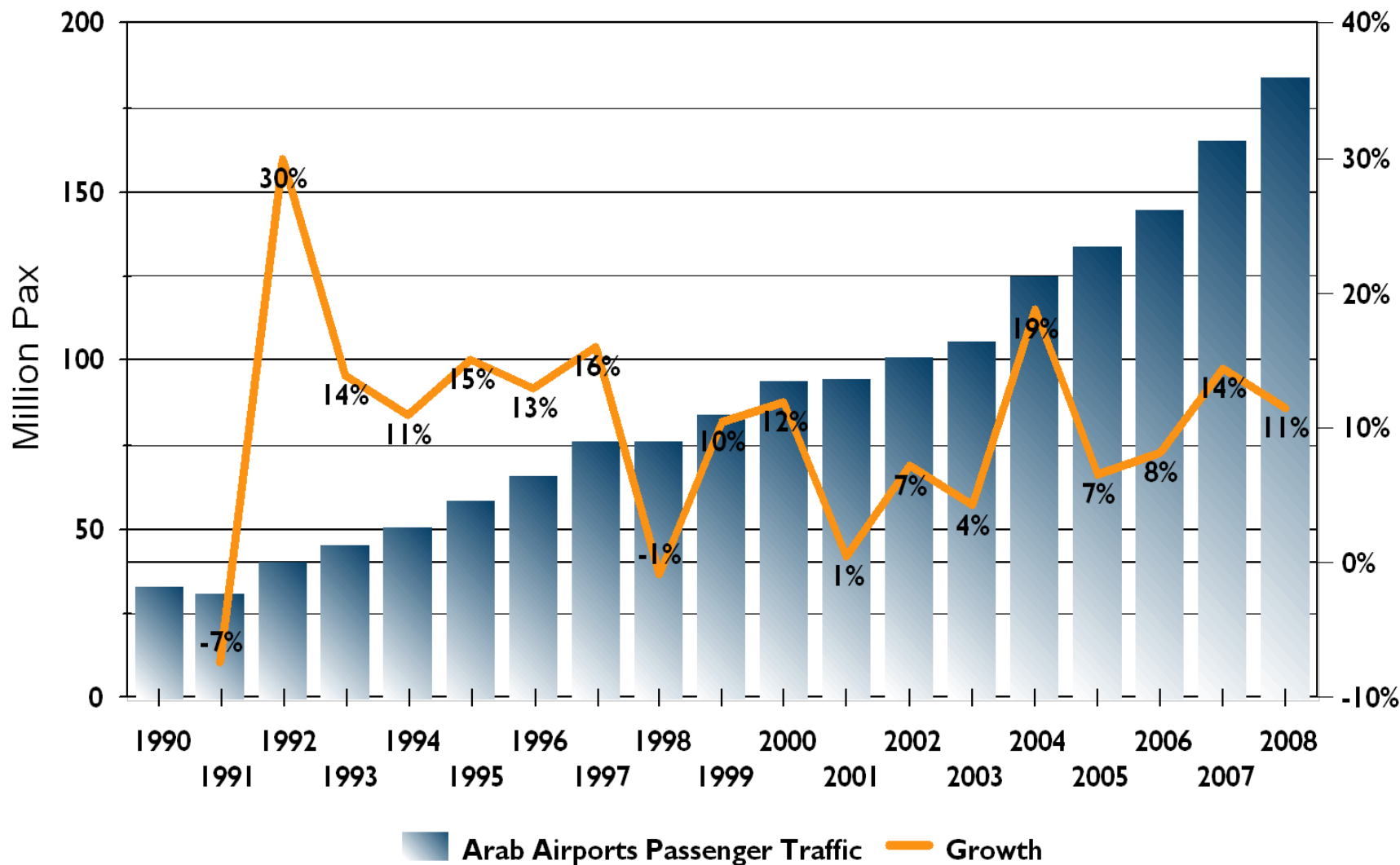
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# AACO Members and Industry RPKs and ASKs growth



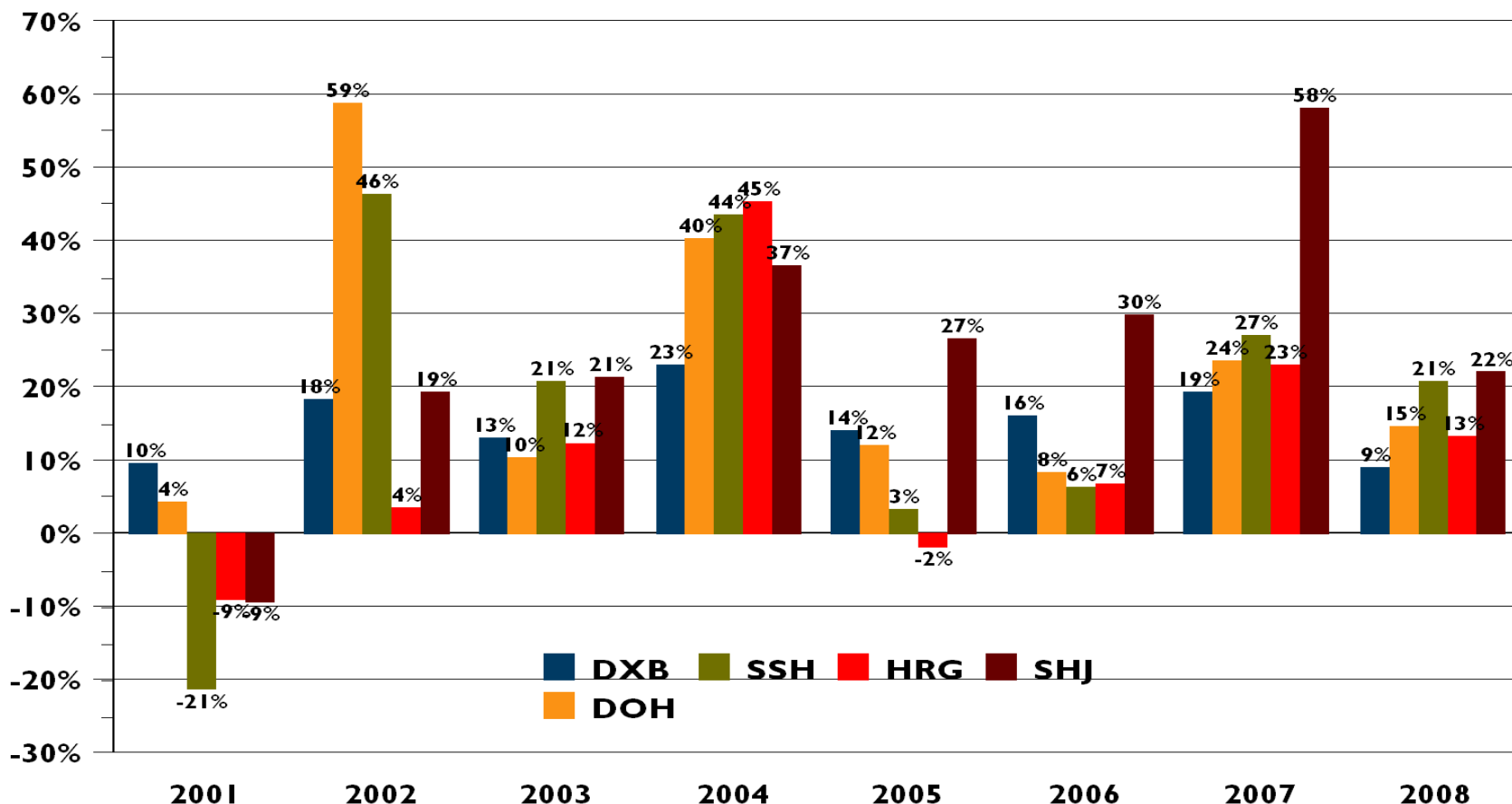
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# Passenger Numbers in Arab Airports and Growth



Source: AACO, ACI

# Top Five Growing Arab Airports



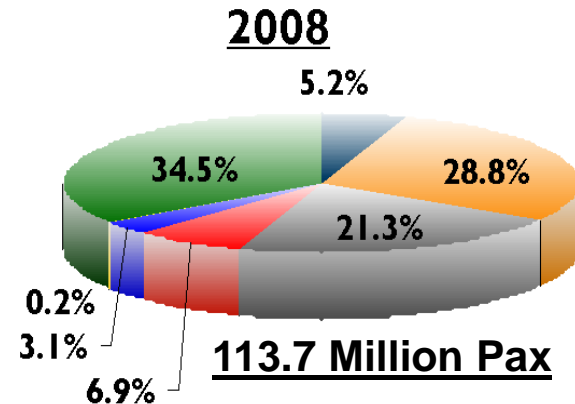
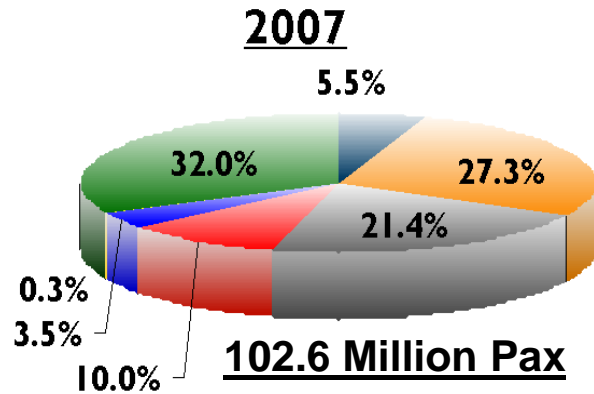
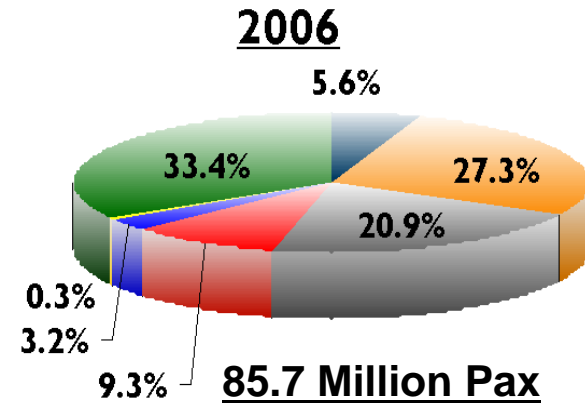
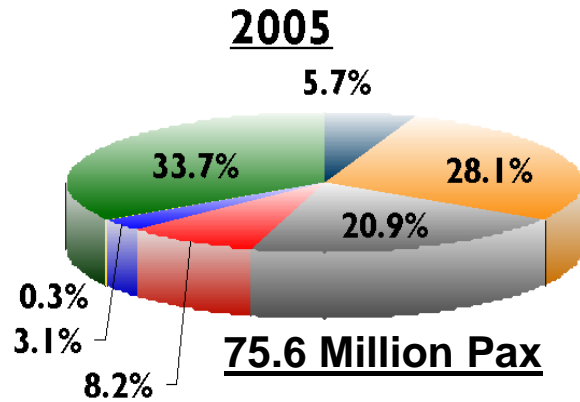
**Top 5 Airports Growth 2008/1998**

Airport	SSH	SHJ	HRG	DOH (2008/2000)	DXB
Growth	616.5%	443.6%	403.6%	368.3%	284.7%

Source: AACO, ACI

# Arab Air Transport Market

## Size and Distribution of Traffic

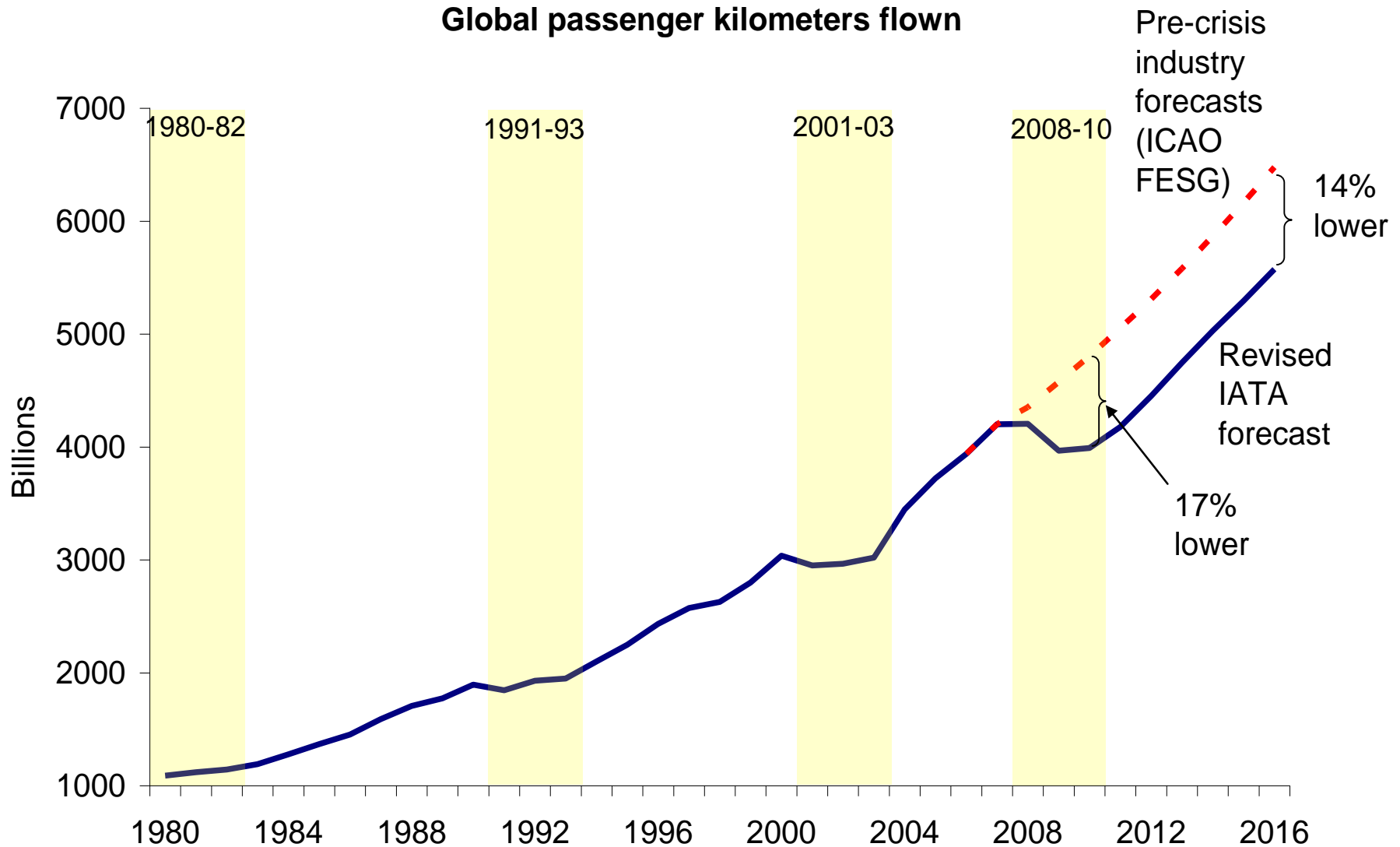




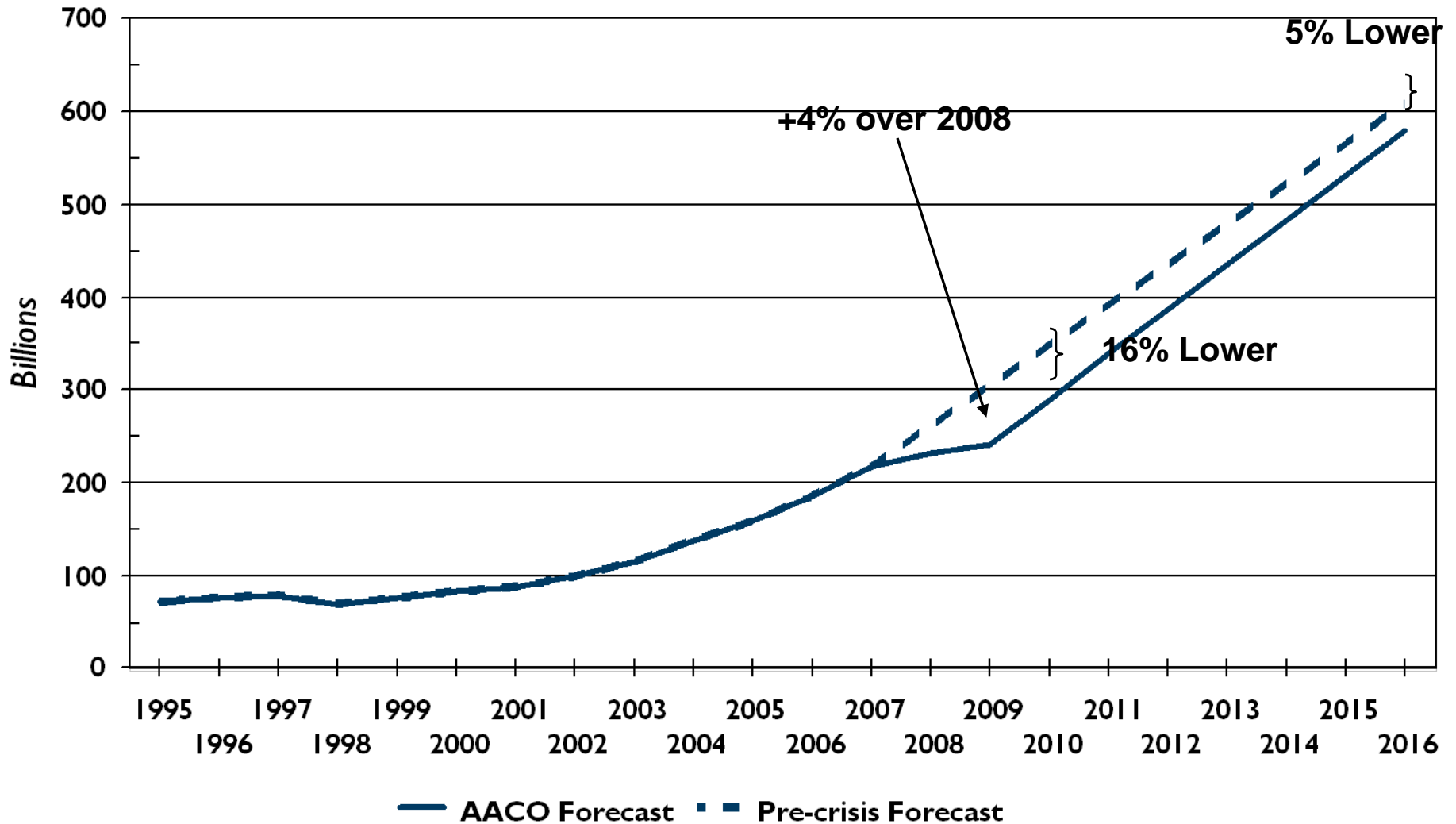
# **Effects of the crisis on Arab Aviation**

# IATA Industry Forecast

## Global passenger kilometers flown

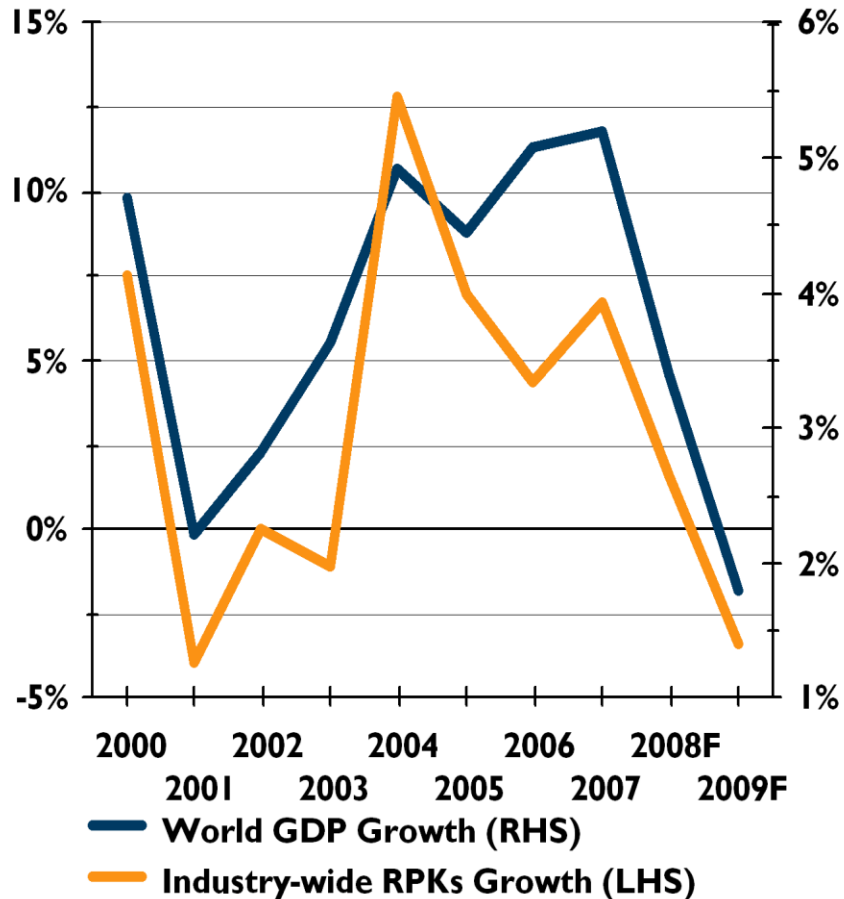


# AACO Members RPKs Forecast

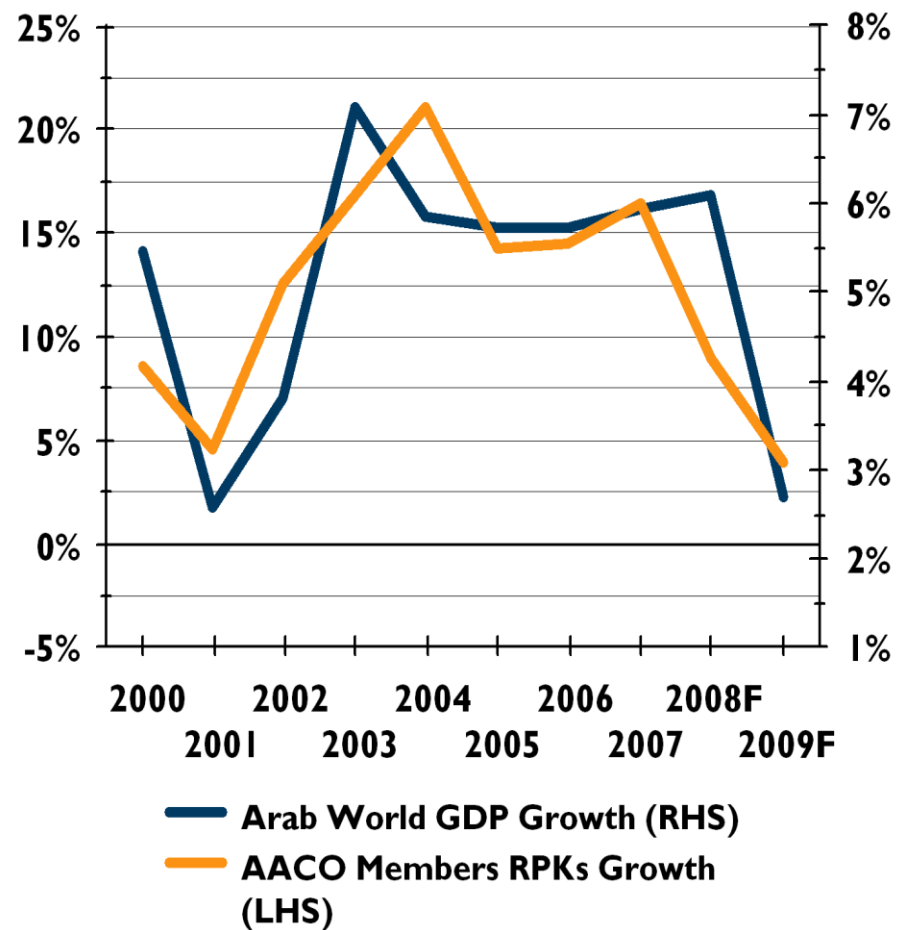


# Arab World and Industry GDP and RPKs Growth

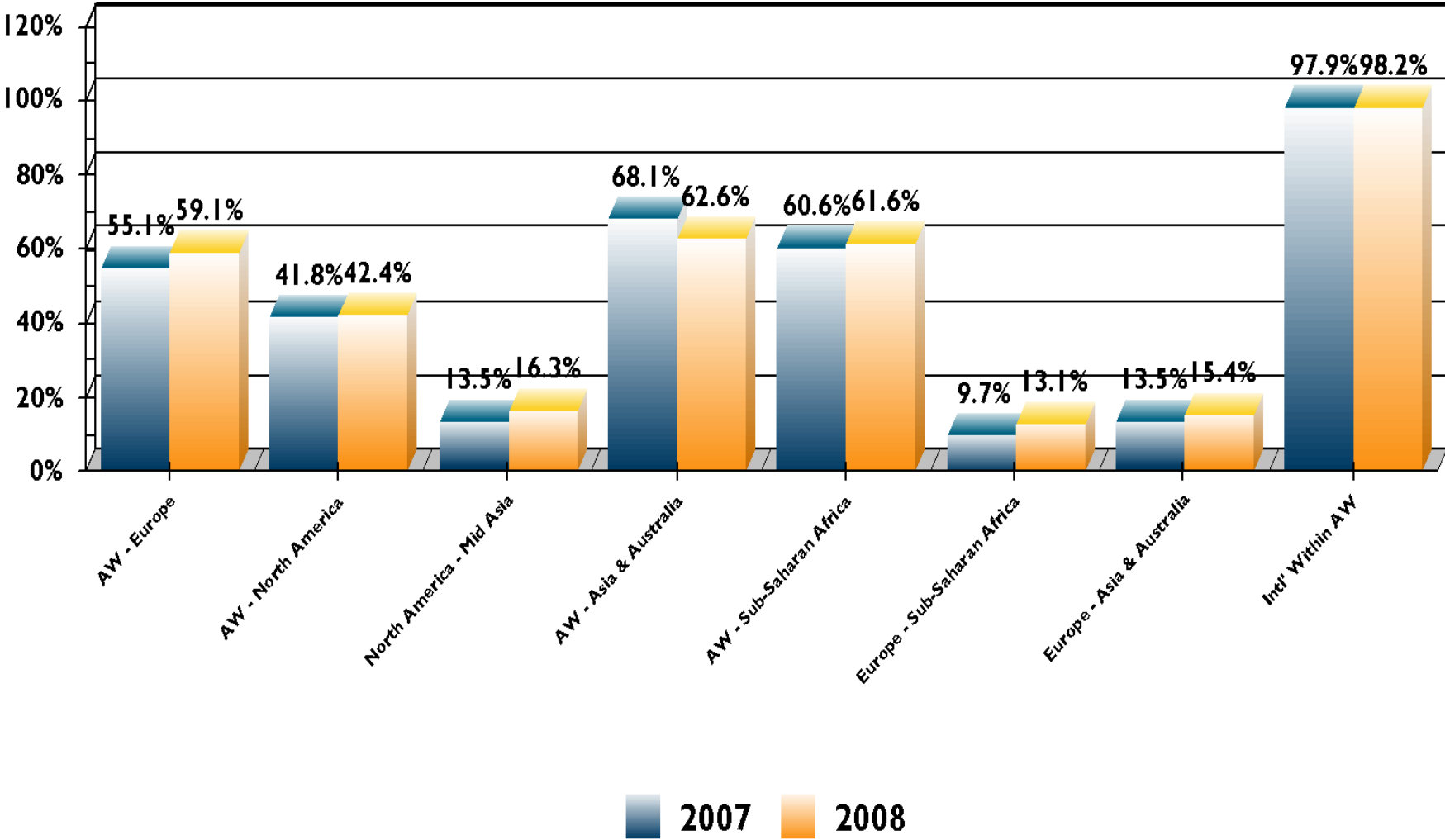
Industry-wide



Arab World



# AACO Members Traffic Share on Inter-Regional Routes



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- ❑ Two Arab liberalization agreements ..not really implemented: the main driving force for liberalization is national agendas**
- ❑ National economic agendas vary depending on economic attributes .. Hence there is no predominant model that applies regionally**
- ❑ Privatization & Liberalization of ownership also depend on national economic attributes**

**Regional approach can only be achieved through creating a critical mass of like minded countries or .. *By external affiliation***

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- ❑ **In spite of the bright spot .. The long term future of growth depends on structural aero-political change**
- ❑ **Liberalization & Privatization will become priorities but not uniformly**
- ❑ **Air transport will continue to be an engine for economic growth**

**THANK YOU**