

## **Emirates, Etihad, Air Arabia, flydubai hiring**

Jobs in this sector set to soar further

Jobs in the aviation sector are expected to increase after having remained stable this quarter, according to a new survey released by The International Air Transport Association (Iata), an international industry trade group of airlines.

"There was no change in employment during Q1 2013, but that is an improvement on the January survey when a decline in employment was reported for Q4 2012. Looking ahead, the more optimistic profits outlook is supporting an expected increase in employment over the next 12 months," the survey said.

Locally, airlines are hiring in a big way. Emirates airline is consistently increasing its head count as the company adds new flight to its network.

"Emirates, one of the world's fastest-growing airlines, is looking to recruit 2,700 Cabin Crew members in this fiscal year to support the growing fleet of aircraft and destinations world-wide," a recent media statement said. The statement announced that Emirates is developing five additional towers in Dubai's Silicon Oasis area, with an aim to accommodate 674 of its cabin crew and staff members in Dubai.

On an average, Emirates aims to add five destinations per year. It has already signed an agreement with Qantas to provide 98 weekly services between Australia and Dubai, which will be the first stop for many travellers en route to Europe.

A new route to Tokyo will start in June followed by Stockholm in September, while daily flights from Milan to New York connecting to a service in Dubai will commence in the latter half of the year.

All this expansion work will have to be supported by staff on the ground and those who take it to the skies. Approximately, 80 job vacancies have been posted on the airline's website in the month of April so far.

Likewise, Etihad is also expanding its network and resultantly adding staff. The company has recorded its strongest ever passenger and cargo results for a first quarter. The airline has said that passenger numbers in Q1 2013 grew by 18 per cent, rising from 2.3 million to a record 2.8 million, leaving much room to recruit more people.

Budget airlines like Flydubai and Air Arabia are also open to hiring staff across departments at different levels. Interested candidates can go to their website to register.

The global survey released by Iata highlights that good employment outlook is on the back of a strong business confidence. Optimism has increased in the sector and the majority of respondents (CFOs and cargo heads) who participated in the survey believe that the coming months seem promising.

The results of the April survey show a strong increase in the proportion of respondents expecting increased profitability in the next 12 months. The outlook has been improving since early 2012, but in 2013 respondents have become particularly optimistic with a majority anticipating stronger profits in the year ahead.

In April, 73 per cent of CFOs and cargo heads said they expect an increase in profits over the next 12 months - that proportion was 56 per cent in January.

The outlook for passenger and cargo demand was mostly unchanged in April compared to January, but respondents still anticipate an increase in traffic over the next 12 months, the survey said.

The findings indicate an increase in passenger traffic over the past three months compared to a year ago is consistent with air travel data. The first two months of 2013 have seen strong expansion in the growth trend, supported by improvements in the business environment and solid economic growth in emerging regions.

However, the boost in optimism does not reflect an improved global economy. The improvement in outlook compared to January largely reflects the outcome of structural changes rather than an acceleration in global economic growth, the Iata findings revealed. Consolidation and efficiency gains have helped airlines in some regions increase profits in 2012, and that is likely driving the expectation for further financial improvements in 2013, said Iata.

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