# Environmental Climate NET Strategy

Capital A remains committed to addressing the impact of climate change and has set the goal of achieving Net Zero carbon emissions by 2050. We have outlined four aviation pathwavs towards this end, which are complemented by other initiatives under our Environmental **Policy Statement** to reduce our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and energy consumption, while ensuring that we also use water responsibly and protect biodiversity. In 2023, no sanctions nor any noncompliance was recorded in relation to environmental regulations or requirements.

For ease of comparison, we have restated the 2022 environmental data to include TAA statistics.



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#### 2023 Overview

As global resolve to tackle climate change strengthens, 2023 saw fresh commitments towards advancing emissions mitigation and energy transition targets, two of which are of particular significance to Capital A.

The first is an agreement reached at the Third ICAO Conference on Aviation and Alternative Fuels (CAAF/3) in November on a new collective aspiration to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in international aviation by 5% by 2030 through the use of cleaner aviation fuels. The second is the outcome of the 28th session of the Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28) a month later that approved a roadmap for transitioning away from fossil fuels in a just and orderly manner. The COP28 declaration further strengthens the impetus for the aviation industry to seek alternative fuel solutions to address long-term net zero goals.

In Asean, various country specific developments took place to boost national frameworks to deliver on international obligations. These included Malaysia's National Energy Transition Roadmap, published in August 2023, outlining among others a plan

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to introduce a sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) blending mandate starting at 1% and increasing up to 47% by 2050. However, the document recognises current challenges in identifying suitable feedstock that meets sustainability criteria, and does not stipulate an implementation start date.

Similarly in September, the Philippines' Department of Energy announced that it was exploring the use of SAF to decarbonise the country's aviation sector. A study by the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP), in collaboration with the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), indicates market interest in SAF but that significant steps are required to secure feedstock supplies and invest in new production infrastructure.

These developments reiterate the importance of aviation stakeholders taking clear steps towards incentivising and supporting SAF development as a long-term solution towards net zero. Their relevance is also underscored by CORSIA entering its first phase next year.

<b>CORSIA Implementation Phases &amp; Years</b>		
Pilot	2021-2023	
First	2024-2026	
Second	2027-2035	

For our part, AirAsia is pursuing a dual track approach to strengthening our climate strategy. In tandem with deepening our engagement with key stakeholders, we also began the process of developing a mechanism to fund our transition in the long term.

#### STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Efforts to deepen our engagement focus primarily on high-level policymakers and decision-makers. Throughout the year, we initiated dialogues and joined meetings with officials from Asean ministries of transportation, civil aviation authorities and other industry players.

This was aided by AirAsia's active participation in the EU-Southeast Asia Cooperation on Mitigating Climate Change Impact from Civil Aviation (EU-SEA CCCA CORSIA) project implemented by EASA. In 2023, we attended multiple workshops and delivered four sharing sessions on AirAsia's best practice application of operational efficiency measures and in building national CORSIA awareness.

In recognition of our track record in advancing aviation sustainability, two AirAsia representatives - from our Flight Operations and Sustainability departments - have been appointed as technical experts to ICAO's Committee on Environmental Protection (CAEP), specifically in Working Group 2 (WG2) on Airport and Operations; and Working Group 4 on CORSIA. AirAsia delivered our first presentation on our operational efficiency programme at the ICAO CAEP WG2 meeting in Bangkok in November.

# What is CAEP?

The Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP) assists the ICAO Council in formulating new policies and adopting new Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) related to aircraft noise and emissions, and to the environmental impact of aviation more generally.

CAEP conducts studies related to noise, air quality and initiatives to reduce international aviation carbon emissions such as aircraft technology, operational improvements, SAF and CORSIA. Recommendations arising from the studies are reviewed and adopted by the ICAO Council which in turn reports to the ICAO Assembly, where international policies on aviation environmental protection are defined.

## Highlights of government engagements at the national level include:

- Chairing quarterly meetings of the Malaysia National CORSIA Task Force
- Meetings with the Malaysian Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (MNRES) and submitting a white paper on 'Aviation and Malaysia's Green Economy'
- Meetings with the Malaysian Minister of Transport and submitting AirAsia's Proposals for Malaysia's Sustainable Aviation Blueprint
- Appointment to Malaysia's Climate Change Advisory Panel
- First meeting with Philippines' Secretary of Environment to present PAA's CORSIA approach

Public outreach activities were also organised to develop a better understanding of aviation sustainability broadly and CORSIA in particular. In June, we hosted our first Sustainability Day at AirAsia RedQ inviting targeted stakeholder groups including analysts, investors, financial institutions, regulatory bodies and the media. The event, attended by over 200 participants from AirAsia's four operating countries, included a conference covering topical issues on environmental and social sustainability as well as a visit to RedChain, AirAsia's engineering complex. Attendees were introduced to a critical part of AirAsia's supply chain, namely the management of aircraft maintenance parts and components by AirAsia Digital Engineering.

In conjunction with the event, AirAsia also published our Guide to Aviation Sustainability, a handbook that was distributed to event participants and made available for download from Capital A's sustainability website. Meanwhile, sustainability briefings were organised by TAA at its annual Investor Day and in targeted stakeholder engagement sessions.

During the year, Capital A CEO Tan Sri Tony Fernandes and CSO Yap Mun Ching were invited to headline numerous international conferences as keynote and panel speakers. Among the influential platforms where they shared AirAsia's sustainability journey were:

- Sustainability Week Asia and US by Economist Impact;
- Aviation Festival Asia;
- Asia House London;

Conference.

- China Aviation Trends Forum;
- ASEAN Business Advisory Council; and
- the inaugural Indonesia Carbon Digital

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To manage climate-related financial risks, AirAsia has expanded our net zero model developed in previous years to quantify our carbon compliance exposure from CORSIA and prospective SAF mandates. Forecasts were generated using different scenarios with variances in growth rates, prices of CORSIA-eligible carbon credits, CORSIAeligible fuels and SAF utilisation mandates. From this, we developed AirAsia's incremental net zero reduction targets aligned to ICAO's Long Term Aspiration Goal (LTAG) neutral scenario as follows.



#### Total Emissions Reduction Target (Baseline Year: 2019)

Data from scenario analyses of our expanded net zero model were used to forecast the cost of purchasing SAF and carbon credits to meet our projected compliance requirements. These forecasts were subsequently used to design a new funding mechanism to finance AirAsia's decarbonisation plan.

As a result of this exercise, we plan to introduce a new carbon fee to supplement AirAsia fares. Structured to create minimal impact on airfares, the fee will be earmarked for decarbonisation purposes. As of writing this report, our fee proposal is being evaluated by civil aviation authorities in AirAsia's operating countries for implementation from 2024 onwards.

## **UPDATES ON NET ZERO APPROACHES**

#### GRI 305-4

AirAsia's emissions reduction goals will be delivered through four pathways: upgrading our fleet, continuous improvement of our operational efficiency programme, utilisation of SAF, and offsetting using high quality carbon credits.



Of these pathways, fleet management and fuel efficiency are well-established and have been detailed in our sustainability reports 2021 and 2022. For the first time since 2019, our carbon intensities have dropped below pre-pandemic levels. As operations stabilised throughout 2023 and load factors rose, both our CO<sub>2</sub>/ASK and CO<sub>2</sub>/ RPK metrics improved with the latter converging towards the former. This has placed us once again among top performers among narrow body regional network operators and earned AirAsia a Gold Environmental Sustainability rating from the Centre for Aviation in its 2023 CAPA-Envest Global Airline Sustainability Benchmarking Report. The chart tracks the recovery of our carbon intensity measures.



While continuing to prioritise our fleet management and fuel efficiency pathways in 2023, we also took concrete steps to prepare for the introduction of SAF and carbon credits into our carbon management toolkit when CORSIA's First Phase commences next year. The section below details the progress made in all four pathways.

#### APPROACH 1: OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

This year, AirAsia introduced a new fuel efficiency initiative - 400ft Thrust Reduction Altitude - in Malaysia and the Philippines. This was approved for implementation at all airports in the Philippines on 31 March 2023, while in Malaysia, approval was received for trial runs at five airports. Data from the trials are currently being reviewed by the Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia (CAAM). As no safety issues or noise impact have been reported, the measure is likely to be rolled out at all airports in Malaysia by the first quarter of 2024.

## What is 400ft Thrust Reduction Altitude?

This Airbus-approved fuel efficiency initiative allows pilots to reduce the aircraft's take-off thrust at 400ft (from 800ft) when conditions permit. Through its implementation, pilots have the potential to reduce fuel consumption by an average of 4.5kg and avoid 14.2kg of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per flight. In 2023, PAA reduced its emissions by 714 tonnes using this manoeuvre.

In August 2023, AirAsia joined a workshop organised by EASA as part of its capacity-building assistance to CAAM to facilitate a review of Malaysia's State Action Plan version 3 (SAP3). The objective is to draft a new version, SAP4, incorporating updated emissions mitigation measures and reflecting more ambitious targets.

### What is a State Action Plan?

The ICAO SAP initiative guides member states to establish their long-term strategies on climate change for the international aviation sector. Industry stakeholders are encouraged to work together to define a quantified baseline scenario, select appropriate emissions mitigation measures from ICAO's basket of measures, and calculate the expected results of implementing them. The SAPs are submitted on a triennial basis to ICAO to aid the agency in monitoring global progress towards meeting the goals set by its Assembly. During the workshop, AirAsia's proposal to include a new mitigation measure - reduced contingency fuel - was accepted for inclusion as one of five targeted emissions mitigation measures to be undertaken by Malaysian carriers. The discussion included a commitment by Malaysia's Air Navigation Service Provider to move towards full implementation of Performance-based Navigation by end 2025 and to work with airlines to increase utilisation rates of Required Navigation Performance - Authorisation Required (RNP-AR), another operational efficiency measure (see chart below).

# What is reduced contingency fuel?

Contingency fuel is carried to account for unforeseen circumstances such as changes to weather, route or ATC constraints. Based on thorough analysis of aircraft performance degradation and fuel planning performance for every flight, airlines are permitted to reduce the amount of contingency fuel carried so long as they identify an en-route site to land in the event that all the contingency fuel is used. On average, this would cut AirAsia's fuel consumption by 14kg and its CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 44.2kg per flight.

The illustration below provides an overview of top performers in AirAsia's industryleading fuel efficiency programme. Descriptions of all listed fuel efficiency measures are available in https://www.capitala.com/misc/AirAsia\_ guideToSustainability-v5\_FINAL.pdf or from our previous sustainability report. Ascent airasia.con Opticlimb • 400' Thrust Reduction **Pre-flight** Altitude • SET-D • Statistical Taxi-Out Fuel Planning

#### **PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS 2023 (4 AOCS)**

No.	Key Operational Efficiency Measure		Group Implementation Rate		Group Emissions Avoided (tCO <sub>2</sub> )
		2022	2023	2023	2023
1	OptiClimb	66%	67%	16,276	51,432
2	Single Engine Taxi - Departure	81%	45%	3,941	12,454
3	Reduced Flaps Landing	91%	73%	3,064	9,683
4	Descent Profile Optimiser	N/A	N/A	2,033	6,425
5	Single Engine Taxi - Arrival	99%	96%	1,911	6,038
6	Idle Fuel Flow Factor	100%	100%	1,734	5,478
7	Idle Reverse Landing	92%	79%	1,624	5,132
8	Thrust Reduction Altitude	88%	88%	1,478	4,670

Note: Table highlights 8 out of 20 operational efficiency measures monitored.





#### APPROACH 2: FLEET MANAGEMENT

Fleet management is a primary pathway for AirAsia to achieve net zero in the medium term. As highlighted in previous reports, AirAsia has ordered 362 Airbus A321neo aircraft to meet our fleet replacement and expansion requirements through to 2035. Not only is the A321neo model widely acknowledged to be the most fuel-efficient narrowbody jet aircraft on the market today, AirAsia's 240 single-class seating layout will further ensure that we reduce our carbon intensity per seat by up to 24%.

Among cabin interior features that will help us reduce our emissions are our selection of lightweight leather seats by Mirus Aircraft Seating which will lessen the weight of each A320 by 287kg and A321neo by 375kg compared to older seat models. On average, this helps cut AirAsia's annual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 413 tonnes. AirAsia's new A321neo planes will also be pre-installed with software that allows implementation of our advanced fuel efficiency programme detailed above, including measures such as descent profile optimiser and RNP-AR.

These benefits will accrue progressively as we receive our A321neo order from 2024 onwards. In 2023, our fleet strategy with regards to the A321neo order has been to negotiate for advancing our delivery schedule so that we can upgrade our fleet and meet capacity growth needs without a proportional growth in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. This has met with some success as our expected delivery stream of new A321neos in 2024 has been increased from seven units to nine units in total, giving us more flexibility to manage our capacity growth across our network.

Throughout the year, AirAsia also continued to return as many aircraft into service as possible in the face of continued global shortages in aircraft parts, engines and maintenance hangar slots. While awaiting parts and slots to be available, the airline addressed its capacity constraints by introducing into service three operational A320 aircraft in Malaysia and five in Indonesia. With one lease expiry, the group added a net total of seven narrow body aircraft to the fleet by 31 December 2023. These changes helped to shave our average fleet age from 10.2 in 2022 to 10.0 this year.

Another significant development in our fleet strategy is Teleport's introduction of three A321 freighters to bring low-cost, reliable next-day deliveries for e-commerce and express parcels across Southeast Asia. The A321 freighters are a mid-life conversion fleet, with common operating procedures, common flight crew, and common aircraft parts as the rest of the AirAsia group. We expect this to be a key growth strategy for our logistics arm going forward. Tables below provide more information on our fleet assets.

#### AirAsia's fleet distribution as of 31 December 2023

Model	# of Units	Average Age (years)	Capacity (seats)	# of Units Retired
A320	172	11.7	180/186	1
A320neo	40	5.7	186	0
A321neo	4	4.0	236	0
Total	216	10.0	N/A	1

#### Fleet Age

Fleet Age	% of Total Fleet	% of planes upgraded in the past two years
< 7 years	27%	15
7-13 years	47%	2
> 13 years	26%	0

#### Fleet Strength as at 31 December of each calendar year

Year	Fleet Size	Units in Service	% Operational
2022	212	124	58.5%
2023	216	159	73.6%

#### Teleport

Model		Average Age (years)		# of Units Retired	
A321F	3	23.7	26		0

#### APPROACH 3: SAF

Our efforts to prepare for SAF utilisation have been centred on gaining a better overview of production prospects in the region and exploring partnerships that could ease availability and affordability constraints in the medium to long term.

In Thailand, engagements with fuel producers enabled us to identify four developmental pipelines with the first coming online as early as 2025. Meanwhile, in Indonesia, high-level discussions were held on the country's aviation biofuels roadmap to meet national SAF mandate targets.

AirAsia also kicked off a prospective collaboration with Airbus' innovation team in August to identify areas of joint interest in increasing SAF accessibility in Asean. The cooperation aims to address challenges in feedstock availability and SAF price premiums by funding research into alternative feedstock and technologies. Discussions on formalising a partnership will continue into 2024.

Separately, AirAsia also held an initial meeting with the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) in Kuala Lumpur to discuss possible avenues for the non-profit organisation to support technical research into the potential of using biowaste from RSPO certified facilities as SAF feedstock. Discussions on this matter are ongoing.



#### APPROACH 4: CARBON OFFSETTING

Since chairing Malaysia's CORSIA Task Force from end 2022, AirAsia has been able to grow our understanding of carbon markets and offsetting mechanisms together with members of the task force. Among our achievements was the development of a net zero model that enabled estimations of the prospective market size of Malaysian and Asean aviation offsetting. Crucially, the task force opened the doors for the aviation sector to establish new relationships with climate change stakeholders, especially the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (MNRES).

Three meetings were held at AirAsia RedQ, during which selected task force members were invited to present their organisation's net zero strategies followed by an open exchange of views. Presenters included representatives from MNRES' Climate Change Division, Malaysia Airports and Bursa Carbon Exchange.

In parallel, AirAsia was appointed to MNRES' climate change advisory panel in July 2023 and invited to participate in COP28 and related meetings for the first time. We were able to gain a deeper understanding on how global climate change negotiations, especially those relating to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, will impact carbon market developments and, by extension, airlines' ability to meet their CORSIA obligations.

Our growing interactions with environmental and climate change stakeholders culminated in AirAsia co-chairing the final workshop of the EU-SEA CCCA CORSIA Project with EASA on Carbon Markets and CORSIA Eligible Emission Units in December. The workshop introduced regional aviation stakeholders to carbon project developers, representatives from carbon registries, carbon trading platforms and certification bodies, as well as technical experts in international climate change frameworks.

These activities further laid the groundwork for plans to add carbon offsetting into our decarbonisation activities in the first phase of CORSIA.

# 2024 OUTLOOK

As we enter 2024, the momentum has picked up on activities that started in the previous year to prepare for CORSIA's first phase. A material change between this phase and the preceding one is the lowering of CORSIA emissions cap for participating states to 85% of 2019 levels.

With most industry forecasts predicting full recovery of the international aviation sector by 2024, AirAsia's focus will be on ensuring that we are able to meet all compliance requirements while maintaining our competitive edge. Even as we address regulatory enquiries on our proposed carbon fee, we are continuing to prepare for its implementation by updating our systems and processes, and broadening our public outreach.

Other developments that can be expected are announcements on new partnerships to support R&D and invest in decarbonisation solutions. AirAsia will also continue to strengthen our relationships with policymakers and regulators to ensure the ability to present our views on new climate-related policies being drafted that may affect the future of aviation.



## ALIGNING TO TASK FORCE ON CLIMATE-RELATED FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES (TCFD)

Underlining our commitment to addressing and managing our climate-related impacts, Capital A became an official supporter of the TCFD in 2022.

**GOVERNANCE** Governance

of climaterelated risks and opportunities

#### STRATEGY

The actual and potential impacts of climate-related risks and opportunities on our businesses, strategy and financial planning

#### RISK MANAGEMENT

The processes used to identify, assess and manage climaterelated risks

METRICS AND TARGETS

**TCFD** 

**Pillars** 

The metrics and targets used to assess and manage relevant climate-related risks and opportunities  Include ESG and climate-related risks in the Group's risk framework

 Maintain Board and senior management oversight through relevant committees, Risk Management and Sustainability Committee and Board Sustainability

• Increase Board awareness through quarterly updates

reach net zero

• Set internal carbon price

(please refer to page 54)

Develop financial model for carbon offsetting and utilisation of SAF to

Committee for aviation

(please refer to page 9)

on ESG and climate-related matters

• Manage climate change as a risk in the Enterprise Risk Management system

(please refer to page 21)

• Monitor Scopes 1, 2 and 3

• Commit to net zero emissions by 2050

(please refer to page 65)

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				S Short	t term 🥂 Medium term 🕒 Long term
	Risk Type	Risk Timeframe	Climate-related Risk Description	Potential Financial Impact	Mitigation Strategy
Transition Risks	Policy and Legal		Imposition of new climate change regulations such as carbon taxes, emissions quotas or biofuel mandates	Increase in operating costs and fares which could dampen travel demand	<ul> <li>Regular engagement with civil aviation authorities and government bodies on climate change and decarbonisation plans for the aviation industry.</li> <li>Monitor emerging regulations around the world to understand the risks to our business operations.</li> <li>Develop Net Zero by 2050 strategy outlining our approach to the latest generation aircraft, operational improvements, SAF and carbon offsetting.</li> <li>Ongoing discussions with regional fuel suppliers on making SAF available in the region. Our focus will be on maximising efficiency and using SAF in line with mandated requirements. A purchase commitment by AirAsia will strongly incentivise fuel suppliers to invest in and lower the long-term cost of SAF.</li> <li>Set internal carbon price to forecast our cost of carbon offsetting.</li> </ul>
			Exposure to litigation	Due to the long- term nature of our climate strategy, litigation related to 'greenwashing' or similar accusations could arise	<ul> <li>Communicate our sustainability strategy and plans transparently and accurately to stakeholders.</li> </ul>
			New sustainability reporting requirements	Increase in reporting costs, including manpower expenses, measuring tools and audit fees	<ul> <li>Leverage existing frameworks and tech tools to meet new data reporting requirements.</li> <li>Use available internal resources to undertake internal assurance before progressing to external assurance.</li> </ul>

	Risk Type	Risk Timeframe	Climate-related Risk Description	Potential Financial Impact	Mitigation Strategy
(1)	Technology		New technology developed to deliver low-carbon solutions such as zero emission aircraft may result in asset value loss of existing aircraft and equipment becoming obsolete	New investments needed to upgrade fleet and equipment	<ul> <li>Negotiate aircraft order contracts that allow for upgrades of unfulfilled deliveries.</li> <li>Enhance fleet management strategy to build flexibilities in lease contracts.</li> </ul>
Transition Risks (cont'd)	Market	S M L	Travellers and businesses respond to climate change by reducing their travel frequency	Lower demand for air travel will impact revenue	<ul> <li>Conduct brand campaign to communicate the Group's net zero strategy.</li> <li>Implement a carbon offset programme that provides travellers with the option of offsetting their emissions.</li> </ul>
	Reputation	S M L	Negative brand impact of being seen as not responding sufficiently to climate crisis	Guests may choose a competitor perceived as being more sustainable and investors may divest. Financial institutions may also impose a premium on lending	<ul> <li>Invest in carbon reduction initiatives and communicate decarbonisation efforts actively as part of the company's communication strategy.</li> </ul>
	Acute		Aircraft becoming inoperable at extremely high or low temperatures	Increase in cost of flight delays and cancellations	<ul> <li>Operate seasonal schedules and expand coverage of weather forecasting services.</li> <li>Undertake preemptive cancellations to avoid guests and aircraft being stranded.</li> </ul>
Physical Risks		S M D	Increased frequency and severity of climate events such as typhoons and floods	Cost of asset damage, increase in insurance premiums and revenue loss due to travel disruption	• Maintain robust business continuity plans and dynamic planning schedules at affected hubs.
	Chronic		Longer-term changes in weather patterns that result in rising sea levels rendering some airports inoperable	Higher airport charges at new facilities built to replace at-risk airports; and lower travel demand if new airports are far from city centres	<ul> <li>Select hub airports that are shielded from extreme weather events.</li> <li>Ensure business continuity plans are effective and up to date.</li> <li>Operate to airports that are adequately served by public transport to minimise potential increase in guests' travel-related carbon footprint.</li> </ul>

The following are among specific climate-related opportunities we have identified.

<b>Climate-related Opportunities</b>	Potential Financial Impact	Mitigation Strategy
Administrative efficiency	Digitalisation strategy reduces manual paperwork and cost of paper, printing and storage of documents.	• Continue to work with regulators to move towards e-documentation for regulatory record-keeping and submissions.
Resource diversification	Shift to SAF diversifies fuel supply and reduces exposure to rising energy costs and growing carbon regulation.	<ul> <li>Ongoing discussions with fuel suppliers to supply SAF at Malaysian airports and/or to develop SAF using locally available feedstock.</li> </ul>
Resource efficiency	Fuel reduction via improvements in air traffic management and A321neo fleet conversion will further reduce operating costs and ensure AirAsia maintains its commercial advantage as the airline with the lowest cost/ ASK and CO <sub>2</sub> /ASK in the industry.	<ul> <li>Engage in regular consultations with civil aviation authorities to implement new fuel efficiency and emissions reduction measures, including proposing new measures to be added to national State Action Plans on Emissions Reductions.</li> <li>Advocate improvements to the country's airspace system that could lower GHG emissions.</li> </ul>
Products and services	Attract travellers keen to minimise their carbon footprint and experience sustainable travel activities. We could potentially gain from increased market share among responsible travellers and earn ancillary income from sales of sustainable travel activities.	<ul> <li>Implement a carbon offsetting programme to enable travellers to contribute to carbon offsetting.</li> <li>Work with sustainable travel social enterprises to make sustainable travel activities accessible.</li> </ul>
Markets	Recognise that climate impact- prone destinations may also be strong revenue generators in the recovery and rehabilitation phase.	• Resume commercial flights to affected destinations as soon as it is safe to do so to support rebuilding programmes.
Resilience	Continue to strengthen our network connectivity in hubs with low climate risk such as klia2.	<ul> <li>Invest in climate forecasting tools and services to inform fleet planning and route planning strategies.</li> <li>Engage with airport partners to understand their approach to resilience.</li> </ul>

We also recognise the latest scientific assessments as set out by the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and aim to conduct a climate-related scenario analysis based on the IPCC assessment in 2024.

## **MEASURING OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT**

In order for our decarbonisation measures to be effective, it is essential to have a thorough understanding of our emissions footprint. In 2023, our total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions - representing our Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 emissions - stood at approximately 6,036,692.6 tonnes. Our primary GHG emissions is CO<sub>2</sub> from the use of jet fuel. For our GHG inventory, we follow the approach and guidance defined in the Greenhouse Gas Protocol, with emissions data calculated using relevant emissions factors based on the countries where we operate.



#### **OVERVIEW OF GHG EMISSIONS 2023**

Scope		Source	Emissions in 2023 (tCO2e)
		Airline operations, AirAsia	4,829,216.0
Scope 1		Ground operations	5,223.5
		Teleport's freighter	13,278.0
Scope 2		Purchased electricity, buildings	9,971.6
		Google cloud subscription	1,591.8
		Upstream emissions of purchased jet fuel	1,011,369.3
Scope 3		Business travel	717.7
Scope 3	Ģa	Employee commuting	2,898.7
		Use of sold products	158,737.0
	Ŀŗ	Third-party delivery service providers	3,689.0

#### SCOPE 1 EMISSIONS GRI 305-1, 305-5

Capital A's Scope 1 GHG emissions stem almost entirely from the burning of jet fuel by our aircraft, with a small portion from the fuel used by our ground service equipment. As the direct emissions from our digital and other businesses have been assessed to be immaterial, we only report Scope 1 emissions from our airline operations.



AirAsia's total fuel consumption saw a significant increase of 86%, from 821,212 tonnes in 2022 to 1,528,233 tonnes in 2023, with a specific fuel consumption of 3 litres/100RPK. This corresponds with the 86% increase in our Scope 1 emissions from 2,595,030 tCO<sub>2</sub>e in 2022 to 4,829,216 tCO<sub>2</sub>e in 2023. The increase in fuel consumption was mainly due to the recovery of operations in all our home countries and increase in the number of flights compared to the previous year. For the full year 2023, we reached 74% of the number of flights compared to 2019, pre-pandemic.

AirAsia reports its fuel consumption and Scope 1 emissions for all its AOCs in accordance with CORSIA. These reports are verified by authorised third-party independent auditors.



For our ground operations, our fuel consumption is mainly from the ground vehicles used at airports.

## 1,653 tonnes

Fuel consumption in 2023 (127% from 2022)

## 5,223.5 tCO<sub>2</sub>

Scope 1 emissions in 2023

Fuel consumption in 2023 stood at 1,653 tonnes, a 27% increase from 2022, attributed to the progressive expansion of our operations leading to higher fuel uptake.



Teleport, which has been primarily involved in providing air cargo and door-to-door delivery services, received three A321F freighters in 2023.

Since then, Teleport has transported 87,401 tonnes of cargo, which is equivalent to fuel consumption and carbon emissions of:



**13,278 tCO**<sub>2</sub> Scope 1 emissions in 2023

### GREEN MOBILITY IN GROUND OPERATIONS

While ground operations constitute a smaller portion of fuel consumption compared to our aircraft, they remain significant contributors to overall energy usage. Notably, electricity and natural gas stand out as the primary energy sources within ground operations.

In October 2023, GTR took a significant step towards reducing its environmental footprint while enhancing operational efficiency by acquiring two Hangcha Aviation Tractor Model QSD320-XD3-MAI electric vehicles (EVs). The utilisation of EV will ensure we are not heavily dependent on the current fleet of diesel-powered tractors.

During the EVs' first full-trial phase in August, GTR observed that the EV tractor could sustain ground handling operations for seven hours on a single charge, promising significant savings of approximately 58% in GTR's overall consumable



costs. GTR is gearing up for significant improvements in 2024, planning to deploy 20 additional EV tractors for its ramp operations. This will complement its broader strategy of integrating EVs across various aspects of operations, including baggage handling, transport and maintenance services. The company is also actively exploring the installation of solar panels at its warehouse. This strategic move would not only decrease electricity consumption but also facilitate the charging of EV forklifts using renewable energy. This forward-thinking approach underscores GTR's commitment to achieving net-zero carbon emissions for its EV forklift fleet in the foreseeable future.

### **SCOPE 2 EMISSIONS**

GRI 302-1, 302-3, 302-4, 305-2

Our Scope 2 disclosures cover emissions associated with energy consumption at all our facilities and offices.



In 2023, our total electricity consumption was 15,083 MWh, a 75% increase compared to 2022 with an average building energy intensity of 96.9 kWh/m²/year across all our office buildings.

As Scope 2 emissions are from purchased electricity for our buildings and offices, our Scope 2 emissions similarly increased by almost two-fold from 5,131.2 tCO<sub>2</sub> in 2022 to 9,971.6 tCO<sub>2</sub> in 2023, with a carbon intensity of 47.0 tCO<sub>2</sub>/ $m^2$ .

Both our electricity consumption and Scope 2 emissions increased due to Allstars returning to the office and business operations resuming in full. In addition, as part of efforts to improve the management of our resource consumption, in 2023 we expanded our reporting scope and included TAA's airasia academy electricity consumption in our calculations.

In line with the Group's pursuit of efficiency, our facilities team has implemented various initiatives in our offices aimed at enhancing energy efficiency and reducing our overall consumption. These initiatives encompass:



Our total energy consumption, including electricity for offices and fuel for aircraft, ground operations and Teleport freighters, amounted to 20,362,567 MWh in 2023. In 2024, the Sustainability department plans to explore ways to reduce our resources consumption and, subsequently, will set reduction targets for key departments.

## ADE SUSTAINABLE AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGARS

ADE is currently constructing a 14-line state-of-art aircraft maintenance hangar facility in Sepang. Aligned with the Group's sustainability objectives, the hangar is being constructed in accordance with the Malaysian green building standard, GreenRE, where the team is working to get the hangar certified to meet the platinum rating. This includes meeting parameters for indoor environment quality, environmental protection, innovative design, water and energy efficiency, and carbon footprint of development.

We anticipate the completion of the first phase of the hangar by the third quarter of 2024. Through ADE's commitment to the GreenRE standards, we envision this project to be exemplary of how ADE's aircraft maintenance facilities moving forward can actively contribute to fulfilling our sustainability objectives.

## **SCOPE 3 EMISSIONS**

#### GRI 302-2, 305-3

Our estimated Scope 3 emissions contribute to about 19.5% of our overall emissions, with the largest component being upstream emissions associated with jet fuel production (85.8%), followed by emissions from Teleport's use of sold products (13.5%) and others.

As more than 85% of our Scope 3 emissions are from the extraction and refining of the jet fuel (well-to-tank emissions) for our flights, SAF utilisation will be the dominant method of managing this aspect of our carbon footprint in the future. In addition, as reducing carbon emissions is a shared responsibility between airlines and passengers, we plan to introduce a new carbon fee to fund AirAsia's climate transition. We hope to launch this programme in the first half of 2024.



For more information on our climate strategy, please refer to page 52 of this report.

As for our value chain, we will continue to work closely with our vendors and business partners to monitor and minimise our Scope 3 emissions. Additionally, we will expand the scope of our Scope 3 emissions monitoring to address more categories where relevant.

## OTHER GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

#### GRI 305-7

In addition to GHG emissions, the combustion of jet fuel releases nitrogen oxides (NOx), sulphur oxides (SOx), carbon monoxide (CO) and volatile organic compounds that affect the quality of air.

Over the years, improved engine designs have gradually reduced emissions of other GHGs. Under Annex 16, Volume III of its international standards on environmental protection, ICAO has set acceptable levels of emissions from aircraft engines for such gases.

In compliance with these standards, we strive to maintain a young fleet of aircraft that use the latest technologies. As of 2023, all AirAsia aircraft engines meet the most stringent ICAO CAEP/8 NOx emissions standards. As we continue to phase out older aircraft in exchange for new Airbus A321neo models, we aim for 100% compliance with ICAO CAEP/8 NOx standards.

Indicators	2023
NOx emissions (tonnes) <sup>1</sup>	2,675
NOx emissions intensity (gNOx/RPK) <sup>1</sup>	0.041
SOx emissions (tonnes) <sup>2</sup>	285
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) emissions (kg) <sup>2</sup>	985,861

<sup>1</sup> NOx emissions and compliance data are obtained from the ICAO Emissions Bank issue 28C dated 20 July 2021. The NOx emissions value per landing and takeoff (LTO) cycle is based on the weighted average of AirAsia's fleet composition as of 2023.

<sup>2</sup> According to the US EPA, SO<sub>2</sub> represents the highest composition of SO<sub>x</sub> emissions, hence SO<sub>2</sub> is considered as SO<sub>x</sub> for the purpose of calculations. SO<sub>2</sub> and VOC emissions data are sourced from US EPA's Generic Aircraft Type Emission Factors table.

#### **NOISE MANAGEMENT**

Noise from aircraft engines could affect the physical and mental health of surrounding communities, and may even impact the natural ecosystem. Accordingly, all AirAsia aircraft meet the criteria established by ICAO Annex 16 Chapter 4 noise standards and comply with CAAM's directive on aircraft noise as well as airports' noise abatement procedures. Specific operational solutions are also sought to reduce noise emissions from aircraft. Whenever possible, we implement procedures such as idle reverse landing, reduced flap landing and one engine taxi which significantly reduce noise pollution. We will continue to meet and exceed ICAO's noise certification standards and work with airports to find solutions to noise pollution.

#### WATER CONSUMPTION GRI 303-1, 303-5

Capital A's Sustainability Policy includes a commitment to conserving natural resources via efficient water use while continuing to meet our operational requirements. As such, we are putting in place various initiatives to improve water consumption across our operations.





Water supply for all our offices is from municipal potable water sources. In 2023, we consumed 102,067m<sup>3</sup> of water, a 22.6% increase from 2022 due to the full return to offices.

For enhanced transparency and better water usage, the TAA team plans to regularly cross-check its water metre readings with the airport authority as their office is located within the vicinity of the airport.

#### WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

#### GRI 303-4

Capital A does not generate industrial effluents from our office, hence all sanitary and waste water from washing is discharged into government-operated centralised water treatment plants for treatment. In the Philippines, PAA's wastewater discharge is managed by the airport authority (MIAA).

In 2023, our IAA office started to recycle water from its sewage treatment plant to water the plants. There are plans to install a new water metre for its recycled water to monitor their outdoor plant watering system.

#### BIODIVERSITY

#### GRI 303-4

We believe in conserving the natural environment and biodiversity of the countries where we operate for the benefit of the ecosystem and local communities. As a responsible organisation, we are always exploring opportunities to minimise our ecological impact.

Through our philanthropic arm, AirAsia Foundation, we have supported numerous social enterprises across the region whose goals include biodiversity conservation. The table below summarises our contributions in 2023.

## THAILAND

#### Fisherfolk

Improves the livelihood of local fisherfolk in southern Thailand via sustainable fishing practices and marine conservation

## INDONESIA

#### Natural Acheh

Provides expertise and skills for rural women to farm oysters through a new cultivation method and enables the recovery of the mangrove forest

## PHILIPPINES

#### Bambuhay

Supports reforestation efforts by equipping indigenous people in rural areas with sustainable alternative livelihood using bamboo

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For more information on how we supported the social enterprises, please refer to page 102 of this report.

In the Philippines, AirAsia collaborated with Nayong Pilipino Pilipino Foundation in a tree planting initiative "Taking Off For A Greener Future". The primary objective was not only to restore the surroundings through reforestation but to also give back to the Filipinos by creating a greener and more vibrant space. The location of the tree planting initiative will be the future Nayong Pilipino Cultural Park. The event saw 200 native trees planted by 120 volunteers in Manila.

In July 2023, Teleport in collaboration with APE Malaysia's Restore Our Amazing Rainforest (ROAR) initiative, planted 365 trees in the Lower Kinabatangan Region, Sabah (location: 05°32'42.52" 118°18'45.95"). The effort will benefit wildlife by creating habitats for endangered animals, including the Bornean orangutan and pygmy elephant, while supporting local communities for years to come.

#### SIGNING THE UNITED FOR WILDLIFE TRANSPORT TASKFORCE BUCKINGHAM PALACE DECLARATION



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As a player in the cargo business, Teleport places the utmost importance on the prevention of wildlife trafficking. In May 2023, Teleport became an official member of the United for Wildlife International Taskforce where it joins forces with companies across the transport sector to create awareness of illegal wildlife trade.

The Taskforce, founded by the Prince of Wales and the Royal Foundation, works towards Buckingham Palace's 11 commitments, including zero tolerance for illegal wildlife trade. The network of member organisations shares information and collaborates on detecting illegal wildlife products as well as developing new mechanisms to stop their transportation.

Teleport also adheres to the relevant local and international regulations on wildlife trafficking including IATA's Live Animals Regulations, Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, Department of Quarantine and Inspection Services Malaysia regulations of wildlife trafficking, and CAAM Directive 18 on national transport of dangerous goods programme.

As a result of its strict compliance and vigilance to prevent wildlife trafficking activities, Teleport identified five incidents of wildlife trafficking where all shipments were stopped and addressed with the relevant authorities.





Efficient and wellplanned waste management is essential to avoid unnecessary waste generation and environmental issues. Towards this end, we have incorporated a circular economy approach into our business and practise the 3Rs principle of reusing, reducing and recycling whenever possible.

2023 Performance Overview











#### Our Management Approach

- Environmental Policy Statement
- Sustainability Policy
- Environmental Quality Act 1974
- Environmental Quality (Scheduled Wastes) Regulations 2005
- Solid Waste and Public Cleansing Management Act 2007

#### Supporting the UN SDGs



Waste in Capital A can be broadly categorised into two types:

## hazardous and non-hazardous

## HAZARDOUS WASTE

Hazardous waste is harmful to human health and the environment, and therefore should be disposed of properly. Most of our hazardous waste is generated by our engineering operations, maintenance stations and hangars, and consists of spent oils/fluid, absorbents, containers, filters, oil rags, paint and grease. We engage licensed contractors to manage our hazardous waste in compliance with the Environmental Quality (Scheduled Wastes) Regulations 2005 in Malaysia and relevant environmental acts and regulations of the other countries where we operate.

In 2023, we generated 3,042.93 tonnes of solid hazardous waste, a 127% increase from 2022. Whereas for liquid waste, we generated 26,795.49 litres of liquid scheduled waste compared to 5,437.64 litres in 2022. The high level of waste generated in 2023 was due to reactivation of all aircraft which involves aircraft maintenance and draining of aircraft fluid. This year, we also expanded our scope of reporting (previously only the four AOCs) to include six hubs - Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Langkawi, Johor Bahru, Kota Kinabalu and Kuching - as well as ADE's three newly registered process areas.



#### **Solid Hazardous Waste**

# NON-HAZARDOUS WASTE

Our non-hazardous waste encompasses general waste originating from our offices, warehouses and flights. In 2023, we witnessed a significant 76% increase in non-hazardous waste production, largely attributed to the resumption of full operations.



Note:

<sup>1.</sup> Non-hazardous waste for AirAsia Malaysia and AirAsia Indonesia only include general waste from offices as cabin waste is managed by airport authorities.

2 Non-hazardous waste for AirAsia Philippines and AirAsia Thailand only include cabin waste collected from our flights as office waste is managed by airport authorities.

However, it is important to note that in 2023, 49% of our waste generated was diverted from disposal. Waste that is not disposed of is recycled, reused or used as an alternative fuel for cement production.

## Waste Directed to and Diverted from Disposal in 2023



Non-hazardous waste disposed (tonnes)

Non-hazardous waste diverted from disposal (tonnes)

During the same year, the Group actively advocated several key sustainable practices to Allstars, including:



Encouraging Allstars to bring their own cutlery and containers
 to the offices



Prohibiting the use of single-use plastics such as plastic cutlery and plastic bags



## INFLIGHT WASTE COLLECTION

With the return to normal operations, MAA's cabin crew has resumed segregating recyclable waste. However, overseeing the recycling process becomes challenging once bags leave the aircraft and are managed by airport authorities. Nevertheless, we're persisting in our sustainability efforts by exploring the potential to include more recyclable items in our offerings and establishing our own alternative waste collector for better oversight. Additionally, our catalog includes a gentle reminder for passengers to request disposable items only when necessary.

Our TAA and PAA cabin crew maintain their practice of segregating recyclable waste onboard. However for IAA flights, the responsibility of handling and managing the cabin waste lies with the airport authorities. In 2023, TAA collected 284.5 tonnes of cabin waste, which was 100% diverted from disposal. On the other hand, PAA collected 265.7 tonnes of cabin waste, 52% of which was recycled while

the rest was sent to landfills.



#### **OFFICE WASTE COLLECTION**

Recycling bins are provided for the collection of paper, plastic and aluminium items at every level of the building. Waste discarded in these bins is collected by appointed licensed contractors.

Our RedQ office recycled a total of 18,784kg of waste in 2023, which was a significant increase from 4,160kg in 2022 due to the resumption of flights and Allstars returning to the office full-time.



## SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING SOLUTIONS

#### teleport CARGO PLASTIC SHEET TO CANVAS COVER

As a cargo business that often uses plastics for packing protection of shipments, Teleport spent the whole year of 2023 testing the use of reusable protection covers made of canvas to reduce the use of plastic sheets. The first prototype of the canvas cover was completed in the second quarter of the year following which the team tested the cover with two vendors in the third quarter. Gathering feedback and findings from the trial, the final design ensuring the best usability and reliability was decided in November. The next step is to order the covers in bulk to slowly replace all plastic sheets in Teleport operations.

In 2023, Teleport estimates its performance as shown below:



**SANTAN'S** 

PACKAGING

STRATEGY

5-YEAR



Efforts to minimise our environmental footprint extend to Santan's inflight food packaging. While our dedication to eco-friendly practices remains unwavering, as a low-cost carrier, we face the challenge of finding materials that strike the balance between being environmentally friendly and economically viable. We are therefore collaborating with suppliers to identify innovative solutions that align with our commitment to sustainability without compromising on our costeffective business model.

Other than to adopt more environmentally friendly packaging, we are also looking at more socially responsible packaging. During the year, we changed the packaging of our signature Pak Nasser's Nasi Lemak by transitioning to a free-flaps foil tray lid that is more safe and secure.

Our five-year packaging strategy incorporates the exploration and procurement of sustainable packaging alternatives as shown below:

Standardisation of Packaging Design & Cost Reduction Standardising the design of inflight and on-ground packaging for a stronger brand presence.

#### **FOOD WASTE**

Since 2021, the Inflight team has set the target of limiting food waste to less than 30% of total consumption for all AirAsia flights. By using our Al demand planning tool, we are able to forecast catering demand and encourage guests to pre-book meals.



In 2023, our food waste, of 765,416kg, was within the threshold. Our goal in 2024 is to further reduce our food waste to below 25% of total consumption.

#### USED COOKING OIL

With the mass production of food for catering and restaurants, we are aware of the high volume of cooking oil that we use. In June 2023, we finally kicked off our partnership with FatHopes Energy to collect, process and refine our used cooking oil (UCO).



#### Green Packaging

Sourcing for affordable alternative green packaging (recyclable or biodegradable packaging elements) as well as to reduce disposable waste and carbon emissions.



#### Packaging that Meets Shelf-Life Goal

Research packaging that is able to extend shelf life to meet the demands of the global food industry, reducing food waste on board. Santan will also ensure food safety and compliance with quality standards throughout its shelf life.



#### Seasonal & Collection Packaging

Explore eco-friendly materials for our seasonal gift boxes without compromising on quality and collection value.

#### CIRCULARITY AND MATERIAL STEWARDSHIP

AirAsia Foundation continues to grow its life jacket recycling project with Nazanin, a social enterprise run by Afghan refugees. In 2023, 1,715 life jackets were upcycled into best-selling Soggy No-More accessories, a 23% increase compared to 2022. The upcycled life jackets were sold on AirAsia Foundation's online social enterprise shop DestinationGOOD and on board AirAsia flights as inflight merchandise.

Since the launch of the Soggy No-More project in 2017, we drove this approach of circularity and material stewardship to support refugee livelihoods and AirAsia Foundation's social enterprise activities. Since its inception in 2017, the project has achieved:

4,314 life jackets upcycled

862.8kg



#### ADE HANDLING AERONAUTICAL WASTE

From engine parts to aircraft seats, tyres and carts, we maintain a meticulous system to handle waste from aircraft and ADE operations responsibly. Where possible, we take a circular approach of repairing, repurposing and recycling items rather than sending them to landfills. At ADE's RedChain Engineering Warehouse, the 3Rs principle is adopted to reduce, reuse and recycle key aircraft components. Below are some of the ways in which the lifespan of parts is extended:

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#### AIRCRAFT PANELS, FLOORBOARDS AND FRAMES

The structural repair workshop is responsible for maintaining various aircraft elements, including aircraft skin, frames, panels, cargo, cabin floorboard and engine cowlings. Any structural component that exceeds the repairable limits is scrapped and replaced as necessary. Scrapped items are collected by licensed recycling contractors.

#### AIRCRAFT SEATS

Our aircraft seats are made from carbon fibre, aluminium and genuine leather upholstery for durability. The lightweight seats also help to reduce fuel consumption and lower CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 200 tonnes per aircraft per year. When our aircraft seats reach their end of life, we remove usable parts for repair of other seats. Damaged parts are collected by contractors to be recycled. Where feasible, older seats are also sold to other operators to lengthen their lifespan.

