While the global economy grew by 2.5%, Travel & Tourism grew significantly more at 3.5%.

1 in 4 net new jobs were created by Travel & Tourism over the last five years.

Global GDP impact by sector (2018 data). Share of total economy GDP:

- Mining: 10%
- Automotive: 7%
- Agriculture: 6%
- Travel & Tourism: 11%
- Retail: 6%
- Financial Services: 5%

Global Travel & Tourism (T&T) GDP growth (11.0% of total employment) vs +2.6% real economy GDP growth.

Total T&T GDP = LKR1,591.1BN (USD8,924.1MN)

Jobs globally (1 in 10 jobs): 330 million

Inbound Arrivals:
1. INDIA 18%
2. CHINA 13%
3. UNITED KINGDOM 10%
4. GERMANY 6%
5. FRANCE 5%
REST OF WORLD 49%

Outbound Departures:
1. INDIA 25%
2. FRANCE 9%
3. SINGAPORE 7%
4. SAUDI ARABIA 5%
5. THAILAND 5%
REST OF WORLD 49%

International Visitor Impact:

LKR858.6BN in visitor spend (24.6% of total exports) (USD4,815.8MN)

Note: Data are average shares over the 2016-2018 period.
Source: Oxford Economics, national sources and UNWTO.

1 All values are in constant 2019 prices & exchange rates.
As reported in March 2020.