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
- Automotive
- Agriculture
- Travel & Tourism
- Retail
- Financial Services

Global 2019 Travel & Tourism GDP growth +5.0% vs +1.8% real economy GDP growth.

United Arab Emirates 2019 Key Data:

- Contribution of Travel & Tourism to GDP: 11.9% of total economy.
- Total T&T GDP = AED177.8BN (USD48,456.4MN).
- 745.2 Jobs (000's) (11.1% of total employment).
- International visitor impact: AED 141.1BN in visitor spend (9.9% of total exports) (USD38,435.8MN).

Inbound Arrivals:

- 1. India 12%
- 2. Saudi Arabia 9%
- 3. United Kingdom 8%
- 4. China 6%
- 5. Oman 5%
- Rest of World 60%

Outbound Departures:

- 1. Saudi Arabia 25%
- 2. United Kingdom 12%
- 3. Oman 11%
- 4. France 7%
- 5. Switzerland 4%
- Rest of World 41%

Sector Characteristics (2019):

- Leisure Spending: 79%
- Business Spending: 21%
- Domestic Spending: 23%
- International Spending: 77%

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

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