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The air cargo market has started the year on an apparent tear thanks to strong e-commerce volumes out of Asia and extended transits for ocean freight being rerouted around the Red Sea conflict zone, but whether the growth is sustainable or a product of low comparisons to last year remains an open question.

Last summer the industry was drifting at the bottom of a trough, but a swell of business in September turned into a wave that has carried into the first quarter.

Shipping demand on airliners was up 13% annually for the first two months of the year, normally a slower period that follows the fourth-quarter peak season and the short spike for Chinese New Year, according to WorldACD. Growth was 11% if the extra leap year day in February is excluded.

Read more in an [article from American Shipper](#).