

MAS bumpy ride

Dec 1985	MAS listed on Bursa Malaysia with a market capitalisation of RM189 million
June 1994	Tajudin Ramli purchases a 32 per cent stake in the carrier from Bank Negara for RM 1.79 billion, or RM8 per share with the government holding a "golden share"
1997	Airline suffers losses of RM260 million after posting record profits over over RM320 million a year earlier
Dec 2000	Malaysian government buys back Tajuddin Ramli's 29.09 per cent stake at RM 1.79 billion, or RM8 per share, a 120 per cent premium over its market price then
Nov 2002	MAS undertakes major revamp to turn into an asset-light carrier by transferring RM5 billion in assets and RM7 billion debt to a separate, newly-created state-owned firm
Dec 2005	Idris Jala, a Christian Kelabit from Sarawak appointed to helm MAS. His would be the first appointment of a non-Malay as chief executive of a GLC
2008	Airline announces record profit of RM853 million in FY2007, ending a two-year losing streak
March 2006	MAS and AirAsia reach agreement to split domestic routes
April 2007	MAS' wholly-owned Firefly takes off with its first flight from Penang to Kota Baru
Aug 2009	Azmil Zahrudin appointed to helm the firm after Idris Jala leaves to take on new post as head of government reform unit
Aug 2011	MAS join hands with bitter rival AirAsia in a share swap deal which months later is unwound following public pressure
Sept 2011	Ahmad Jauhari, MAS current chief appointed to lead the airline. The airline suffered a shocking loss of RM2.5 billion in FY2011 and would continue its losing streak in the ensuing years
July 2012	MAS becomes the eighth operator to fly the A380
Feb 2013	MAS joins the oneworld alliance. The airline becomes one of only six airlines worldwide rated five-star by Skytrax
March 2014	MH370 carrying 239 passengers and crew disappears on the way from KL to Beijing. The aircraft's disappearance still remains a mystery
July 2014	The downing of MH17 over strife-torn Ukraine, killing all 298 on board
Aug 2014	Crisis-stricken MAS second quarter loss doubles to RM306 million. Airline's controlling shareholder Khazanah Nasional unveils plan to take MAS private
Nov 2014	MAS third quarter loss widens to RM576 million from RM375 million a year ago
Dec 2014	Aer Lingus outgoing CEO Christoph Mueller appointed as chief executive of new company Malaysia Airlines Berhad
Dec 12, 2014	MAS gets delisted, bids adieu to Bursa Malaysia as per the first stage of 12-point recovery plan