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Britain's headwinds for easyJet

Despite a stonking £1bn annual loss at easyJet, boss Johan Lundgren has declared the recovery in air travel is "under way". Business travel is returning, city breaks are back on and bookings for October half-term and winter have jumped.

The catalyst is obvious: the relaxation of onerous, confusing, and time-consuming Covid restrictions. Costly PCR tests are being replaced by lateral flow tests, pre-departure tests for fully vaccinated travellers to get back into the UK are also being scrapped and the maddening red list has been slashed to just seven.

This is all welcome but in other parts of Europe all testing requirements have been removed for the double-jabbed, with dramatic results. In the Netherlands, easyJet is flying at pre-pandemic levels. After an explosive start, sclerotic ministers have unforgivably allowed the UK to surrender its lead in the Covid vaccine race.

