Air Transport Industry Structure, Economics, Operations

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## Context

- The Presenter
- BA Harvard, MST Northwestern, MBA Foster School (U. of Washington)
- Urban and regional transportation: 6 years including $11 / 2$ years in Lille, France
- AT\&T Communications, market analysis: 2 years
- The Boeing Company: 29 years until retirement 7/1/2013
- Telecommunications business strategy
- IT design, project management, and quality assurance
- Commercial Aviation Services and Marketing: airline value analysis, market analysis, and competitive analysis
- Not representing Boeing: all positions and opinions are presenter's
- Objectives vis-à-vis audience
- Context, and something new about the industry
- Spark questions for research and investigation
- Give suggestions for those seeking to work in the industry


## Airline Operating Costs ("Typical" Airline, 2014)



Source: Boeing internal analysis, used with permission for presentation at Northwestern University 4/28/2016

- Crew Compensation
$\square$ Airport HandlingFuel \& Oil
- Revenue Management
- Rental, Deprec \& AmortPassenger Service
- General \& Admin
- Airframe MaintenanceEngine Maintenance
Maintenance Burden
Other Expenses


## The Fuel Factor

## Oil price outlook uncertain but low



Source: Platts, IEA, Press reports
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## Profit Trend

## Record for the airline industry



Source: ICAO, IATA Economics
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## Career Factors in the Aviation Industry

- OEM
- Desired background
- Engineering background preferred; business supplemental
- Airline experience valued
- Departmental alignment enhances: e.g. fleet management, maintenance
- Functional: e.g. accounting, law, supplier management, IT, non-commercial aviation
- Entry
- Networking
- Internships
- Jobs advertised
- Career paths
- Management
- Technical: many disciplines
- Marketing and Sales
- Airline
- Fast paced: "day of" emphasis
- Timeliness and accuracy
- Business cycle - timing



## Scope: Single and Twin-Aisle > 90 Seats

## FORECAST 2015-2034 DELIVERIES



## FORECAST 2015-2034 DELIVERY VALUE (SBN)



## Passenger vs. Cargo

## Very different businesses



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## Economic Dynamics

## Globalization has paused

International trade compared to global industrial production

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## How the Industry Works - Major Players



## Life Cycle of an Airplane Sale



## OEM Aftermarket "Services \& Support"

- Training
- Parts: "spares". \& routine
- Engineering support
- Field Service: 100's of offices worldwide
- Repairs

Boeing Field Service offices
Theow sme - Modifications - SB's Airbus Field Service and other offices

- Engineering Data
- Navigational data (Boeing: Jeppesen)
- Information based
- Airplane health
- Operations centers
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- Fuel, other operational \& business


## Airbus \& Boeing Fleet Statistics 2015

|  | Airbus | Boeing |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2015 Net Orders | 1,080 | 768 |
| 2015 Aircraft Delivered | 635 | 762 |
| Total Orders (to 3/16) | 16,361 | 23,132 |
| Total Deliveries (to 3/16) | 9,643 | 17,392 |
| In Operation (3/16) | 8,762 | $10,000+$ |

## Airbus \& Boeing Financial Statistics 2015

| (\$ billions) | Airbus Group | Airbus Commercial | Boeing Company | Boeing Commercial |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Employees | 136,574 |  | ~ 160,000 |  |
| New Orders (1) | \$178.7 | \$156.2 | \$83.0 | \$57.0 |
| Order Book (1) | \$1,130.2 | \$1,070.2 | \$489.0 | \$432.0 |
| Revenue | \$72.5 | \$51.5 | \$96.1 | \$66.0 |
| Op. Earnings (Boeing) |  |  | \$7.4 | \$5.2 |
| PBFCIT (2) (Airbus) | \$4.6 | \$2.6 |  |  |
| Net Earnings / PfP (3) | \$3.0 |  | \$5.2 |  |
| Cash \& Equivalents - EoP | \$8.2 |  | \$11.3 |  |

(1) New Orders and Order Book / Backlog are based on list prices. Actual prices may be lower.
(2) Airbus PBFCIT = Profit Before Finance Costs and Income Taxes.
(3) Boeing Net Earnings believed to be roughly equivalent to Airbus Profit for Period.

Currency conversion: $\$ 1=€ 0.89$ representative rate for $2015 . \$ 1=€ 0.92$ at EoP on 12/31/15.

## Commercial Airplanes

- Delivered 176 airplanes in Q1
- Orders valued at \$6B in Q1; robust backlog of \$424B
- Won 121 net orders

Revenues \& Operating Margins


- Achieved 737 MAX first flight and began flight test
* Began 12 per month rate in 787 Final Assembly
- Started major assembly early on the 787-10


737 MAX First Flight

## Some Causes of Flight Schedule Delays

- Weather
- Air traffic control
- Passenger
- Security
- Facilities
- Damage
- Connecting passenger
- Ramp

Mechanical / technical (tend to be long, "creeping")

- Flight crew not available
- Cabin crew not available
- Equipment not available

Previous delay ("Consequential")


NOTE: Many airlines do not track the lengths of delays, and/or do not understand their true costs.

## Cost of a Flight Delay, by Length of Delay "Notional", normalized by seat capacity

$\rightarrow$ Low Schedule Frequency--High Schedule Frequency


## The Low-Cost Carrier (LCC) Model

- Primarily point-to-point operations.
- Serving short-haul routes, often to/from regional or secondary airports.
- A strong focus on price sensitive traffic, mostly leisure passengers.
- Typically one service class only, with no (or limited) customer loyalty programmes.
- Limited passenger services, with additional charges for some services (e.g. onboard catering).
- Low average fares, with a strong focus on price competition.
- Different fares offered, related to aircraft load factors and/or length of time before departure.
- A very high proportion of bookings made through the Internet.
- High aircraft utilisation rates, with short turnaround times between operations.
- A fleet consisting of just one or two types of aircraft.
- Private-sector companies.
- A simple management and overhead structure with a lean strategic decisionmaking process.
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## Alaska to Acquire Virgin America



## Airline Market Segments - N. America

We believe there is significant demand for low-fare carriers that offer a premium product.


## VIRGIN AMERICA'S SUPERIOR BUSINESS MODEL PREMIUM REVENUE GENERATION WITH A LCC COST BASE



## Combined Airline Statistics

## Alaska + Virgin by the Numbers

| Annual Revenues |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Annual Passengers | 32 Million |
| Aircraft | $\begin{gathered} 152 \text { Boeing } \\ 52 \text { Q400 } \\ 15 \text { regional jets } \end{gathered}$ |
| Daily <br> Departures | 1,000 |
| Destinations | 112 |
| Pre-Tax Profit | \$1.3 Billion |


| Nrimi america <br> $\$ 1.5$ <br> Billion |
| :---: |
| 7 Million |
| 63 Airbus |
| 200 |
| 24 |
| $\$ 200$ Million |



## Alaska / Virgin American Route Networks



## Emergence of Fewer, Larger Airlines

Consolidation has led to dominance of just four airlines.
Airline Domestic Market Share (Revenue)

|  | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 | 2010 | 2015 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Southwest. |
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| Marketshare of 4 largest carriers | 61\% | 68\% | 61\% | 65\% | 84\% |

## Acquisition Economic Overview

## Significant synergies create value for our owners.

## We expect one-time costs to total $\sim \$ 300 \mathrm{M}$ - $\$ 350 \mathrm{M}$

|  | Average Annual Run <br> Rate Estimates |
| :--- | :---: |
| Revenue Synergies | $\$ 175 \mathrm{M}$ |
| Net Cost Synergies | $\$ 50 \mathrm{M}$ |
| Total Synergies | $\$ 225 \mathrm{M}$ |

## Acquisition Financial Overview

We expect to finance the transaction with cash on hand, aircraft debt and a temporary slowdown of share buybacks.

| Acquisition Price |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Equity Purchased | $\$ 2.6 \mathrm{~B}$ |
| Net Debt and Leases Assumed | $\$ 1.4 \mathrm{~B}$ |
| Total | $\$ 4.0 \mathrm{~B}$ |

## Financing Sources

| Cash | $\$ 0.6 \mathrm{M}$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Debt and Leases Assumed | $\$ 1.4 \mathrm{~B}$ |
| New Debt Issued | $\$ 2 \mathrm{~B}$ |
| Total | $\$ 4.0 \mathrm{~B}$ |

## Traditional Maintenance Checks

|  | A | B | C | D / HMV |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Interval - FH | $400-600$ | $(1)$ | $(2)$ |  |
| Interval - Cycles | $200-300$ | $(1)$ |  | 72 |
| Interval - Months |  | $6-8$ | $20-24$ | Up to 50,000 |
| Maintenance Hrs | $20-60$ | $120-150$ | Up to 6,000 | Up to 2 months |
| AC Down Time | Overnight | $1-3$ days | 1-2 wks + | Sers |
| Purposes | Systems, <br> etc. | Systems, etc. | Structural and <br> zone inspections | Deep inspection <br> , overhaul, cabin |

(1) May be the same as for A checks.
(2) May be defined by manufacturer.

