# ALASKA AIR GROUP 02 2024 Earnings



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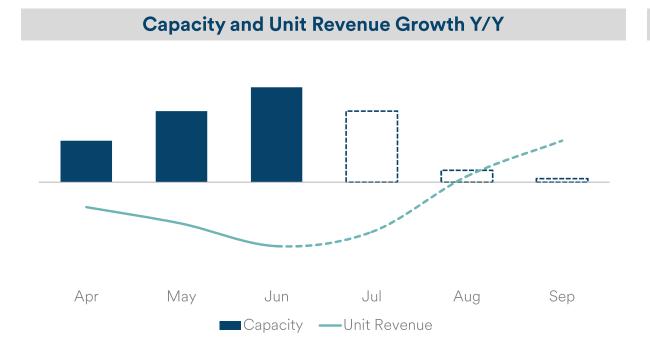
#### **Non-GAAP Financial Information**

The Company has made reference in this presentation to financial metrics which are not in accordance with GAAP. Pursuant to Regulation G, we have provided reconciliations of non-GAAP financial measures to their most directly comparable financial measures reported on a GAAP basis within the Second Quarter 2024 Earnings Release filed concurrently with this presentation. Prior year non-GAAP financial metrics have been reconciled in previous SEC filings, and can be referenced therein.

## **Earnings Update**

- Air Group achieved record quarterly revenue of \$2.9 billion during Q2 2024, with approximately 46% generated from diverse revenue streams outside the main cabin, including 33% from premium segments.
- With an adjusted pretax margin of 15.8%, Air Group expects to lead the industry in profitability for the quarter, further supporting differentiated results versus domestic peers.
- Cost management remains strong across the company, with unit costs down 1.9% during Q2 2024. At the end of June, Air Group reached a record tentative agreement with flight attendants represented by AFA, including a ~32% increase in compensation.
- Economic fuel cost per gallon averaged \$2.84 for Q2 2024, declining significantly from Q1 2024, primarily driven by lower West Coast refining margins.
- □ Air Group continues to maintain one of the strongest balance sheets in the industry, with debt-tocapitalization of 45% and adjusted net debt/EBITDAR of 1.0x as of Q2 2024.

# Capacity



**Notes** 

- As school calendars shift earlier in the year, June has become a stronger peak month. Moving forward, y/y unit revenues are expected to inflect positively in August
- □ Q3 2024 capacity is expected to increase approximately 2% to 3%, with growth nearly flat in both August in September
- FY 2024 capacity is now expected to be less than 2.5% y/y due to lower than expected aircraft deliveries from Boeing

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### **Unit Cost**

**Expected Q3 2024 Unit Cost Impacts** 

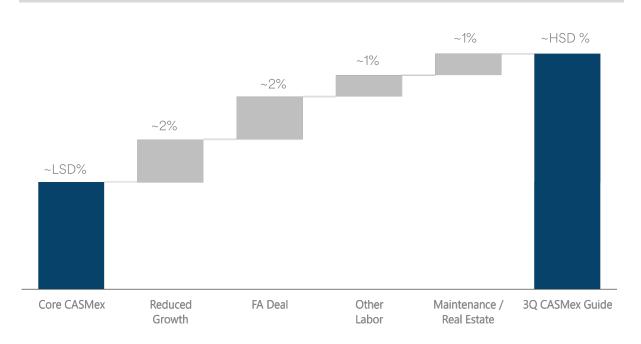


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#### Notes

- Air Group's record labor deal with flight attendants, now incorporated in guidance, is expected to add ~2 points of pressure in each of Q3 and Q4 2024. Additionally, annualization of prior labor contracts is still occurring through September
- Slightly elevated maintenance activity and higher airport real estate costs from rates resetting July 1<sup>st</sup> are expected to add incremental pressure to 2H CASMex
- Lower than normal historical growth from fewer-than-expected deliveries is expected to add ~2 points of pressure to CASMex in the second half of the year

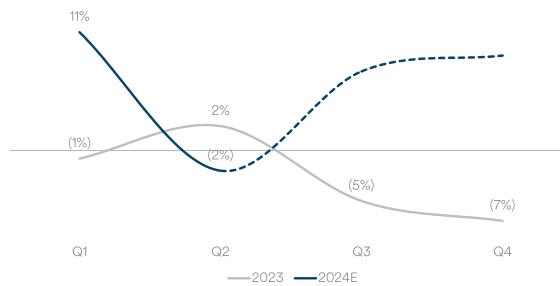
### **Unit Cost**

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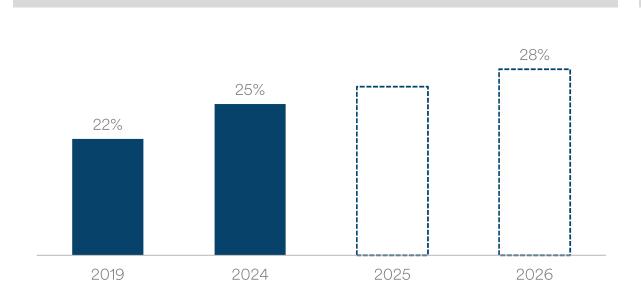
Y/Y CASMex 2023 and 2024E

#### **Notes**

- □ In 2023, Air Group's unit costs inflected negative in 2H, creating a more challenging y/y comparison in 2024
- Cost management and productivity remain strong today, with productivity expected to improve sequentially throughout 2024
- □ Air Group's relative cost advantage remains intact, with unit costs expected to be among the best results in the industry when compared to both 2022 and 2019 despite record labor wage contracts, and still ~15% below legacy carriers



### Premium



Premium Seats as a % of Total

Chart not to scale % indicates total % of seats once completed, not average for the yea

#### **Notes**

- Fleet modifications commencing in September 2024 will add more premium seats to 64% of Air Group's fleet with no reduction in seat count. 737-900ER/MAX
  9 seat count to remain at 178 and 737-800 to increase from 159 to 161 seats
- Modifications will add one additional row of 6 premium class seats on 737-900ER and MAX 9 aircraft (targeted completion in 2025), and one additional row of 4 first class seats on 737-800 aircraft (targeted completion in 2026)
- Once completed, premium seats are expected to represent 28% of total seats, up from 25% today

### **Fuel Cost**

\$0.34 \$0.79 \$0.19 \$0.16 \$0.16 \$0.16 \$0.03 \$0.03 \$0.03

LA vs USGC Refining Margin Spread

#### **Notes**

- Q2 2024 economic fuel cost per gallon was \$2.84, lower than our original expectation, driven primarily by lower West Coast refining margins
- Refining margins remained relatively stable throughout the quarter, supported by higher inventory levels. The spread versus Gulf Coast levels averaged ~\$0.03 during Q2 2024.
- Crude oil averaged \$81 per barrel during the quarter, slightly moderating from levels seen in early April

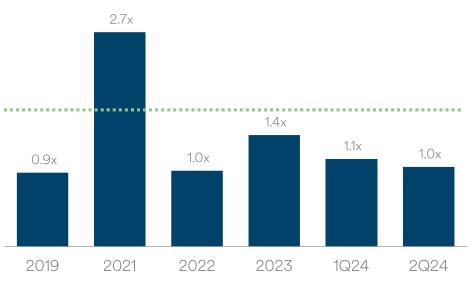
Data denotes cost per gallon

### **Balance Sheet**

Debt-to-Capitalization



Adjusted Net Debt/EBITDAR



Target Adj. Net Debt/EBITDAR < 1.5x