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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 11, 2014

DELTA AIR LINES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-05424
(Commission
File Number)

58-0218548
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

P.O. Box 20706, Atlanta, Georgia 30320-6001
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (404) 715-2600

Registrant's Web site address: www.delta.com

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

Delta Air Lines today will host a conference for investors that will also be webcast. Materials to be used in conjunction with the conference are furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

In accordance with general instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this report (including the exhibit) that is being furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of Form 8-K shall not be deemed to be “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act, as amended, or otherwise subject to liabilities of that section, nor shall they be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as expressly set forth in such filing. This report will not be deemed an admission as to the materiality of any information in the report that is required to be disclosed solely by Regulation FD.

Statements in this Form 8-K and the attached exhibit that are not historical facts, including statements regarding our estimates, expectations, beliefs, intentions, projections or strategies for the future, may be “forward-looking statements” as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All forward-looking statements involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the estimates, expectations, beliefs, intentions, projections and strategies reflected in or suggested by the forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the cost of aircraft fuel; the availability of aircraft fuel; the impact of posting collateral in connection with our fuel hedge contracts; the impact of significant funding obligations with respect to defined benefit pension plans; the restrictions that financial covenants in our financing agreements will have on our financial and business operations; labor issues; interruptions or disruptions in service at one of our hub airports; our dependence on technology in our operations; disruptions or security breaches of our information technology infrastructure; the ability of our credit card processors to take significant holdbacks in certain circumstances; the possible effects of accidents involving our aircraft; the effects of weather, natural disasters and seasonality on our business; the effects of an extended disruption in services provided by third party regional carriers; failure or inability of insurance to cover a significant liability at the Trainer refinery; the impact of environmental regulation on the Trainer refinery, including costs related to renewable fuel standard regulations; our ability to retain management and key employees; competitive conditions in the airline industry; the effects of extensive government regulation on our business; the effects of terrorist attacks; the effects of the rapid spread of contagious illnesses; and the costs associated with war risk insurance.

Additional information concerning risks and uncertainties that could cause differences between actual results and forward-looking statements is contained in Delta’s Securities and Exchange Commission filings, including its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013. Caution should be taken not to place undue reliance on Delta’s forward-looking statements, which represent Delta’s views only as of December 11, 2014, and which Delta has no current intention to update.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Presentation

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

DELTA AIR LINES, INC.

By: /s/ Paul A. Jacobson

Paul A. Jacobson

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: December 11, 2014

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
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Safe Harbor



This presentation contains various projections and other forward-looking statements which represent Delta's estimates or expectations regarding future events. All forward-looking statements involve a number of assumptions, risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond Delta's control, that could cause the actual results to differ materially from the projected results. Factors which could cause such differences include, without limitation, business, economic, competitive, industry, regulatory, market and financial uncertainties and contingencies, as well as the "Risk Factors" discussed in Delta's SEC filings. Caution should be taken not to place undue reliance on Delta's forward-looking statements, which represent Delta's views only as of the date of this presentation, and which Delta has no current intention to update.

In this presentation, we will discuss certain non-GAAP financial measures. You can find the reconciliations of those measures to comparable GAAP measures on our website at delta.com.

Delta: A High-Quality Company

Richard Anderson
Chief Executive Officer



A High-Quality Company

America's Best Run Airline

Producing Top Line Growth That Increases Margins, Provides Superior Returns On Capital And Generates The Highest Free Cash Flow In The Industry

Lowering Business Risk To Drive Sustainable Results By Strengthening The Balance Sheet To Investment Grade Quality And Having The Best Employee Relations

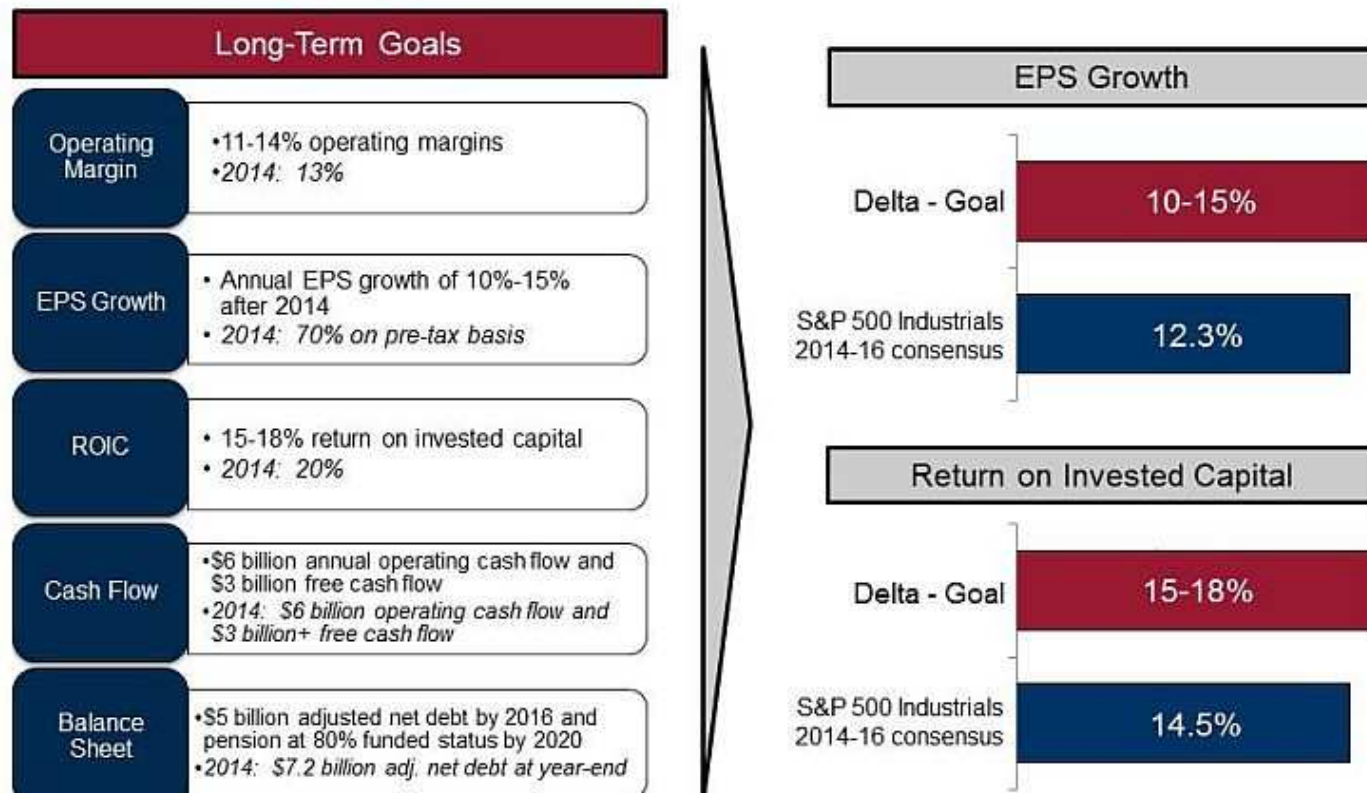
Investing In The Future And Rewarding Our Owners With The Highest Cash Levels Returned In The Industry



A high-quality S&P 500 industrial that delivers growing value for its employees, customers and investors

A High-Quality Company

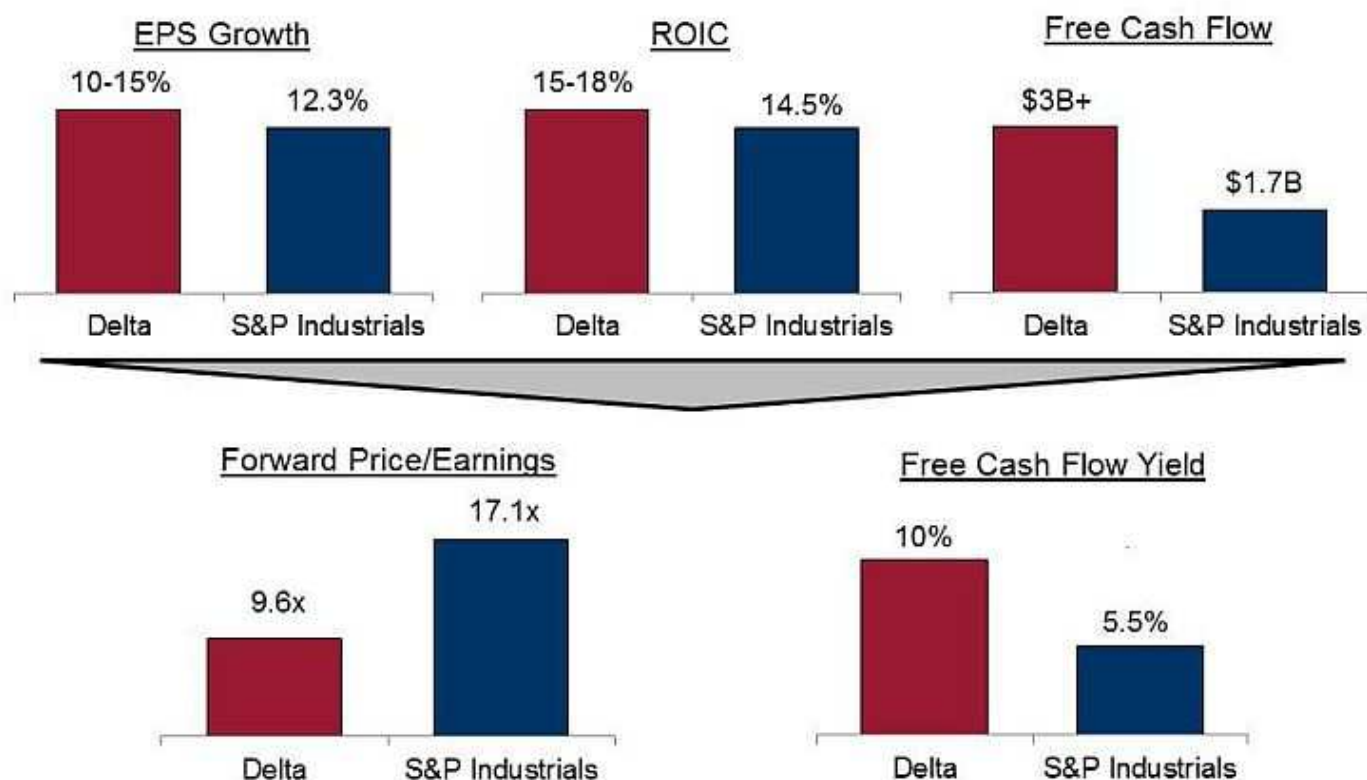
Strong progress toward our long-term goals of generating solid margins and cash flow, an investment grade balance sheet and sustainable shareholder returns



Note: All results exclude special items; Delta ROIC reflects benefits of net operating losses

The Path To Value Creation

Achieving our long-term goals and lowering risk across the business should result in improved valuation



Note: S&P Industrials are 2014-16 consensus estimates obtained from FactSet. Delta P/E reflects benefit of NOLs.

Delivering Growing Value

Ed Bastian
President



Delivering Growing Value

Building on our strengths to expand margins and cash flow in order to reduce debt, return capital to shareholders and invest in the future

2014: Another Successful Year

- Record profitability with 7% top line growth, four points of margin expansion and over \$3 billion of free cash flow

2015: Building On Our Momentum

- Improving on all aspects of our financial performance in 2015 as a solid revenue environment and lower fuel prices, coupled with Delta-specific initiatives, are expected to produce over \$5 billion in pre-tax income

Delivering Growing Value

- Capacity growth, pricing improvement and cost productivity combine to generate long-term revenue growth, margin expansion and greater cash generation

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2014: Another Record Year

Completing a record year with \$4.5 billion of pre-tax earnings, over \$3 billion of free cash flow and a 20% return on invested capital

Running A Reliable, Customer-Focused, Efficient Airline...

- Industry-leading operational performance
- Strong improvements in customer satisfaction with increasing net promoter scores
- Named "Airline of the Year" by Air Transport World, one of Fortune's "Most Admired Companies", "Best Airline" by Business Travel News for the fourth year in a row and "Most Preferred Corporate Carrier" by Morgan Stanley's corporate travel survey
- Increased revenue premium versus the industry
- Non-fuel unit cost growth of 0.3%

...Leads To Record Financial Results

- Pre-tax income of \$4.5 billion, an increase of 70% or \$1.9 billion
- Generated a 20% return on invested capital
- Record earnings result in more than \$1 billion profit sharing for Delta employees
- \$6 billion of operating cash flow and over \$3 billion of free cash flow, allowing for \$2 billion in debt reduction and \$1.35 billion returned to shareholders

Note: All results exclude special items

Taking Momentum Into 2015

December quarter caps a successful year of top line growth, margin expansion and free cash flow generation

December Quarter 2014 Forecast

Operating margin	11.5% - 12.5%
PRASM change year over year	Up 1.0 – 1.5%
Fuel price	\$2.63 - \$2.68
CASM – Ex Fuel change year over year	Up ~1%
System capacity change year over year	Up ~3.5%

Note: Fuel price includes taxes, settled hedges, refinery contribution and excludes mark to market adjustments on open hedges; CASM – Ex Fuel unit cost excludes special items

The Backdrop For 2015

Improving on all aspects of our financial performance in 2015 as a solid revenue environment, lower fuel prices and Delta-specific initiatives produce another record year

Across The Industry

- Modest economic growth globally, with best economies in North America driven by the strong dollar
- Continued international headwinds from weakening euro and yen and Asian capacity growth in excess of demand
- Solid corporate travel environment with Global Business Travel Association expecting 6% increase in corporate travel spend
- Market fuel prices of \$2.10 - \$2.20 per gallon – 70¢ lower than 2014 – representing a ~\$3 billion run-rate savings in the future for Delta
- Increasingly rational industry structure as merger integrations progress

At Delta

- Disciplined approach to capacity – modest system capacity growth of 2%, with domestic up 3% and international up less than 1%
- Focus on bringing fuel savings to the bottom line – at current market prices, Delta's net fuel benefit is \$1.7 billion
- Further margin expansion through higher revenues, lower fuel costs and continued non-fuel cost productivity
- Top line growth driven by capacity growth plus pricing improvements
- Upgauging and other cost initiatives keep non-fuel cost growth below 2%

Fuel Declines Provide Earnings Tailwind

At current market prices, fuel declines provide net \$1.7 billion benefit to Delta

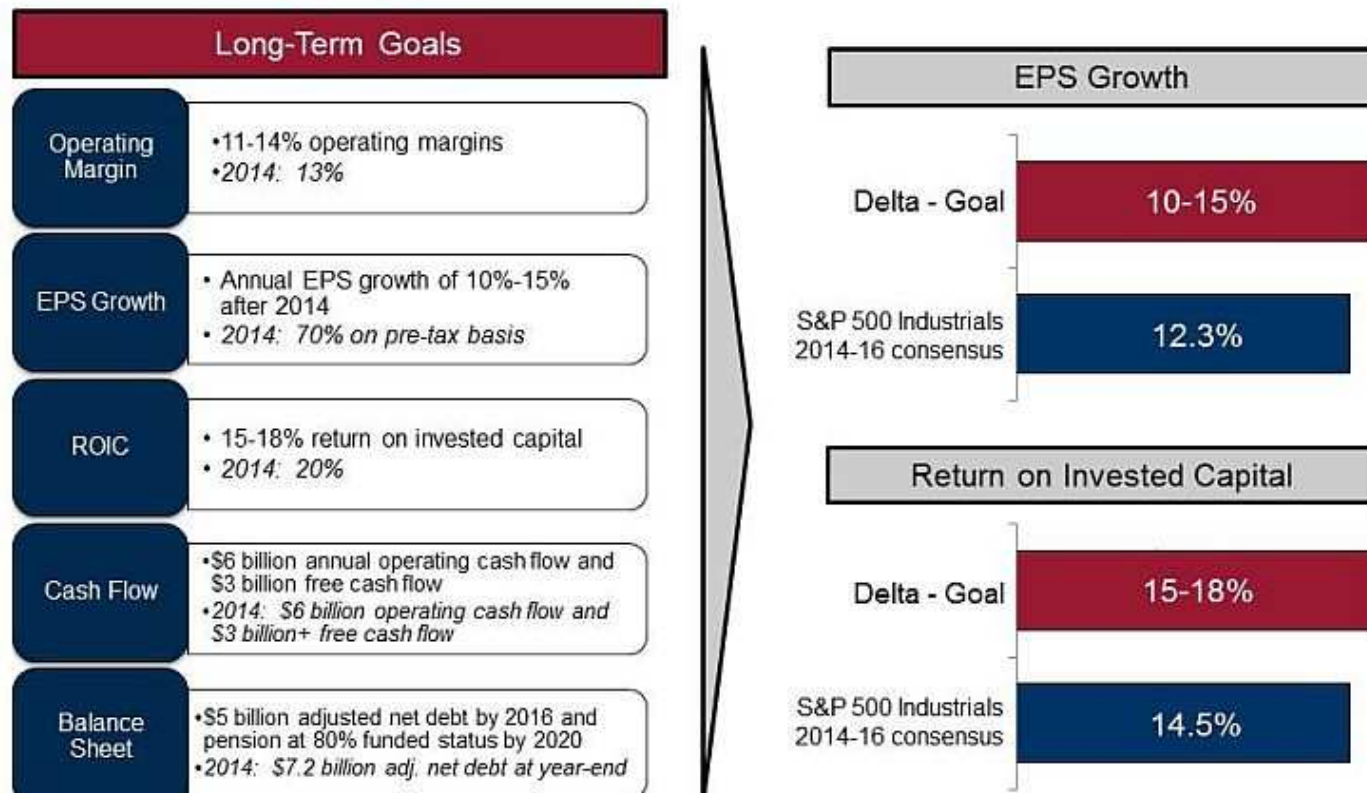
- At current forward curve, Delta's 2015 all-in fuel price is forecasted at \$2.40 – \$2.50 per gallon, including hedge and refinery impact
 - Each 1¢ change in fuel price is worth \$40 million for Delta
- Commercial organization focused on bringing fuel savings to the bottom line
 - No change to 2015 capacity plans in light of lower fuel prices
- Hedge book allows for ~65% downward participation in 2015 while maintaining upside protection
 - With recent sharp decline in fuel prices, hedge book expected to produce \$1.2 billion loss for 2015 at current market prices
 - Delta has full downside participation in 2016



Note: Market fuel prices include taxes and transportation costs

A High-Quality Company

Strong progress toward our long-term goals of generating solid margins and cash flow, an investment grade balance sheet and sustainable shareholder returns



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Continuing To Drive Margin Expansion

Capacity growth, pricing improvement and cost productivity combine to generate long-term revenue growth, margin expansion and greater cash generation

Disciplined Capacity Growth

- Drive capacity growth through better utilization of assets, producing more seat departures and higher capacity on a smaller fleet
- Focus capacity growth on high-revenue, restricted/constrained markets

Pricing Improvements

- Investments in network, product and service producing sustainable revenue gains
- Next phase of revenue initiatives focus on better customer segmentation and improved offerings for high-value customers

Cost Productivity

- Maximizing the benefits of scale throughout the network to improve cost efficiency
- Focus on bringing fuel benefit to the bottom line
- Leveraging supply chain, technology and maintenance expertise to improve productivity

Top Line Growth Enhances Returns

Disciplined approach to growing the business drives higher earnings, cash flow and returns on capital for our shareholders

Contributes To Long-Term Financial Goals

- Capacity additions must be margin accretive, cash flow positive and not add incremental debt to the balance sheet
- Producing higher capacity levels on a smaller fleet with low ownership cost generates better returns on invested capital

Leverages Our Strengths

- Drive benefits of scale from merger and other initiatives, primarily in key domestic hubs
- Seize unique opportunities in high-revenue, restricted/constrained markets – New York, London, Los Angeles, etc.

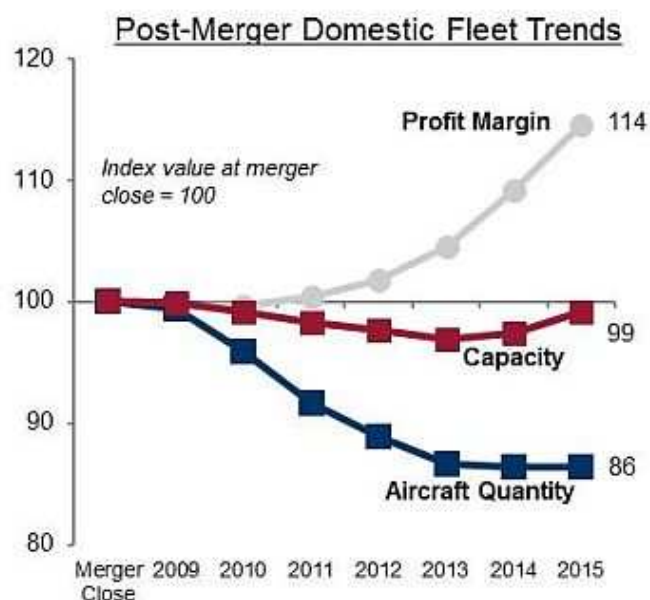
Limits Incremental Cost

- Limit fixed costs associated with capacity additions through better utilization of existing assets
- Improved employee productivity allows for disciplined frontline hiring levels and limited merit headcount additions

Domestic Refleeting Improves Asset Utilization

Higher domestic capacity levels on a lower capital base produce improvements in ROIC

- 2015 domestic capacity growth driven by higher gauge and better asset utilization
 - 3% higher capacity on flat departures and 11 fewer aircraft
- Increasing average seats per departure by 15% between 2012 and 2017:
 - Upgauging: Using 717, 737-900, and A321 deliveries to retire smaller gauge, less efficient aircraft
 - Modifications: Projects on over 110 aircraft in 2015, adding an average of nine seats per plane; over 450 aircraft have already been modified since 2007
- More efficient capacity generation drives margin expansion, cost productivity and better returns on invested capital
- Mix of new and used aircraft keeps ownership costs low, allows flexibility to quickly and efficiently adjust capacity levels
- Lowest ownership cost in the industry with lowest maintenance unit costs and best reliability



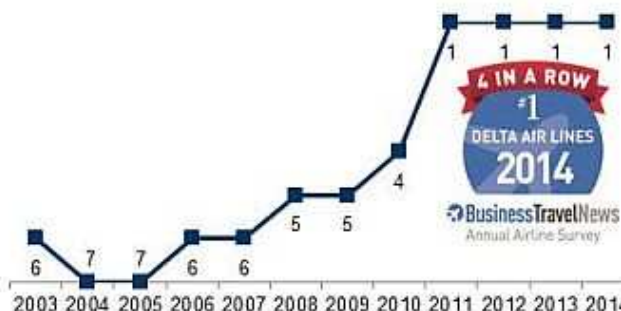
Corporate Customers Are Choosing Delta

Momentum continues as corporate revenues have increased by 7% this year

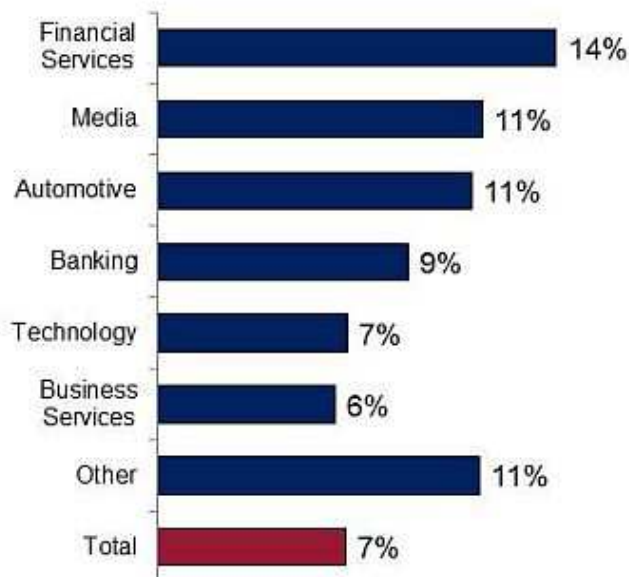
Running a high-quality,
customer-focused airline...

...Produces strong gains in corporate
revenues

Business Travel News Survey



YTD Ticketed Revenue vs Prior Year



2015 Morgan Stanley Global Corporate Travel Survey

Year	Leading Carrier				
	Footprint	Lift	Quality of Product	Reliability	Price of Package
2015	Delta	Delta	Delta	Delta	Delta
2014	United	United / Delta	Delta	Delta	Delta
2013	United	United	Delta	Delta	Delta
2012	United	United	Delta	Delta	Delta
2011	Delta	United	Continental / Delta	Continental	Delta

Source: Alphanise, Morgan Stanley Research

Enhanced Agreement With American Express

Partnering with American Express since 1996 to create the world's most valuable airline co-brand portfolio

- New, multi-year contract with American Express continues growth momentum of Delta's \$2 billion co-brand revenue stream
- Significantly improved economics achieved across multiple business lines including co-brand card, Membership Rewards, Sky Club, and Merchant Services
 - Early renewal increases effective rate by 15% starting in January 2015 and 20% over the new contract period
 - New agreement will double benefits to Delta over the next five years
- Leveraging American Express' unique position as both credit card provider and largest global travel agency



Strong Position In Heathrow Through Virgin Atlantic



Virgin Atlantic partnership and equity stake expected to generate over \$200 million in benefit for Delta in 2015

- First year of joint venture has produced significant increase in JV network profitability
 - LHR unit revenues up 7% and JV margins improved by over 3 points on 4% capacity growth
- Joint venture US-UK capacity to increase ~10% in 2015 to 39 peak daily round trips
 - Growth led by Virgin Atlantic, which will reallocate aircraft and Heathrow slots from its Pacific and Africa networks
- Linking Virgin's extensive UK network into Delta's US hubs leverages scale at both carriers
 - Provides significant opportunity to improve yields, while providing better connecting opportunities for passengers

2015 U.K. JV Network Changes



Additional Frequency	New Market	Operator Swap
✈️ JFK-LHR #3	🚩 PHL-LHR	✈️ ATL-MAN
✈️ ATL-LHR #4	🚩 JFK-MAN	✈️ DTW-LHR
✈️ SFO-LHR #2	🚩 MCO-GLA	✈️ EWR-LHR
✈️ LAX-LHR #3	🚩 MCO-BFS	
✈️ MIA-LHR #2	🚩 LAS-GLA	

Restructuring The Pacific Network

Restructuring our approach to serving the Pacific is largest margin improvement opportunity in the network

Leverage Domestic Network Scale

- Continue to build domestic feed into Seattle hub, increasing to 120 peak daily departures in 2015
- Network offers one-stop service to 95% of West Coast to Asia traffic flows

Adjust Capacity Levels

- Reduce 2015 Pacific capacity levels by 6-8%, including a 15% reduction from Japan in light of weakening yen which is mitigated by expected 2015 yen hedge benefit of \$145 million
- Increase direct flights to non-Japan Asia by 10-15%

Downgauge Flying

- Introduce smaller gauge aircraft into the market, allowing for complete retirement of 747 fleet by 2017
- Flying backfilled by A330s and A350s – a 15-20% reduction in seats per departure and >20% improvement in cost per seat

Realign Narita Hub

- Recalibrate Narita hub to improve service for local passengers
- Will serve 5 intra-Asia routes in 2015, down from 12 in 2009

Goal to increase Pacific margins by 5-10 points over next 3 years

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Running A Reliable, Customer-Focused Operation

Gil West
Chief Operating Officer



Delta Wins Best Airline



CNNMoney

Shared publicly - 3:30 PM

#Delta

#Delta is the best airline in the U.S., that is, if you are looking for fewer canceled flights, fewer mishandled bags and more on-time arrivals. <http://cnnmon.ie/1phgGk9>



Top Airlines For Overall Performance



DELTA

1st Place

Virgin America

2nd Place

Alaska

3rd Place

jetBlue

4th Place

Frontier

5th Place

Southwest

6th Place

American

7th Place

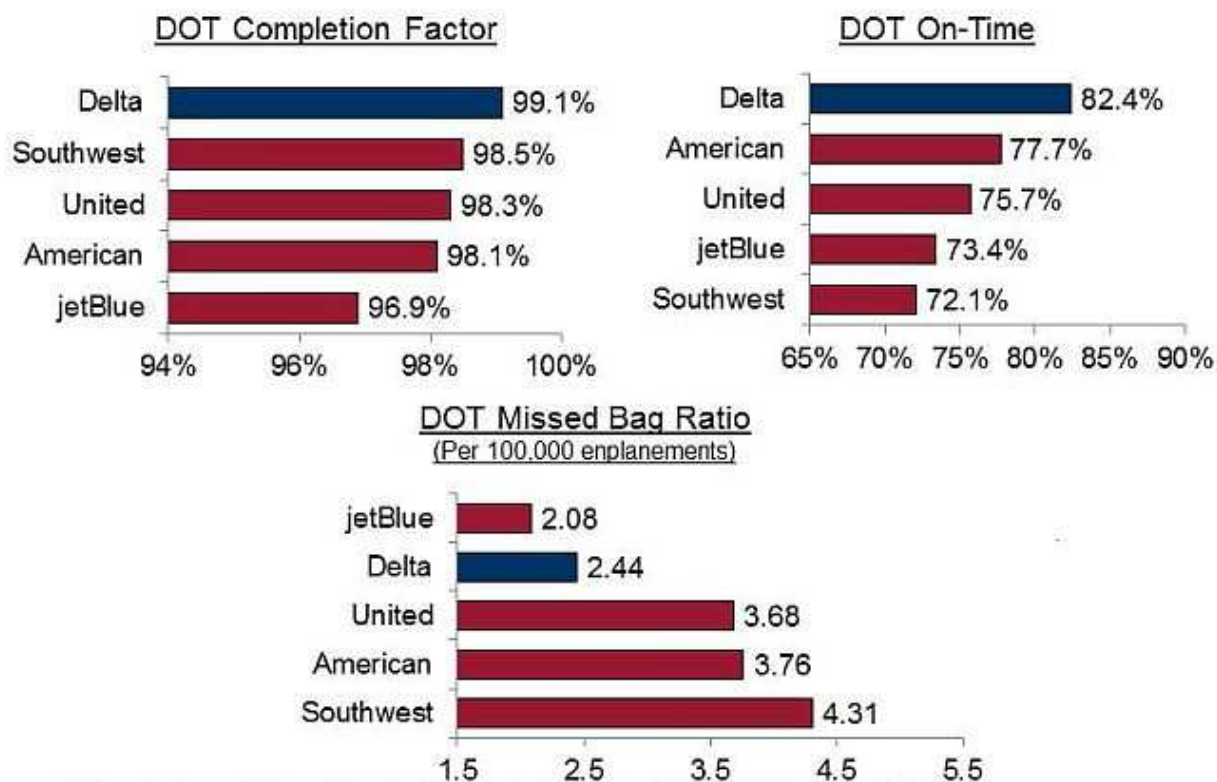
United

8th Place

Note: Rankings determined by combining the airlines' score in all categories. Southwest includes consolidated results for Southwest and AirTran; American includes consolidated results for American and US Airways. Source: airfarewatchdog, published 8/8/14

Delivering Top Tier Operational Results

Top Of Industry Operational Performance



Note: Figures cover the time period January 2014 through September 2014; American includes consolidated results for American and US Airways

Driving Core Reliability Performance

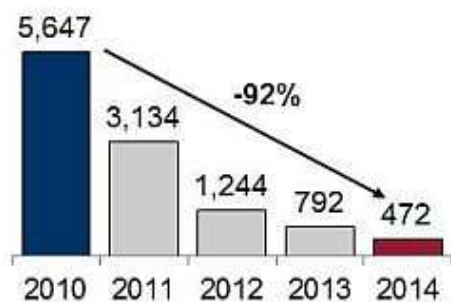
TechOps YTD Performance

- 40% reduction in cancellations
- 11% reduction in delays

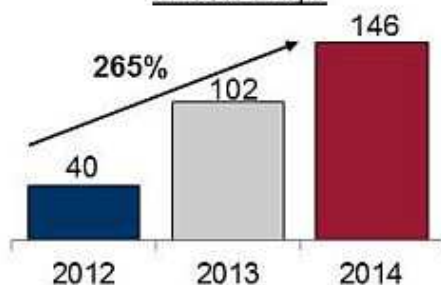
TechOps Leverage

- Lowest fleet capital cost
- Lower inventory ownership
- Best reliability
- Lowest maintenance CASM

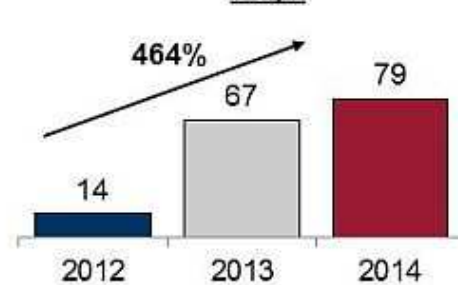
Maintenance Cancellations



100% Maintenance Completion Factor Days



100% Completion Factor Days



Note: Full year 2014 "Maintenance Cancellations" are estimated; "100% Maintenance Completion Factor Days" and "100% Completion Factor Days" cover the time period January through November for each year presented.

Improving The Customer Experience

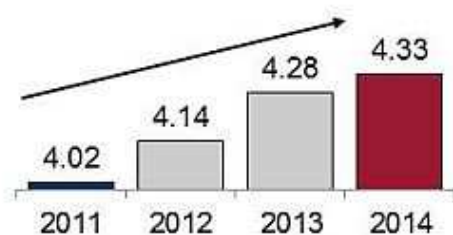
Customer Surveys

- Extensive customer surveys
- Driving record performance
- Testing service concepts

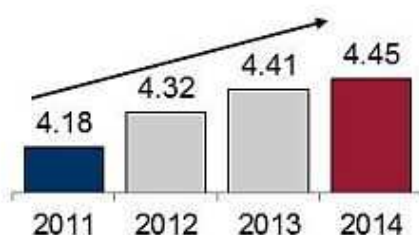
Product

- Interior upgrades
- Food and beverage improvements
- Entertainment on demand
- International Wi-Fi
- Airport investments

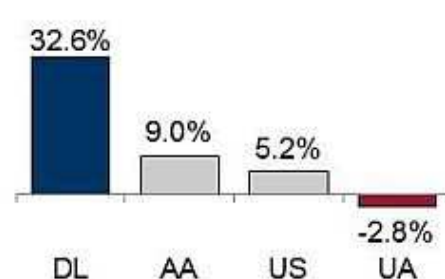
Flight Attendant Interaction (5 = Excellent)



Airport Experience (5 = Excellent)



System Net Promoter



Note: Figures cover January 2014 through October 2014

Investing In Our Fleet For A Better Customer Experience



Significant Product Investments Continue...

- 757-200 ("E" subfleet) – New interior / flat-bed seats in Delta One cabin – 18 aircraft
- 757-200 – New interior and standardization at 199 passengers – 56 aircraft
- 757-300 – New interior, AVOD & satellite TV – 16 aircraft
- A319 – New interior including AVOD & satellite TV – 57 aircraft
- A320 – New interior – 69 aircraft
- 737-800 – Standardize fleet with AVOD & satellite TV – 43 aircraft
- Wi-Fi – ATG4 and International Wi-Fi



Driving Our Revenue Momentum

Glen Hauenstein
Chief Revenue Officer



The Path To Further Revenue Gains

Leveraging our strengths to produce further revenue gains

Give Customers What They Value

- Optimize hub network to more efficiently serve domestic markets
- Make investments to increase the range and quality of products available to customers
- Refine core pricing to reflect the value of providing a customer-focused, reliable airline experience

Sell An Experience

- Continue to increase ancillary revenues by allowing each passenger to customize their travel experience through segmented, Branded Fare products
- Change the SkyMiles program to maximize appeal, status and rewards for high value customers

Build A Strong Brand

- Building a brand that embodies what customers value ensures that Delta grows its revenue premium and enables greater customer segmentation
- Delta is an innovative, thoughtful and reliable airline for its customers

Giving Customers What They Value Drives Revenue Growth



Investments in network, product and service have already produced solid, sustainable revenue gains with more room for growth

Network

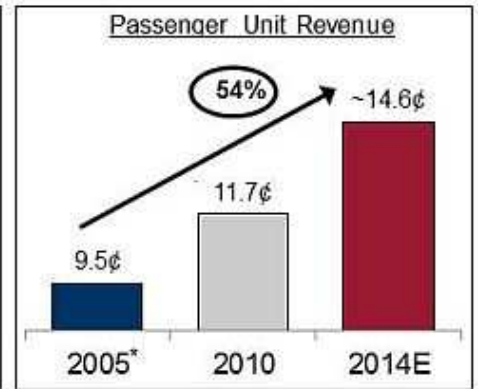
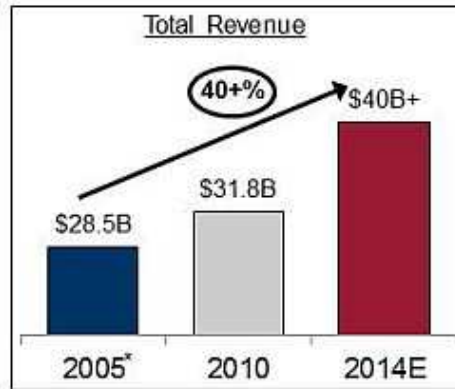
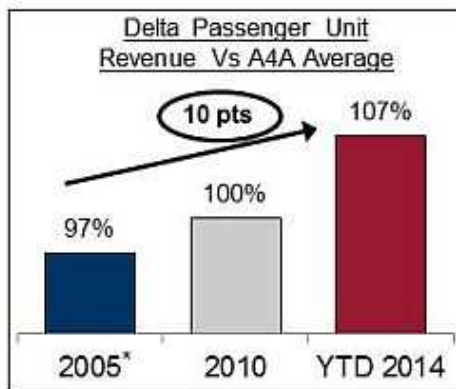
- Optimizing capacity to leverage hub strengths and serve high revenue markets efficiently

Product

- Refleeting and product investments increase the range and quality of products for domestic and international customers

Service

- Operational reliability shows customers that we value their time



*2005 numbers adjusted to include Northwest Airlines

Investments In The Network To Improve Margin

Optimize capacity to leverage hub strengths and serve high-revenue markets

New York

- Achieved the leading position in the world's largest aviation market
- Initiatives to date have created scale in key business markets and access to London Heathrow, driving Delta's first profit in New York
- Next phase of initiatives to grow premium revenues and expand margins by leveraging JV with Virgin Atlantic, improving fleet mix and continuing to invest in facilities at both JFK and LGA

West Coast

- Continue to develop Seattle hub as part of Pacific restructuring strategy – intra-west network now serves 95%+ of US/Canada West Coast to Asia demand
- Refine Los Angeles hub with completion of schedule build-out and facility upgrades
- Combined Los Angeles, Seattle and Salt Lake City positions provide unique West Coast network coverage

Latin America

- Completing major capacity investment in Latin America with profitability and margins improving as additions mature
- Growth in 2015 is front loaded and focused on Mexico, Brazil and Caribbean, with entity growth tapering for the second half of the year
- Enhancing alliances with GOL and Aeromexico to drive increased premium traffic in Brazil and Mexico

Higher Revenue Through Better Customer Segmentation



Industry-leading consumer products in each of four Branded Fare categories, allowing customers to tailor their travel experience

Delta One / First Class

Best-in-class product that includes a spacious seat, pillow and blanket, food options, premium entertainment and priority boarding

Delta Comfort+

A distinctive product designed for travelers who desire an elevated experience, including an upgraded snack basket, complimentary alcohol, early boarding, additional leg room, dedicated overhead bin space and free premium entertainment

Main Cabin

Best-in-market core product, including advance seat selection, access to Wi-Fi, snacks, complimentary entertainment, full Medallion benefits and premium cabin upgradability

Basic Economy

Best-in-class transportation targeted at price conscious consumers who are indifferent to flexibility or seat selection (and often buy at OTAs)



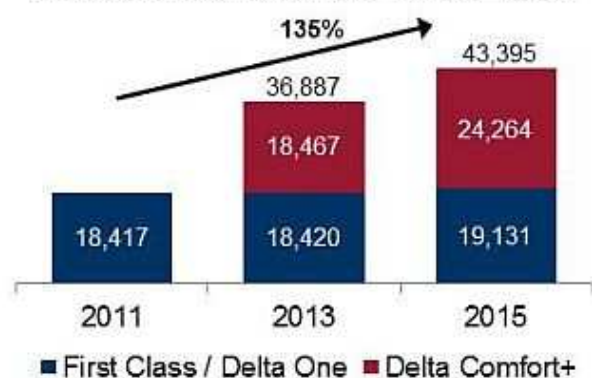
Total Branded Fares opportunity estimated at \$1.5 billion+ annually by 2018

Seat-Related Revenue Gains

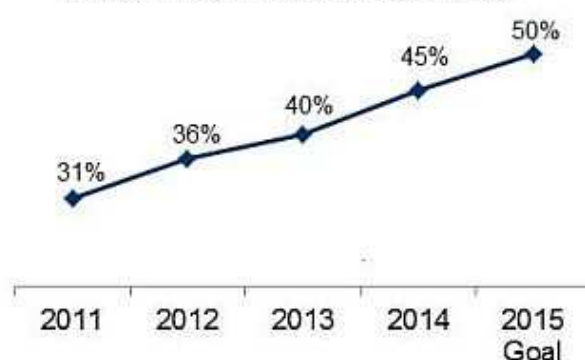
Branded Fares will continue momentum for seat-related revenues, including First Class upsell and Delta Comfort+

- First Class revenue is expected to benefit from the continued annualization and expansion of post-purchase upsell
- As Delta continues to upgauge its fleet, Delta Comfort+ seats will comprise a greater percentage of seat count; further upside from improvements in distribution and revenue management techniques

First Class / Delta One / Delta Comfort+ Seats



Domestic Paid First Class Load Factor



Premium seats to drive over \$1B in revenue in 2015, a \$250M+ increase YoY

Thoughtfully Rewarding Our Most Valuable Customers



Changes to the SkyMiles program help to maintain our revenue premium and reduce seasonal revenue volatility

- Earning miles for award travel based on spend aligns incentives to ensure that largest rewards, both in mileage and benefits, are offered to the customers who spend more with Delta
- Flexible redemption makes more seats available to members while adding revenue during low demand periods
- Improved SkyMiles program drives additional value into the Delta / American Express Relationship



Powerful Brand Drives Sustainable Revenue Premium



Building a brand that embodies what customers value improves customer loyalty, enables customer segmentation and drives a sustainable revenue premium

Innovative

- Contemporary, progressive products so that customers trust that the Delta experience is better



Thoughtful

- Personally accountable to customers, so that they trust the company to have their best interests at heart



Reliable

- Greater consistency and sustained operational excellence, so that customers can depend on Delta



A powerful brand that customers are willing to pay a premium to fly

Delivering On Our Financial Goals

Paul Jacobson
Chief Financial Officer



Delivering On Our Financial Goals

Building a durable franchise with consistent cost performance, a strong balance sheet and balanced capital allocation

Managing Our Costs

- Solid cost performance with 2014 non-fuel unit costs increasing less than 1% on 3% higher capacity
- Focused on productivity throughout the total cost structure

Staying Disciplined With Capital

- Strong operating cash flow funds \$2 - \$3 billion reinvestment in the business annually while generating over \$3 billion of free cash flow
- Disciplined capital process to ensure return and payback targets are met

Balanced Capital Deployment

- Balanced capital allocation drives value to shareholders by de-risking the enterprise and returning cash to shareholders

Maintaining Our Cost Performance

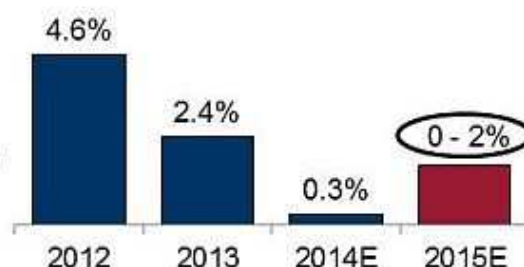
Pipeline of initiatives in place to maintain non-fuel unit cost growth below 2% annually

- Benefits from upgauging, maintenance savings and commercial productivity initiatives provide foundation to build upon in 2015

- Upgauging: Improved operating leverage to be achieved as modifications continue next year and increase the gauge on over 110 aircraft
- Refleeting: Retirement of 747s, older 757s and domestic 767s drive almost \$200 million of maintenance savings in 2015
- Maintenance: Ongoing utilization of part-out materials
- Supply Chain: Leveraging scale to improve contract terms
- Technology: Improves front-line productivity and delivers an improved customer experience

- Additional focus on keeping fixed cost base low
 - Nearly 60% of all-in unit costs (including fuel) are variable

Non-Fuel Unit Cost Growth



Solid financial plan in place to deliver second consecutive year of sub-2% unit cost growth

Excludes special items

Actively Managing Delta's Largest Expense

Multi-faceted approach to managing Delta's \$11 billion fuel bill involves hedging, the refinery and logistics expertise

- Goal is to generate an 8-10¢ advantage to industry average
- Hedging program sacrifices some downside participation to protect against spikes in commodity prices in a cost-efficient manner
- The refinery increases supply of jet fuel to the market which results in lower prices while also serving as a hedge against crack spreads
 - So far this quarter, jet cracks are up \$2.50 per barrel compared to last year, and the refinery is projected to lower our fuel expense by \$70 million
- Logistics expertise creates opportunities to drive efficiency and value through the fuel supply chain

Average Fuel Price DAL vs Industry

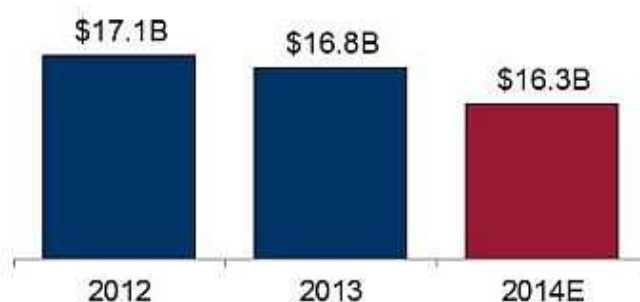


NOLs Are Valuable Asset

Active management of our net operating loss carryforwards will defer the payment of cash taxes for several years

- Net operating loss carryforwards are applied against taxable income, which is usually lower than reported book income
 - Equates to a longer runout period of the net operating loss carryforwards
- Working to minimize tax exposure and preserve net operating loss carryforwards
 - Accelerated cash contributions to pension plans have preserved nearly \$200 million of NOLs to date
 - Accelerated depreciation on long-lived assets allows for further preservation of our NOLs
- 2015 book tax rate is estimated at ~38% and consistent with 2014
- NOLs will defer payment of cash taxes through 2017

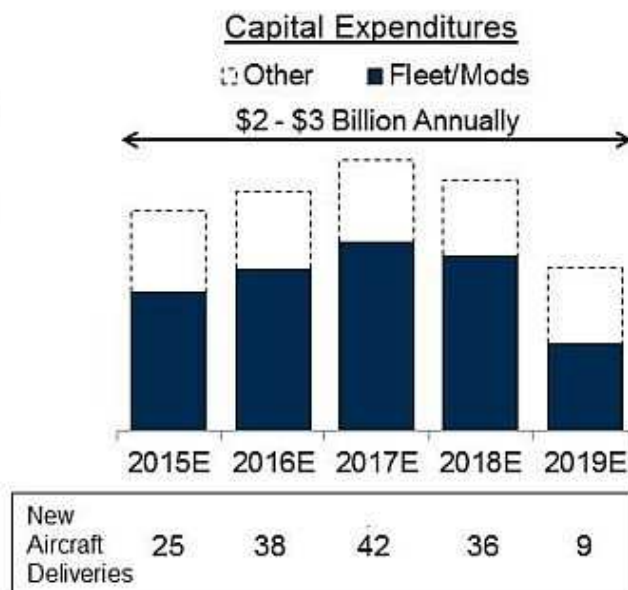
Net Operating Loss Carry Forwards



Disciplined Reinvestment In The Business

Strong operating cash flow funds appropriate level of reinvestment while allowing for significant free cash flow generation

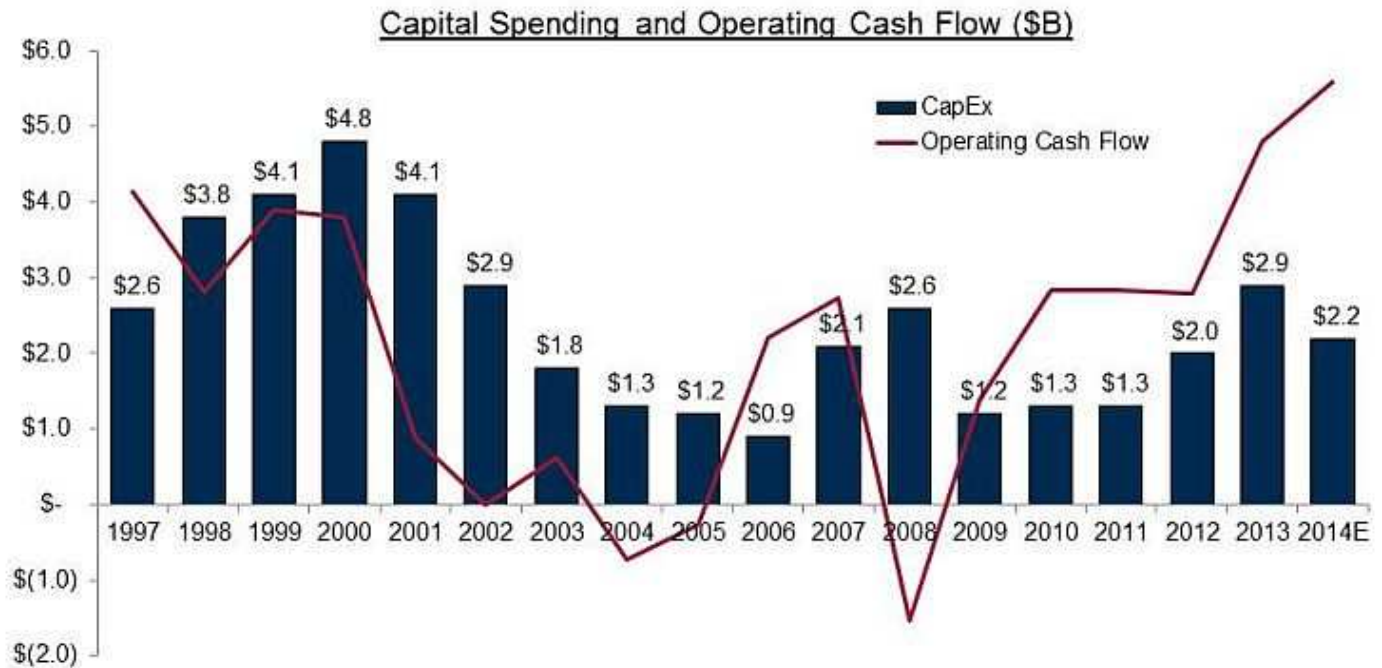
- Disciplined capital process with senior management approval for capital requests greater than \$1 million ensuring that investments meet 15– 18% return on invested capital target with a typical payback of less than 2 years
- Capital expenditures projected at \$2 - \$3 billion per year or ~50% of operating cash flow
 - Targeting \$2.8 billion of capital expenditures for 2015
- Capital spend 2015– 2019 primarily focused on new aircraft
 - Capital plans include flexibility to adjust spending levels if necessary
- New deliveries cover refueling of widebodies and large narrowbodies
 - 150 new aircraft to be delivered over next five years, including widebodies needed for Pacific restructuring
 - Maintain diversified fleet strategy consisting of new and opportunistic purchase of used aircraft



Generating Solid Cash Flows From The Business



Since 2010, Delta has generated more than \$9 billion in free cash flow while making prudent investments in the business



Note: Includes pre-merger NWA; Excludes special items

Balanced Capital Deployment Drives Value

Balanced approach to capital deployment has driven significant value for shareholders in the past two years

Reinvest In The Business

- ~50% of operating cash flow reinvested in the business
- Plan to invest \$2 - \$3 billion annually into fleet, products, facilities and technology

Strengthen The Balance Sheet

- Over \$4 billion in debt reduction in last two years
- Addressing pension with \$500 million in excess contributions made to date
- Moving toward investment grade with three upgrades in last 18 months
- Only two notches away from achieving investment grade

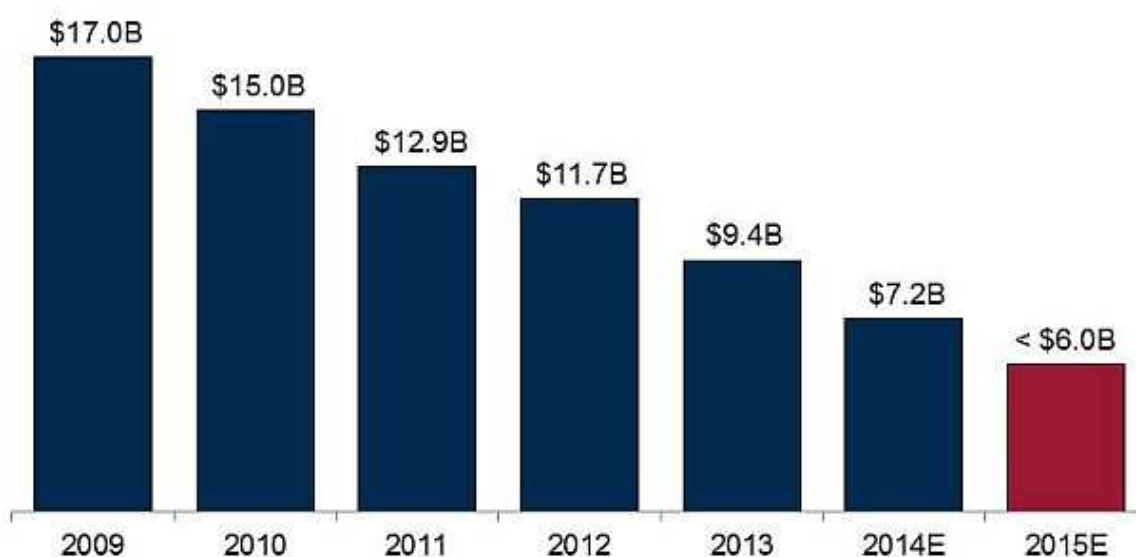
Return Cash To Shareholders

- Returned \$1.7 billion in first 18 months of program, including \$1.35 billion in 2014
- On track to complete \$2 billion repurchase authorization by end of 2015, one year ahead of expiration

Paying Down Debt Remains A Priority

Clear path to achieve \$5 billion debt target in 2016, resulting in \$1 billion of run-rate interest savings versus 2009

Adjusted Net Debt



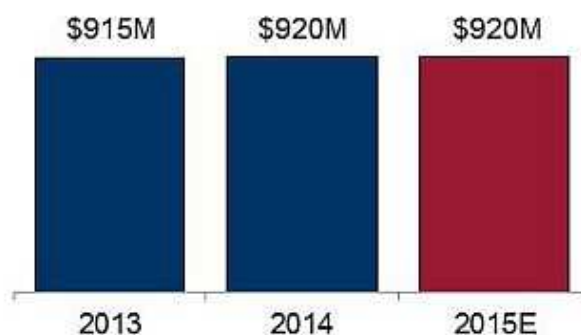
Interest Expense	\$1.3B	\$1.2B	\$1.1B	\$1.0B	\$850M	\$650M	\$475M
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Proactively Managing Our Pension Obligations

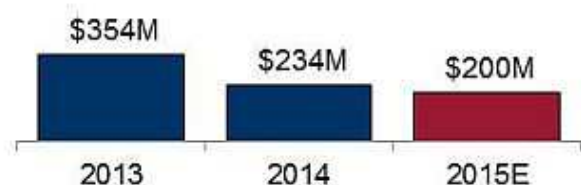
Pension funding remains stable while pension expense continues to decline

- Pension funding remains manageable, with required funding levels at ~\$700 million per year
 - Expect to contribute incremental \$250 million in 2015, which will bring total incremental contributions to \$750 million since 2013
- Incremental funding and acceleration of required funding helps lower pension expense
 - 2015 pension expense estimated at \$200 million, \$35 million lower than 2014
 - Expense includes impact of higher liability due to interest rates and mortality table adjustments
- Goal remains to achieve 80% funded status by 2020, despite headwinds from declining interest rates and actuarial changes

Pension Funding

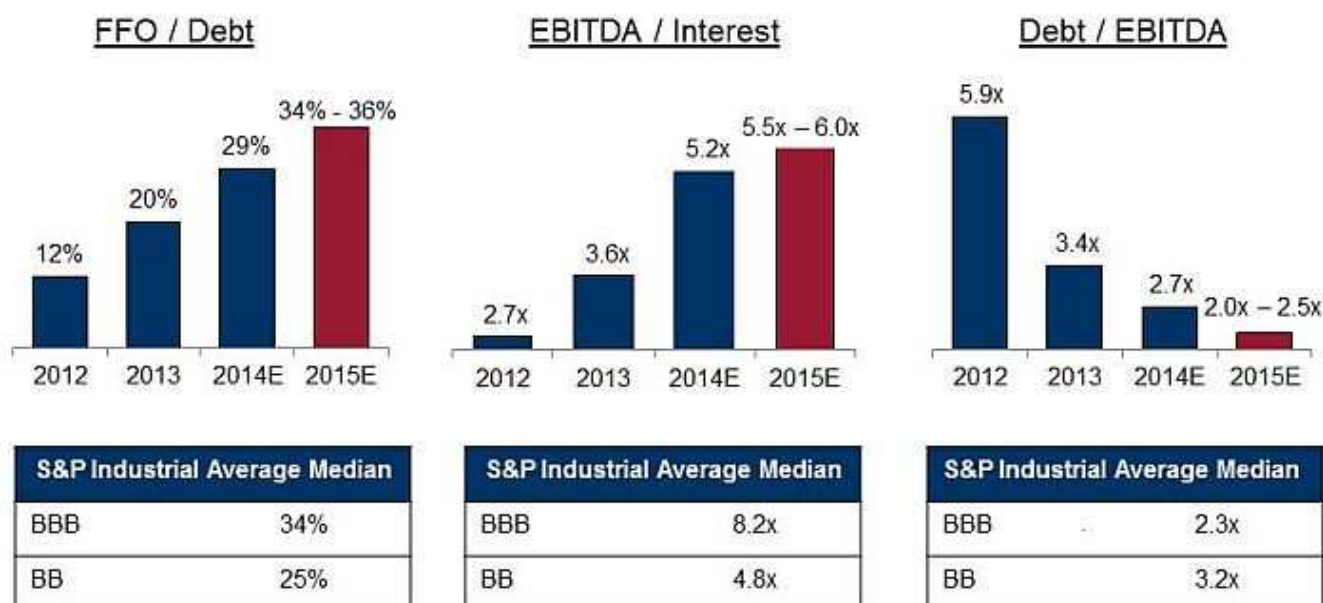


Pension Expense



Continuing To Strengthen The Balance Sheet

Significant progress toward achieving investment grade metrics



Delta's 2012 and 2013 metrics shown above are sourced from S&P's website. Delta's forecasted 2014 and 2015 metrics apply S&P's calculation methodology to Delta's internal forecasts. Benchmarks are based on Three Year US Industrial Average Medians as of 12/08/13, sourced from S&P's website. Funds from operations, adjusted ("FFO") represents operating income plus depreciation & amortization and imputed operating lease depreciation and adjustments for other noncash items; Debt, adjusted represents total debt and capital lease obligations plus the imputed present value of operating leases and tax effected postretirement benefit obligations and is generally adjusted for S&P's calculation of Delta's surplus cash; EBITDA, adjusted represents earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation & amortization (including imputed operating lease interest and depreciation) and adjustments for other noncash items; Interest, adjusted represents interest expense, net, amortization of debt discount, net, imputed operating lease interest, and pension interest costs net of the expected return on plan assets.

Strong Commitment To Returning Cash To Shareholders



Will return more than 40% of free cash flow to shareholders in 2014

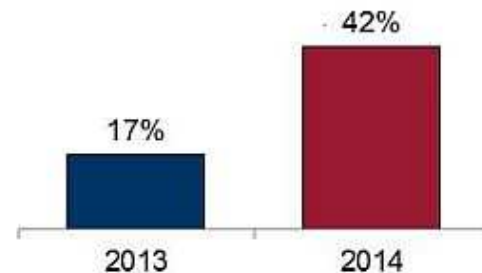
- Returned \$1.35 billion to shareholders in 2014, a \$1 billion increase over 2013
- \$250 million returned through dividends
 - Represents our long-term commitment to return cash to our shareholders
 - 50% increase to dividend during 2014
- \$1.1 billion returned through share repurchases
 - Completed \$850 million of \$2 billion repurchase authorization, including \$500 million in December quarter
 - Plan to complete remainder of current authorization by end of 2015, one year ahead of schedule
 - Share repurchase program provides flexibility to return additional cash to shareholders
 - Minimum of \$1.5 billion to be returned in 2015
 - Will update in May 2015

Cash Returned To Shareholders

■ Dividends ■ Share Repurchases



Capital Returns As A Percentage Of Free Cash Flow



Continuing To De-Risk The Business

Taking risk out of the business produces more sustainable, consistent results

Lower Business Risk

- Better revenue generation through capacity discipline, top line diversification and international joint ventures
- Lower fixed cost structure

Lower Labor Risk

- Industry-leading labor relations with a strong pay-for-performance culture

Lower Fuel Risk

- Refinery investment, actively-managed hedging program and team with significant external oil/gas expertise

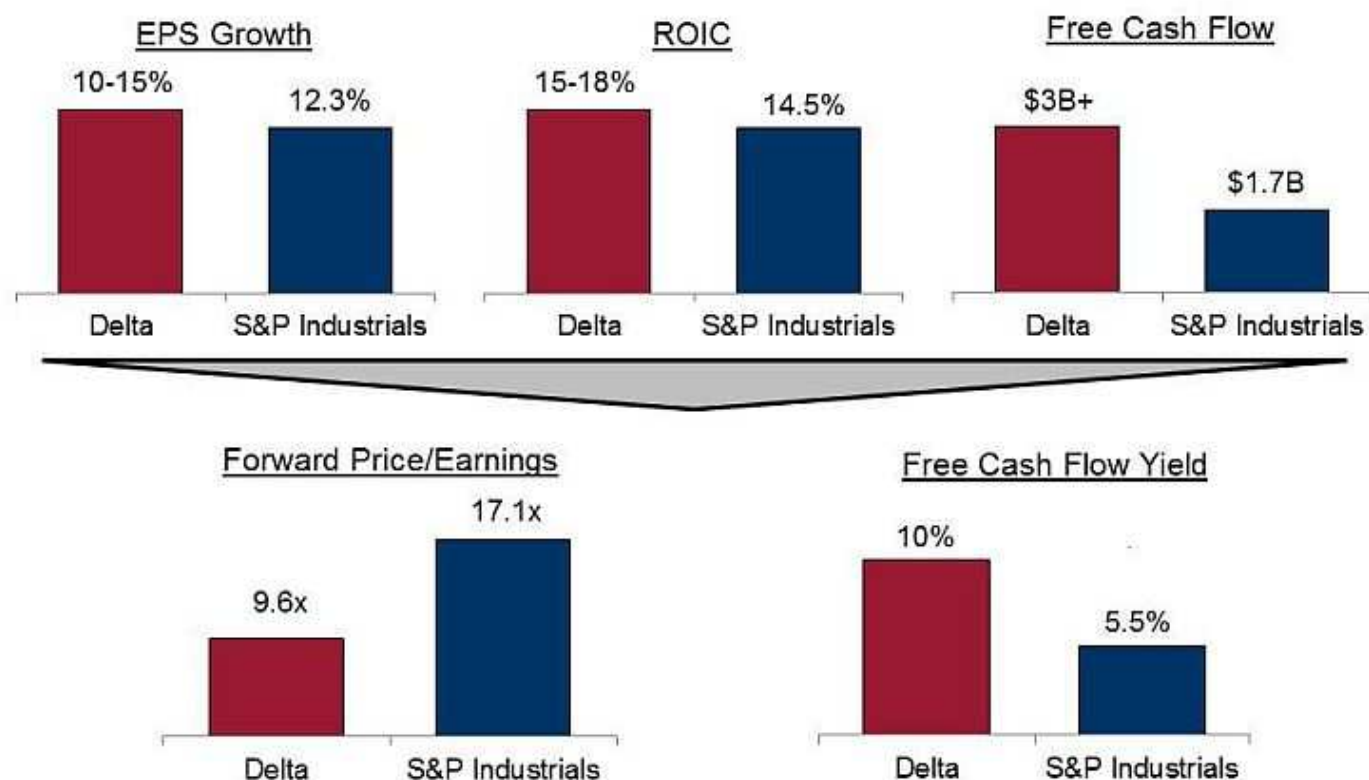
Lower Financial Risk

- Reduced debt by \$10 billion over past five years while also proactively addressing pension obligations

A company positioned to produce solid profitability and cash flows throughout the business cycle

The Path to Value Creation

Achieving our long-term goals and lowering risk across the business should result in improved valuation



Note: S&P Industrials are 2014-16 consensus estimates obtained from FactSet. Delta P/E reflects benefit of NOLs.



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Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Delta sometimes uses information ("non-GAAP financial measures") that is derived from the Consolidated Financial Statements, but that is not presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. ("GAAP"). Under the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission rules, non-GAAP financial measures may be considered in addition to results prepared in accordance with GAAP, but should not be considered a substitute for or superior to GAAP results. The tables below show reconciliations of non-GAAP financial measures used in this presentation to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures.

Forward Looking Projections. Delta is unable to reconcile certain forward-looking projections to GAAP as the nature or amount of special items cannot be estimated at this time.

Operating Margin, adjusted

Delta excludes MTM adjustments and restructuring and other items from operating margin for the reasons described below:

Mark-to-market adjustments on fuel hedges recorded in periods other than the settlement period ("MTM adjustments"). MTM adjustments are based on market prices at the end of the reporting period for contracts settling in future periods. Such market prices are not necessarily indicative of the actual future value of the underlying hedge in the contract settlement period. Therefore, excluding these adjustments allows investors to better understand and analyze the company's core operational performance in the periods shown.

Restructuring and other items. Restructuring and other items include fleet and other charges, severance and related costs and a litigation settlement in 2014. Because of the variability in restructuring and other items, the exclusion of this item is helpful to investors to analyze the company's recurring core operational performance in the periods shown.

	(Projected) Three Months Ended December 2014	(Projected) 2014
Operating margin	(2.6) - (1.6)%	8%
Items excluded:		
MTM adjustments	14.0%	4%
Restructuring and other items	0.1%	1%
Operating margin, adjusted	11.5 to 12.5%	13%

Non-GAAP Reconciliations

Pre-Tax Income & Margin, excluding special items

Delta excludes special items from pre-tax income (also referred to as pre-tax earnings), pre-tax margin and other measures because management believes the exclusion of these items is helpful to investors to evaluate the company's recurring core operational performance in the periods shown. Therefore, we adjust for these amounts to arrive at more meaningful financial measures. Special items excluded in the tables below showing the reconciliation of pre-tax income and margin, excluding special items are restructuring and other items and MTM adjustments (for the same reason as discussed above in operating margin, adjusted) and the following:

Loss on extinguishment of debt and other. Because of the variability in loss on extinguishment of debt and other, the exclusion of this item is helpful to investors to analyze the company's recurring core operational performance in the periods shown.

(in billions)	(Projected) 2014	2013	Change
Pre-tax income	\$ 1.8	\$ 2.5	
Items excluded:			
Restructuring and other items	0.7	0.4	
MTM adjustments	1.7	(0.3)	
Loss on extinguishment of debt and other	0.3	—	
Pre-tax income, excluding special items	<u>\$ 4.5</u>	<u>\$ 2.6</u>	<u>\$ 1.9</u> <u>70%</u>

	(Projected) 2014	2013	Change
Pre-tax margin	4.5%	6.7%	
Items excluded:			
Restructuring and other items	1.8%	1.1%	
MTM adjustments	4.3%	(0.7)%	
Loss on extinguishment of debt and other	0.6%	—	
Pre-tax margin, excluding special items	<u>11.2%</u>	<u>7.1%</u>	<u>4.1 pts</u>

(in millions, except per share data)	(Projected) 2014	2013	Change
Pre-tax income, excluding special items	\$ 4,522	\$ 2,675	
Weighted average diluted shares	847	858	
Pre-tax income per diluted share	<u>\$ 5.34</u>	<u>\$ 3.12</u>	<u>70%</u>

Non-GAAP Reconciliations

Return on Invested Capital

Delta presents return on invested capital as management believes this metric is helpful to investors in assessing the company's ability to generate returns using its invested capital and as a measure against the industry. Return on invested capital is adjusted total operating income divided by average invested capital.

(in billions, except % of return)	(Projected) 2014
Adjusted Book Value of Equity	\$ 18.5
Average Adjusted Net Debt	8.2
Average Invested Capital	<u>\$ 26.7</u>
Adjusted Total Operating Income	<u>\$ 5.4</u>
Return on Invested Capital	20%

Operating Cash Flow, adjusted

Delta presents operating cash flow, adjusted because management believes adjusting for these amounts provides a more meaningful financial measure for investors. Special items excluded in the tables below showing the reconciliation of operating cash flow, adjusted are:

Reimbursements for build-to-suit leased facilities. These reimbursements for build-to-suit leased facilities effectively reduce net cash provided by operating activities and related capital expenditures.

Northwest operating cash flow. Included the Northwest Airlines operating cash flow as if the company's merger with Northwest Airlines had occurred at the beginning of the period presented because management believes this metric is helpful to investors to evaluate the company's combined operating cash flows and provide a more meaningful comparison to our post-merger amounts.

(in billions)	(Projected) 2014	2013	2012	2008
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 5.5	\$ 4.5	\$ 2.5	\$ (1.7)
Reimbursements for build-to-suit leased facilities	(0.1)	—	—	—
Incremental pension payments	0.3	—	—	—
AMEX loan repayment	0.3	—	—	—
SkyMiles used pursuant to advance purchase under AMEX agreement	—	0.3	0.3	—
Northwest operating cash flow	—	—	—	0.2
Operating cash flow, adjusted	<u>\$ 6.0</u>	<u>\$ 4.8</u>	<u>\$ 2.8</u>	<u>\$ (1.5)</u>

Non-GAAP Reconciliations

Free Cash Flow

Delta presents free cash flow because management believes this metric is helpful to investors to evaluate the company's ability to generate cash that is available for use for debt service or general corporate initiatives.

(in billions)	(Projected) 2014
Net cash provided by operating activities (GAAP)	\$ 5.5
Less:	
Capital expenditures and other	\$ (2.3)
Total free cash flow	<u>\$ 3.2</u>
Capital Returns	\$ 1.35
Capital Returns as a % of free cash flow	42%

(in billions)	2013	(Projected) For the period January 1, 2010 - December 31, 2014
Net cash provided by operating activities (GAAP)	\$ 4.5	\$ 18.1
Net cash used in investing activities (GAAP)	\$ (2.7)	\$ (10.5)
Adjustments:		
Proceeds from sale of property and investments and other	–	(0.7)
Purchase of short-term investments	–	1.8
SkyMiles used pursuant to advance purchase under AMEX agreement	<u>0.3</u>	<u>0.6</u>
Cash used in investing	(2.4)	(8.8)
Total free cash flow	<u>\$ 2.1</u>	<u>\$ 9.3</u>
Capital Returns	\$ 0.35	
Capital Returns as a % of free cash flow	17%	

Non-GAAP Reconciliations

Adjusted Net Debt

Delta uses adjusted total debt, including aircraft rent, in addition to long-term adjusted debt and capital leases, to present estimated financial obligations. Delta reduces adjusted debt by cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments, resulting in adjusted net debt, to present the amount of assets needed to satisfy the debt. Management believes this metric is helpful to investors in assessing the company's overall debt profile.

Hedge margin postings. Management has included margin postings to counterparties as we believe this inclusion removes the impact of current market volatility on our unsettled hedges and is a better representation of the continued progress we have made on our debt initiatives.

	(Projected)						
(in billions)	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	December 31, 2010	December 31, 2009	
Debt and capital lease obligations	\$ 9.3	\$ 11.3	\$ 12.7	\$ 13.8	\$ 15.3	\$ 17.2	
Plus: unamortized discount, net from purchase accounting and fresh start reporting	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.1	
Adjusted debt and capital lease obligations	\$ 9.4	\$ 11.7	\$ 13.2	\$ 14.4	\$ 15.9	\$ 18.3	
Plus: 7x last twelve months' aircraft rent	1.6	1.5	1.9	2.1	2.7	3.4	
Adjusted total debt	11.0	13.2	15.1	16.5	18.6	21.7	
Less: cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	(3.8)	(3.8)	(3.4)	(3.6)	(3.6)	(4.7)	
Less: hedge margin postings	(0.5)	—	—	—	—	—	
Adjusted net debt	<u>\$ 7.2</u>	<u>\$ 9.4</u>	<u>\$ 11.7</u>	<u>\$ 12.9</u>	<u>\$ 15.0</u>	<u>\$ 17.0</u>	

Non-GAAP Reconciliations

Non-Fuel Unit Cost or Cost per Available Seat Mile ("CASM-Ex")

We exclude the following items from consolidated CASM to evaluate the company's core unit cost performance:

Aircraft fuel and related taxes. The volatility in fuel prices impacts the comparability of year-over-year non-fuel financial performance. The exclusion of aircraft fuel and related taxes from this measure (including our regional carriers) allows investors to better understand and analyze our non-fuel costs and our year-over-year financial performance.

Ancillary businesses. Our ancillary businesses include aircraft maintenance and staffing services we provide to third parties and our vacation wholesale operations. Because these businesses are not related to the generation of a seat mile, we exclude the costs related to these sales to provide a more meaningful comparison of the costs of our airline operations to the rest of the airline industry.

Profit sharing. We exclude profit sharing because this exclusion allows investors to better understand and analyze our recurring cost performance and provides a more meaningful comparison of our core operating costs to the airline industry.

Restructuring and other items. We exclude restructuring and other items from CASM for the same reasons described above under the heading Pre-Tax Income & Margin, excluding special items.

Refinery cost of sales. Delta's refinery segment provides jet fuel to the airline segment from its own production and from jet fuel obtained through agreements with third parties. Activities of the refinery segment are primarily for the benefit of the airline. However from time to time, the refinery sells fuel by-products to third parties. Because the cost is unrelated to the generation of a seat mile, Delta excludes the cost of these sales to provide a more meaningful comparison of the costs of the airline operations to the rest of the airline industry.

	(Projected) 2014	2013	2012	2011
CASM	15.65 ¢	14.77 ¢	14.97 ¢	14.12 ¢
Items excluded:				
Aircraft fuel and related taxes	(5.40)	(4.92)	(5.31)	(5.01)
Ancillary businesses	(0.32)	(0.32)	(0.38)	(0.37)
Profit sharing	(0.45)	(0.22)	(0.16)	(0.11)
Restructuring and other items	(0.27)	(0.17)	(0.20)	(0.10)
Refinery cost of sales	(0.05)	—	—	—
CASM-Ex	9.16 ¢	9.14 ¢	8.92 ¢	8.53 ¢
Year-over-year change	0.3%	2.4%	4.6%	

	Three Months Ended	
	(Projected) December 2014	December 2013
CASM	16.93 ¢	14.97 ¢
Items excluded:		
Aircraft fuel and related taxes	(6.66)	(4.86)
Ancillary businesses	(0.38)	(0.32)
Profit sharing	(0.43)	(0.21)
Restructuring and other items	0.02	(0.29)
Refinery cost of sales	(0.11)	—
CASM-Ex	9.37 ¢	9.29 ¢
Year-over-year change	1%	

Non-GAAP Reconciliations

Average Fuel Price Per Gallon, adjusted

Delta excludes MTM adjustments from average fuel price per gallon for the same reason described above under the heading operating margin, adjusted.

	(Projected) Three Months Ended December 2014	(Projected) 2014	2013	2012
Average fuel price per gallon	\$4.07 to \$4.12	\$ 3.33	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.25
MTM adjustments	(1.44)	(0.45)	0.07	0.01
Average fuel price per gallon, adjusted	<u>\$2.63 to \$2.68</u>	<u>\$ 2.88</u>	<u>\$ 3.07</u>	<u>\$ 3.26</u>

Total Combined Revenue and Passenger Unit Revenue

Delta presents combined revenues and passenger unit revenue for Delta and Northwest Airlines because management believes this metric is helpful to investors to evaluate the company's revenue metrics and provide a more meaningful comparison to our post-merger amounts.

(in billions, except unit revenue)	2005
Delta revenue	\$ 16.2
Northwest revenue	12.3
Total combined revenue	<u>\$ 28.5</u>

(in billions)	2005
Delta passenger revenue	\$ 14.6
Northwest passenger revenue	8.9
Total combined passenger revenue	<u>\$ 23.5</u>
Delta available seat miles	156.8
Northwest available seat miles	91.9
Total combined available seat miles	<u>248.7</u>
Total combined passenger unit revenue	<u>9.5¢</u>

Non-GAAP Reconciliations

Capital Spending

Delta presents combined capital spending as if the company's merger with Northwest Airlines had occurred at the beginning of the period presented because management believes this metric is helpful to investors to evaluate the company's combined investing activities and provide a more meaningful comparison to our post-merger amounts.

(in billions)	2013		2008	
Delta capital expenditures (GAAP)	\$	2.6	\$	1.5
Investment in Virgin Atlantic		0.3		–
Northwest capital expenditures		–		1.1
Total combined capital spending	\$	2.9	\$	2.6