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Airlines are capital intensive, small margin and high risk business susceptible to significant environmental risks and uncertainties

- Since the start of the first commercial service airlines lost
- Results generally follow fluctuations in economy, several factors including bias
- Supply exceeding demand, subsidisation of state owned carriers, prestige driven investments are among additional factors causing bias
- Recent years airlines in US and Europe generally improved scrutiny of fleet orders
- There are no shortage of entrepreneurs with readiness to invest in aviation – regardless of risks and expected returns compared to other industries



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Overview



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World Economic growth from 94 to 2000, reflected in improvements in airline profitability, 1995 – 2000 total profits were \$ 40 billion

Since the end of the early 1990's recession airlines balance sheet strengthened allowing fleet modernisation with debt/equity ratio improving from 2.9 at the beginning of 90's to 2.4 in mid 2000's

Cost of Jet fuel jumped from 40 cent to 75 cent and more in 2000's proportion of fuel cost increased from 12 % to 30% of total airline operating expenses

During 2004 jet fuel increased to high of 157 cents per barrel

Recession in world economy post 2008 had detrimental effect on profitability

Major airlines are making less than the price of a sandwich from each passenger they carry flagship carriers were making \$4 profit a head.

Overall the 241 IATA members made \$12.7 billion profit last year.

In 2006 oil was trading at \$82 a barrel and global economies were growing at 4pc. Last year carriers achieved modest profitability despite oil averaging \$130 a barrel and growth running at 2.1pc.



Airline financial results are sensitive to small changes in revenues or costs due high gearing ratios.

Financial gearing is expected to decrease, as more assists are financed by operating leases rather than the debt.

Airlines also have high operational gearing due fixed nature of operating expenses and relatively small margins on sales, resulting significant fluctuations in net margins

Breakeven load factor is important concept and shows airline recovering its costs, and this increased for airlines from 57% in 90's to 60%+ in 2000's.

Utilisation of the aircraft is critical for the results, airlines typically design 10/11 hour for NB, and 12-14 hours per day for WB aircraft



Airlie Revenues and Costs

<u>Revenues</u>	Cash Costs	Airport charges
Scheduled Airline	Fuel Maintenance	4% Cabin crew Ground handling 4%
Revenues	Navigation	5% Other 6%
Charter Revenues	Airport Landing	Eurocontrol
Cargo Revenues	Catering Ground Handling	8% Indirect operating
Mail Revenues	Flight Crew	Costs 8% Elight crew Aircraft & spares
Ancillary Revenues	Cabin Crew	8% Engineering 17%
Baggage Revenues	Aircraft Ownership Cos	10%
	Owned Fleet (Deprec	iation)
	Leased Fleet	
	Insurance Costs	
	Overhead Costs	
	Staff Costs	
	Other overhead cost	S



Understanding Operational Costs

B737

737-300						M	anufacture	r: Boeing					Class: Na	rrowbody
Average Block Hour	Crew	Fuel/	Aircraft			Ма	intenance		Total	Monthly Aircraft	8	1.1.2.2.2	Amort. Of	A/C Tota
Operating Cost	Cost	Oil	Cost	Insur.	Taxes	Direct	Burden	Other	BH Cost	Ownership Cost	Rentals	Deprec.	Cap. Lease	/Month
737-300	\$742	\$2,305	\$424	\$13	\$76	\$520	\$85	\$0	\$4,165		\$57,691	\$56,010		\$113,70
Southwest	\$684	\$2,308	\$420	\$14	\$78	\$441	\$84	\$0	\$4,030		\$55,050	\$58,702		\$113,75
US Airways	\$1,419	\$2,278	\$474	\$1	\$46	\$1,439	\$101		\$5,758		\$84,569	\$28,618		\$113,18
Aircraft Operational	Aircraft	Stage	Seats/	Gal. Of	Avera	ge Aircraft (Operations	Per Day	Load	Aircraft Operating	Sec. Sec.	Aircraft		A/C Tota
Statistics	In Fleet	Length	Dept.	Fuel/HR	Depts.	Block Hrs.	RPMs	ASMs	Factor	Cost/ASM (cents)	Crew	Cost	Maintenance	Per ASM
737-300	183	533	137	748	5.6	9.0	317,930	410,778	77.4%		1.6	0.9	1.3	9.1
Southwest	167	528	137	747	5.8	9.1	323,165	418,691	77.2%		1.5	0.9	1.1	8.
US Airways	16	595	131	757	4.2	7.9	264,648	330,238	80.1%		3.4	1.1	3.7	13.

A320

A320						M	anufacture	r: Airbus					Class: Na	rrowbody
Average Block Hour	Crew	Fuel/	Aircraft			Mai	intenance		Total	Monthly Aircraft			Amort. Of	A/C Total
Operating Cost	Cost	Oil	Cost	Insur.	Taxes	Direct	Burden	Other	BH Cost	Ownership Cost	Rentals	Deprec.	Cap. Lease	/Month
A320	\$507	\$2,458	\$527	\$6	\$67	\$594	\$161	\$11	\$4,331		\$117,023	\$58,943		\$175,966
JetBlue	\$585	\$2,419	\$396	\$6	\$73	\$379	\$131	\$11	\$3,999		\$53,329	\$93,777		\$147,105
United	\$531	\$2,306	\$489	\$4	\$81	\$891	\$233	\$6	\$4,541		\$89,721	\$59,925		\$149,646
US Airways	\$437	\$2,396	\$733	\$4	\$67	\$813	\$101		\$4,551		\$200,869	\$25,592		\$226,460
Delta	\$388	\$2,373	\$234	\$12		\$485	\$271	\$11	\$3,775		\$15,883	\$53,103		\$68,986
Virgin America	\$353	\$2,362	\$1,048		\$160	\$351		\$47	\$4,321		\$383,090	\$8,843		\$391,932
Frontier	\$897	\$5,278	\$1,432	\$12		\$707	\$84	\$10	\$8,419		\$499,538	\$54,116		\$553,654



Airline Business and Financial Planning



Profitability forecast and development of a bankable business plan is critical for airline to raise finance at competitive rates

Airline Business and Financial Planning is prompted by multiple reasons

- Financial implications of strategic plans
- * Fleet Planning and Renewal
 - Governments not willing to provide funds for flag carriers with operating losses and require detailed business plan
 - * Current conditions makes fleet financing difficult for many airlines . Airlines cant raise finance from local banks and they need to access capital markets
 - Start up carriers below profitability targets are not funded by owners/holding companies
 - Incorrect fleet decisions increased competitor activity, and unrealistic growth rates can cause stakeholders to review risk exposure and require detailed business plan



Airline Financial Plan is mostly Dictated by Airline Business plan

Profit forecast, business risks influence airline financial plan

Execution effectiveness and financial results

Market and competitive changes, strategic options (mainline, regional, cargo, MRO etc)

Changes in route structure and alignment of fleet with changes in strategy and network

Alignment and improvement of commercial and operational activities

Forecast of marketshare and route profitability based on variable contribution

Business plan: revenue, cost, profitability forecast

Assessment of risks; market, competition, turnaround delivery, fuel costs etc.

Aircraft sourcing, availability, vintage , buy versus lease

Financial analysis sources and application of funds



Breadth of depth of analysis, accurate assumptions, implementable strategies and improvement actions are key for the quality of the business plan

Benchmarking provides insights to execution effectiveness and also effectiveness and results of the current strategy



- Compare commercial performance with peers and competitors
- Passenger Numbers, Capacity (ASK), compare airline's growth with its peers and competitors
- Revenues,
 - RASK , Load Factor, Yield,
 - Cargo Revenue and Ancillary Revenues
- Costs, CASK,
 - Fuel, Maintenance, Ground, Crew et
- The productivity benchmarking
 - number of employees per passenger,
 - employees per aircraft, employees per ASK.
 - Cockpit cabin crew productivity
- Follow up gaps with further detailed diagnostic to identify improvement areas





Realizing the vision together

Poor revenue performance often driven by

markets, capacity, product quality, fleet utilisation, commercial strategy, and management expertise

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- Review functions contributing to revenues
- Network revenue performance
 Marketshare by revenue quality
 Low share, High yield: Improve LF, better RM
 High Share Low Yield': Improve RM
 Low share low Yield: Restructure
 Poor optimisation 2% 10%
 Reasons for poor route performance

Route restructuring costs -

- Pricing and RM improvement
 - Lack of management expertise, tools
 - Proactive, Strategic, Performance focused
 - Opportunity 2% 5 %

Ancillary Revenues

Full service 5% Low cost/Regional 20%







Airlines with high costs route structure, typically driven by,

wrong fleet mix, low fleet utilisation, and low staff productivity, high MRO, crew, ground handling, distribution costs and overheads

CASK benchmarking can highlight opportunities to reduce cost and improve productivity

Maintenance costs (9% costs)

Benchmark Maintenance costs Hangar/Engine Component TAT/costs Materials/Supply Chain outsourced contracts

Pilot/Cabin crew costs (3-10% roster) Improve productive hours Basings/Reserves

Ground handling costs (5% of cost base) Turn times/Resource optimisation Contract improvements

Distribution (8% of costs) Direct distribution/lower cost channels

GDS contracts



Mediocre



Overall Value

Review of markets growth, market share, competitors, fares provides insights into routes with opportunities and weaknesses



Airlines position in markets

- ➤Year on year marketshare growth
- Marketshare growth relative to market growth
- Shrinking share in growing markets
- >Marketshare of high yield markets
- ≻Year on year fare changes
- ➢Gain or protect marketshare at the expense of reducing fares/yield

Capacity growth, competitor activities markets with share gap

Competitors gaining share at own hub

What are the competitive opportunities and threats from other airline

Market forecasting, focus on growth markets, yield and circuitry

Development of network and route scenarios

City Pair	Total 08	D Pax	SLA O&E) Pax	SLA marke	t share	1	Market grow	th	ŀ.	je fare	s in US\$	
							Total O&D market	SLA	SLA share growth	Total market	SLA	Total market	SLA
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010			(in pct. points)	2009	2009	2010	2010
BKK-LHR	698,113	681,219	1,974	4,253	0.3%	0.6%	-2.4%	115.59	6 0.3%	455	363	461	341
DXB-SIN	239,709	207,957	138	698	0.1%	0.3%	-13.2%	405.89	6 0.3%	644	403	699	312
RUH- TRV	111,638	105,054	11,557	11,093	10.4%	10.6%	-5.9%	-4.09	6 0.2%	188	209	178	205
BKK - MCT	114,139	100,873	4	10	0.0%	0.0%	-11.6%	150.09	6 0.0%	307	823	305	353
BKK - KWI	100,953	100,095	937	1,197	0.9%	1.2%	-0.8%	27.79	6 0.3%	294	368	263	305
KUL-KWI	44,417	43,192	1,506	5,942	3.4%	13.8%	-2.8%	294.6%	6 10.4%	373	295	344	257
DMM-KUL	28,092	27,645	1,256	4,984	4.5%	18.0%	-1.6%	296.8%	6 13.6%	426	384	342	315
RUH-SIN	24,516	24,104	69	77	0.3%	0.3%	-1.7%	5 11.69	6 0.0%	782	528	639	690
LHR - MLE	75,137	58,301	49,300	42,521	65.6%	72.9%	-22.4%	-13.89	6 7.3%	528	468	465	385
Total	1,436,714	1.348.440	66,741	70,775	4.6%	5.2%	-6.1%	6.0%	6 0.6%	449	413	446	337



Example Growth of Competitors at Hub

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Network design, route development and fleet alignment is key to improve airline profitability



- Test different scenarios and business models and evaluate respective differences in variable contribution towards selection of the best model.
- Align routes and frequencies markets with growth, and yield advantages
- The route structure that maximises marketshare, and variable contribution improving competitiveness is selected
- Identify key changes to Long Haul, Medium Haul, Regional and Domestic routes
- Improve 6th freedom traffic and revenues
- Identify key changes for better use of code shares, alliances and joint ventures
- Changes in the fleet plan is driven by the optimal route structure iterative process



Total Aircr	aft	4	6	7	8	10
Route	City Pair	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
BLR-GBG	Bangalore-Gulbarga	7	10	10	14	14
BLR-MAA	Ban	Charles and the second			a suite that	14
BLR-SMG	Ban					14
CJB-COK	Coi					14
GBG-VTZ	Gul					2
SMG-CJB	Shir	nple for illus	tration			4
SMG-COK	Shir	inple for mus	uauon			5
GBG-HYD	Gul					10
GBG-MAA	Gul					10
HYD-MAA	Hyd					14
HYD-SMG	Hyd					10
MAA-SMG	Che					10
CJB-MAA	Coimbatore-Chennai		7	14	14	14
CJB-BLR	Coimbatore-Bangalore	7	7	7	14	14

Source: InterVISTAS Consulting Analysis,



Example Use of Optimisation Tolls in Evaluating Business Models and Route Strategy



Short term financial improvement: Route Profitability



Focus on current network and improvements that can be feasibly implemented subject to airport and other operational constraints of the airline.

Financial performance of the network can be evaluated and routes can be classified according to the yield and Revenue per Available Seat Kilometre (RASK) achieved on routes.

Focus will be on improving overall RASK, increase in business class routes and reduce volatility of passenger throughputs.

Quick-hit improvements to the schedule are identified. This can include changes to departure times or introduction of new flights

Operational constraints, such as overnight maintenance downtime requirements, crewing restrictions, slot and bilateral restrictions, etc.



Network design uses candidate aircraft type and use of accurate aircraft data is essential *aircraft purchase, lease and operational costs*



Use of accurate operational and ownership costs

Aircraft selection list prices

Optimised scenario actual price

Actual MRO, Fuel, Crew costs

Use if actual block hours

Aircraft replacement – fuel, maintenance costs

Many airlines delay fleet replacement decisions with impact on financial performance

Lack of financial resources may force airlines to use vintage aircraft, or aircraft with high operational costs

Leverage geographic advantage for NB use reduce commercial risk

Right NB./WB ratio to for hub operations

Fleet commonality for reduced costs

Buy versus lease calculations

Actual lease and purchase prices and bank rates

Block Hour	s by Aircraft T	ype			
	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
320	22,677	35,391	35,740	36,286	38,878
332	29,261	38,809	53,221	62,553	68,125
343	29,629	24,734	14,389	7,143	2,590
	81,567	98,934	103,350	105,983	109,593
Average Uti	ilization				
-	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
320	10.8	11.4	10.9	11.0	11.8
332	14.3	13.7	14.3	13.7	14.3
343	13.5	12.9	12.1	13.6	14.2
	12.0	12.6	12.6	12.7	13.3

ATK by Aircraft Type

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	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
320	236,455,883	395,899,079	399,489,366	405,245,130	434,944,089
332	807,967,280	1,091,350,985	1,552,586,802	1,866,583,715	2,051,262,199
343	1,022,549,024	881,844,737	527,312,858	265,463,424	96,647,409
	2,066,972,187	2,369,094,801	2,479,389,026	2,537,292,269	2,582,853,697

				A 320		
Operating Cost Category	Measurement	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
FUEL & OIL	Per Block Hour	1,999	2,039	2,080	2,122	2,164
LANDING	Per Departures	439	448	457	466	475
HANDLING	Per Departures	900	918	936	955	974
OVERFLYING	Per Departures	303	309	316	322	328
AIRCRAFT MAINT	Per Block Hour	753	791	830	872	915
INFLIGHT CATERING	Per Pax	8.0	8.1	8.3	8.5	8.6
AIRCRAFT RELATED	% of Block Hours, Cost per Month	3,022,321	4,064,446	4,288,890	4,458,607	4,489,891
CREW LAYOVER	Per Flight	1,043	1,063	1,085	1,106	1,129
AREA/OTHER	% of ATK	6,879	7,885	8,252	8,444	8,596
CORPORATE OVERHEADS	% of ATK	2,414	2,767	2,896	2,964	3,017

				A 330		
		FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
FUEL & OIL	Per Block Hour	4,371	4,459	4,548	4,639	4,732
LANDING	Per Departures	1,229	1,253	1,278	1,304	1,330
HANDLING	Per Departures	2,778	2,833	2,890	2,948	3,006
OVERFLYING	Per Departures	1,609	1,642	1,674	1,708	1,742
AIRCRAFT MAINT	Per Block Hour	1,401	1,298	1,193	1,205	1,265
INFLIGHT CATERING	Per Pax	10.7	10.9	11.1	11.3	11.6
AIRCRAFT RELATED	% of Block Hours, Cost per Month	4,665,661	6,577,686	9,032,459	11,269,780	12,216,526
CREW LAYOVER	Per Flight	3,168	3,232	3,296	3,362	3,429
AREA/OTHER	% of ATK	6,879	7,885	8,252	8,444	8,596
CORPORATE OVERHEADS	% of ATK	2,414	2,767	2,896	2,964	3,017

				A 340		
		FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
FUEL & OIL	Per Block Hour	5,313	5,419	5,528	5,638	5,751
LANDING	Per Departures	1,657	1,690	1,724	1,758	1,793
HANDLING	Per Departures	3,523	3,593	3,665	3,738	3,813
OVERFLYING	Per Departures	2,624	2,676	2,730	2,784	2,840
AIRCRAFT MAINT	Per Block Hour	1,401	1,298	1,193	1,205	1,265
INFLIGHT CATERING	Per Pax	13.6	13.8	14.1	14.4	14.7
AIRCRAFT RELATED	% of Block Hours, Cost per Month	5,013,844	4,455,852	2,863,950	1,352,374	939,733
CREW LAYOVER	Per Flight	3,593	3,664	3,738	3,812	3,889
AREA/OTHER	% of ATK	6,879	7,885	8,252	8,444	8,596
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Once the aircraft type is determined fulfilment method requires further analysis. Key parameters to consider include

Buy prices, this should be the best purchasing rate obtained from the sellers. For example an aircraft listed as 200 million could be reduced to 80 million depending on supply and demand for different aircraft

Dry Lease rate – this should include best dry lease rate that can be obtained from the industry. Market demand for particular aircraft type and financial strength of the leasing company becomes important in determination

Operational costs – these include additional operational costs of a dry leased aircraft such as cockpit and cabin crew.

Borrowing rate – if the airline is borrowing to purchase aircraft this must be the best rate that is obtained from the bank of lending institutions

Comparative analysis enables airline's to determine the most beneficial fulfilment option. An example is provided below

Best prices can be obtained thru running aircraft acquisition process.



Example Buy Versus Lease Comparison

Option 1) Buy 2 Freighters @ \$160M		Beginning of							
Total		Year		End of Year					
				Year 1		Year 2			ear 20
Principal: \$160 million	Principal Remaining					144,000,000		\$-	
Interest: 5%	Interest Paid		-\$	8,000,000	-\$, ,		\$ 400,000	
Principal payback: Straight Line, 20 years	Principal Paid		-\$	8,000,000	-\$	8,000,000		\$ 8,000,000	
Maintenance / Crew: Extra	Insurance Costs		-\$	266,667	-\$	266,667		\$ 266,667	
Insurance: Extra	Mace Costs		-\$	6,083,515	-\$	6,083,515	-	\$ 6,083,515	
	Crew Costs		-\$	5,069,596	-\$	5,069,596	-	\$ 5,069,596	
	Cash Outflow / Residual Value		-\$	27,419,777	-\$	27,019,777	-	\$ 19,819,777	
	NPV of Cash Outflow (Day 1, Year 1)	-\$357,217,586							
Option 2) Dry Lease @ \$900,000/mo per		Beginning of							
Freighter		Year		End of Year					
				Year 1		Year 2		Ye	ear 20
Monthly Lease Payment: \$1.8M	Lease Payment		-\$	21,600,000	-\$	21,600,000	-	\$ 21,600,000	
Maintenance / Crew: Extra	Insurance		\$	-	\$	-		\$ -	
Insurance: Included	Mtce Costs		-\$	6,083,515	-\$	6,083,515	-	\$ 6,083,515	
	Crew Costs		-\$	5,069,596	-\$	5,069,596	-	\$ 5,069,596	
	Cash Outflow	\$-	-\$			32,753,110	-	\$ 32,753,110	
	NPV of Cash Outflow (Day 1, Year 1)	-\$473,090,852		- , , -		- , , -		· - , , -	
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Option 3) Wet Lease @ \$900,000/mo per		Beginning of							
Freighter		Year		End of Year					
				Year 1		Year 2		Ye	ear 20
Monthly Lease Payment: \$1.8M	Lease Payment		-\$		-\$	21,600,000	-	\$ 21,600,000	00. 20
Maintenance / Crew: Included	Insurance		\$	-	\$	-		\$ -	
Insurance: Included	Mtce Costs		\$	-	\$	-		\$-	
	Crew Costs		\$	_	\$	_		\$-	
	Cash Outflow		-	21,600,000	-	21,600,000		\$ 21,600,000	
	NPV of Cash Outflow (Day 1, Year 1)			21,000,000	Ψ	21,000,000		φ 21,000,000	
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Used aircraft lease rates

- Lease rates are influenced by many factors
- Interest rates/ economic environment
- **Lease Terms**
- Lessor supply
- Lessee quality



Used A320 values as % of new A320 value





Used A320 Rates





Typical Narrow body Depreciation Rates





Vintage Wide Body Aircraft Rates



Alignment of commercial processes with business model InterVISTAS changes for improved revenue

Alignment of commercial processes with the new business model and route strategy.

Key changes in the product strategy

Critical changes in pricing strategy, fare matrix, pricing review for RASK increase

Pro-active pricing processes Reactive pricing processes

Improvements in revenue management

Diagnostic assessment LF forecasting Critical flight management

Revenue planning and revenue delivery

Pricing and revenue management performance measures

Improvements in ancillary revenues

Distribution benchmarking, segments, unit revenue, unit cost per channel, as is costs

Changes in Distribution mix

Changes in distribution mix





Alignment of commercial activities – changes in distribution mix



InterVISTAS

Alignment and improvement of airline operational activities

Opportunities to align operations with the business model changes and reduce costs Target CASK to align with target revenues Review and improve direct and indirect cost Determine initiatives for productivity improvement and unit cost reduction to mee target CASK

Organisational improvement

Productivity improvements

- -Fleet (Utilisation),
- maintenance,
- crew,
- ground handling costs,
- overheads and other areas

Operating Assumptions



Example: Business Model

			Average Monthly Amounts for Each Year								
Operating Cost Category	Measurement		Teerl	Tes/2	Tearà	Yaar4	Tear				
Commissions - peaking or A	tat-mie % of indirectasies	1	-	atio	~	and the second sec	-				
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Booking asta	Perpassinger	\$	~	0							
Call contro costa	tat-cale % of call contor sales										
Call contrologita	2nd-Mief pex revenue		5								
•uel Price per KG	Price per (g consumed \$2/g al		0								
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Maintonanco	Perblock Hour	S									
A roraft Handling	PerDeparture	5									
Overflight	Perslock Hour	S									
Crow - Transportation & Accomodation	Parmanth to Cost										
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Overhead-staff	-wed		1								
T and Communications	Permonth .	\$	2								
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Advertising& Marketing	Female Fasterger Revenue										
Overhead - non-staff	Percentel Other Cests										



Operations cost reduction and productivity improvement: Crew and Operations Control

Review crew assignment process and costs,

Review flight operations identify improvement opportunities

If needed, identify opportunities in improvements in crew productivity

Identify changes in the crew manpower plan

Operations control centre diagnostic

Identify inefficiencies leading to suboptimal decision making

Identify improvements in processes and improvements in co-location of IOC functions

Provide recommendations that relate to organisation, systems and performance management that relate to

Flight Operations Crew optimisation Integrated Operations Control







Operational cost reduction and productivity improvement

Alignment of the operational activities support business model changes – MRO costs and productivity Improvement

Benchmark MRO costs and productivity, operation, turnaround times, material costs and productivity

Diagnostic of key MRO areas,

hangar, line maintenance Supply chain Engineering and planning Other processes

Benchmarking of engine, OM, component contracts

Restructure processes for productivity improvements at shops

Opportunities for the growth of third party revenues

Business Plan

Maintenance					
Namenance	e unata				
	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
Contract Rates (per FH)					
Base					
A320	318	286	279	293	
A330	448				40
A340	575				51
4320					
A320 A330	97				10
A330	119				10
A340	107				1
Fixed Costs per Person					
Staff pay and allowance	1,230				1, 33
Gratuity	51				5
Staff expenses	42				4
Training expenses	2.75				2.9
Departmental expenses	479				47
Depreciation	85				8
Loan charges on spares	80				8
A/C and commercial tools	36				34
Consumption of GSE spares	9				3333
Allocated Cost	181				18:
Fleet Management & Consultance	v Fees (Annual)				
A320s	100,000				0,000
A330s	200,000				0.00
A340s	250,000				0,000
Third Party Line MX Rev Per Inbox	and Flight				1000
Aircraft Average	188.00				97.51

Operating Cost Overview - MRO



Air cargo market and competitor analysis and market size forecasting



- Compare market share and capacity share with competitors
- Are there opportunities to improve route performance
- Market forecasting to focus on best return markets
 - Air cargo trade lane analysis:
 - Conduct workshops with freight forwarders and customers
 - Feedback for improving markethsare with customers
- In executing market analysis and forecasting work Inter VISTAS uses its proprietary data sources from industry research and regular contact with related associations
- Cargo markets are particularly challenging due current economic conditions – with many freighters grounded

SAMPLE DELIVERABLES



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Forecast market share, and expected gain for profitable operation of freighters



Determine expected load factor for each route, regions and system wide, considering future market growth (from the previous market forecasting task).

Analysis include following elements:

- Future market sizes
- Market share growth based on current load factors
- Cargo capacity growth, driven by the growth of the passenger fleet
- Additional cargo capacity driven by freighters that may be committed to this route (capacity and frequency)
- Total capacity including competitors operating this route

The routes will be prioritized according to best market share forecast and they will be used in developing scenarios for network design.

InterVISTAS provides proprietary tools for route level cargo marketshare forecasting





Analysis of air freight route and freighter scenarios for improving profitable operation of freighters and belly



- Scope to design/improve the route structure and freighter type/number / utilization maximizing route profitability. Analysis also drives the freighter performance improvement.
- Criteria will include weighted average, where weights include expertise and experience of Inter VISTAS team.
- Route scenarios will be subsequently tested for Freighter types that will be analyzed in the next task
- Significant growth in WB aircraft increasing availability of belly capacity
- Increasing fuel price causing intermodal shift towards maritime
- * Warehouse development costs are significant .







Results of new strategy and improvement/turnaround actions reflected in the business plan



Revenue forecast

- -Scheduled seat revenues: route revenue forecast, market share, fares, service/schedule quality
- Charter revenues
- Non seat airline revenues: ancillaries
- SBU revenues : third party growth

Cost Forecast

- Direct operating costs
- Aircraft ownership costs
- Overheads

Assumptions including improvements of business benefits

- Impact of product improvement on yields/fares
- Impact of productivity and cost reduction initiatives





Development of the Business Plan with Revenue, Cost and Profitability Forecasting Including Strategy and Improvement Impacts

- Route level business plan for different freighter types tested at different frequencies for route profitability for belly and freighter operations
- Opportunities in reduction of direct and indirect aircraft-related cost:
 - Direct costs will include fuel, maintenance, crew, ground handling, over flight , ownership etc
 - For belly cost per KG carried will be used. If airline is allocating other direct and indirect costs these will be used.
- Profitability forecast will be developed for belly and freighter operations
- *****Sensitivity analysis





Business plan is based on directional (inbound and outbound route level profitability

.) by A330 Freighter	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total Operating Revenues					
Scheduled Full Freighter Revenue	-	10,869,673	10,869,673	16,304,509	16,304,509
Passenger (belly) Revenue	7,153,070	7,264,308	10,815,246	14,233,240	14,124,143
Total Revenue Commence (7,153,070	18,133,981	21,684,919	30,537,750	30,428,652
Direct Operating Cost (excluding Ownership)					
Fuel		6,512,381	6,512,381	9,768,571	9,768,571
Cockpit Crew	-	651,238	651,238	976,857	976,857
Maintenance	-	781,486	781,486	1,172,229	1,172,229
Depreciation	-	2,050,194	2,050,194	3,075,291	3,075,291
Insurance		85,425	85,425	128,137	128,137
ATC/LDG charges	-	673,367	673,367	1,010,050	1,010,050
Sales Commision	-	156,900	156,900	235,350	235,350
Total Direct Operating Cost		8,618,472	8,618,472	12,927,708	12,927,708
Total Indirect Operating Cost	-	2,292,518	2,292,518	3,438,778	3,438,778
Total Full Freighter Operating Cost	-	10,910,990	10,910,990	16,366,485	16,366,485
Passenger (belly) Operating Cost	7,653,167	7,942,968	12,082,153	16,245,108	16,469,692
Total Operating Cost CCK DVC (VVV)	7,653,167	18,853,958	22,993,143	32,611,593	32,836,178
Profit (Belly Space, US\$)	-500,097	-678,660	-1,266,906	-2,011,867	-2,345,550
Profit (Full Freighter, US\$)	-	-41,317	-41,317	-61,976	-61,976
Total Profit (US\$)	-500,097	-719,977	-1,308,224	-2,073,843	-2,407,526
Profit Margin (Belly Space, %)	-7.0%	-9.3%	-11.7%	-14.1%	-16.6%
Profit Margin (Freighter, %)		-0.4%	-0.4%	-0.4%	-0.4%
Total Profit Margin (%)	-7.0%	-4.0%	-6.0%	-6.8%	-7.9%



Minor variation in modelling assumptions can make significant difference on profitability/financial forecast

Due diligence questions

- Market growth rates
- Competitor capacity growth rates
- Average fares
- Fare improvement as a function product improvement
- **Ancillary revenues**
- SBU third party marketshare/revenue growth assumptions
- Fuel costs: current and future
- Maintenance costs accuracy/variations
- Aircraft ownership costs list, actual
- **Depreciation rates**
- Sensitivity analysis : major revenue and cost assumptions

	<u>Base</u>	lin	e		ario		
Key Statistics	2011	2015		2011	2015		
Passengers	262,968		2,891,151		253,274		2,768,001
Revenue	\$ 53,052,618	\$	652,142,240	\$	43,982,830	\$	537,292,097
Operating Expenses	\$ 69,714,983	\$	509,015,566	\$	72,540,299	\$	528,936,974
Profit (Loss)	\$ (16,662,366)	\$	143,126,674	\$	(28,557,470)	\$	8,355,123
Operating Margin	-34.5%		24.6%		-71.4%		1.7%

	<u>Scena</u>	aric	1	Scenario 2				<u>Scenario 3</u>				Scenario 4			
Key Statistics	2011 2015			2011 2015			2011		2015		2011		2015		
Passengers	262,968		2,891,151		262,968		2,891,151		253,274		2,768,001		262,968		2,891,151
Revenue	\$ 45,978,935	\$	565,189,941	\$	53,052,618	\$	652,142,240	\$	50,749,419	\$	619,952,419	\$	53,052,618	\$	652,142,240
Operating Expenses	\$ 69,264,058	\$	504,714,962	\$	72,137,108	\$	527,628,489	\$	69,537,333	\$	507,031,861	\$	70,701,516	\$	516,218,616
Profit (Loss)	\$ (23,285,123)	\$	60,474,979	\$	(19,084,491)	\$	124,513,751	\$	(18,787,914)	\$	112,920,559	\$	(17,648,898)	\$	135,923,624
Operating Margin	-55.7%		12.0%		-39.6%		21.4%		-40.7%		20.4%		-36.6%		23.3%

Scenario 1 – Fares are discounted XX percent from MIDT market fares versus XX percent in the Baseline scenario

Scenario 2 – Fuel price of \$XX/kg consumed increases by XX percent

Scenario 3 – Market introduction stimulation rates are lowered by XX percent

Scenario 4 – Overhead costs increase from X percent to XX percent of all other costs

Shock Scenario – All of the above factors occur at once, showing a worst case scenario

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<u>Cash</u>

It is still the cheapest way to finance aircraft but only an option for profitable airlines (like Southwest) or state-owned airlines with well capitalised owners.

The problem with financing all of the fleet with cash is that during the downturn, when you need to release the cash, financing terms are much worse.



Operating Leasing

Operating lessons either order aircraft from manufacturers or buy them from airlines and lease them back (this is known as sale/leaseback).

The operating lessor leases the aircraft to the airline, which is also called the lessee. Leases can be as short as a couple of months to cope with seasonal demand like summer tourist peaks, ski seasons or the Haj. Airlines can also lease crew and pilots with aircraft; these are known as wet leases.

However, most leases are for three to five years with airlines paying monthly lease rentals. Operating lease provides airlines flexibility. Typically they are expensive. Operating lessors expect to have to place an aircraft several times during its life. The aircraft often starts with a strong carrier and ends up in a developing country or as a cargo aircraft. The share of operating leases has been increasing significantly.



Bank Loans

Banks lend money to airlines with the loan guaranteed by the aircraft. The bank can repossess the aircraft if the airline stops paying its loan. Loans are usually 12 years long. Finance leases are similar to loans, except the bank then buy the aircraft from the airline (another sale/leaseback). The airline then makes monthly lease payments and at the end of the lease it owns the aircraft. Finance leasing is just like hire purchase. Banks typically lend 85% of the aircraft's value with airlines paying 15% in cash. This 15% is known as equity.

Export Credit Loans

Few banks, however, would be prepared to lend money to the airline as they do not make large profits and the country is viewed as risky. So, the Export-Import Bank of the United States ("Ex-I'm Bank") will guarantee the loan. If the borrowing airline fails to make payments, the Ex-I'm Bank will cover the banks losses.

Airbus aircraft are made in France, Germany and the UK, so each respective government covers the proportion made in their country. The French export credit agency is called Coracle, the German agency is called Hermes, and the UK has the Export Credits Guarantee Department or ECGD.

Export Development Canada handles Bombardier loans, and BNDES guarantees Embraer exports. Export credit loans cover 85% of the aircraft's value



Tax Leases

Governments always want their businesses to be as efficient as possible so their industries can compete with other countries. One way to improve efficiency is to have modern equipment, so governments encourage companies with tax breaks. Companies that buy equipment get to avoid paying tax on them (this is usually done through depreciation allowances). The problem is airlines rarely make enough profits to benefit from these allowances. So airlines pass these benefits off to companies or individuals that have large tax bills by selling the aircraft and leasing them back.

In France and Spain only, banks are eligible to buy aircraft. In Japan and the US, companies often take stakes. Most investors only take 15% of the aircraft, with a bank (or group of banks) lending the rest as a loan. This is why they are often called leverage leases. The main types of tax leases are: Japanese operating leases (JOLs) which most airlines can close; French Leverage Leases (FLLs), which are only allowed for French airlines; Spanish operating leases (SOLs) only for Spanish airlines; and US leverage leases.

Manufacturer Support

Most manufacturers do not like financing aircraft, but they accept that some times financing help is needed to get a sale. Typical support would include the manufacturer leasing the aircraft with finance or operating leases, or guaranteeing the aircraft's value at the end of a lease or loan (this is known as a residual value guarantee). The easiest way to provide a residual value guarantee is to agree a price that the manufacturer will pay for the aircraft at the end of the loan.

or leasing



EETCs

EETCs – or enhanced equipment trust certificates – are bonds that airlines issue to pay for aircraft. The airline sets up a special purpose company or SPV (it's only purpose or business is to own the aircraft) that issues bonds to investors. The SPV then uses the cash from these bonds to buy aircraft through a sale/leaseback. The airline then makes lease payments to the SPV and the SPV passes these on to the investors as bond interest. Chart below provides overview of EETC deals



Realizing the vision together

Financial analysis for determination of Sources and application of funds for aircraft financing



SOURCES AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS [BLEND]

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

1. Capital Expenditure

Client Airline

Equity funding requirement for Reflecting (Generic AC Blend Scenario - bought AC only) including current year cabinmod (\$XX m)

Client SBU's

Information Technology

SBU Engineering

XXX

SBU Cargo

Airport Services XX

Airport Services - XX

Total Equity funding requirement by SBUs

Total CAPEX

2. Capitalised Cost of Engines Overhauls - current fleet only

- 3a. Maintenance Reserves (Net of Recoveries) current fleet reflected in AC OPS COST
- 3b. Maintenance Reserves (Net of Recoveries) new fleet reflected in AC OPS COST
- 4. Increase in Inventories (from original BP)
- 5. Increase in Trade Receivables
- 6. Increase in Trade Payables (from original BP)
- 7. Repayment of Interest Bearing Liabilities Foreign Loans
- 8. Repayment of Interest Bearing Liabilities Local Loans (FY2012/13 ff from original BP) Total Funding Requirement

SOURCES OF FUNDS

1. CILIENT GROUP EQUITY INFUSION REQUIREMENT [BLEND]

2. Proceeds of IPO of subsidiary (potential of \$ XXm indicated)

3. Proceeds from Disposal of Property, Plant and Equipment (from original BP)

4. Proceeds from Interest Bearing Loans and Borrowings (from original BP)

5. Client Profit adjusted for non-cash items

Total Funding Available

NET INCREASE IN CASH Cash Balance Brought Forward CASH BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD

of Months of Operating cost for min cash level Min. cash liquidity required Min. cash level ok?

XX GROUP CUMULATIVE EQUITY INFUSION REQUIREMENT - BLEND Scenario

Dividend potential to Equity Investor (capped at XX % of Client Group profit p.A.)

Use of accurate assumptions in aircraft purchase and lease calculations



Purchase & Lease of new aircraft

EQUITY

Required PDP equity narrowbody aircraft Required Delivery Equity narrowbody aircraft

Interest payments on PDP Debt Owned Narrowbody Total

Rent, only for 3 new replacement & growth narrowbody aircraft Deposits (3 months rental) Maintenance Reserves on new NB fleet only *Leased Narrowbody Total*

Owned and interim leased Narrowbody total

Required PDP equity widebody aircraft Required Delivery Equity widebody aircraft

Interest payments on PDP Debt Owned Widebody Total

Rent, only for 3 new long term lease replacement widebody aircraft Deposits (3 months rental) Maintenance Reserves on new WB fleet only *Leased Widebody Total*

Owned and interim leased Widebody total

New Aircraft Total Equity demand (incl. PDP interest)

DEBT

PDP Debt converted into senior loan at Delivery - narrowbody PDP Debt converted into senior loan at Delivery - widebody

Senior Loan amount at end of fiscal year - narrowbody Leverage (PDP + Sr Loan) at end of fiscal year - narrowbody

Senior Loan amount at end of fiscal year - widebody Leverage (PDP + Sr Loan) at end of fiscal year - widebody

Total Senior Loan at end of fiscal year - fleet Fleet leverage at end of fiscal year

Senior loan annuity payments Interest payments of Senior loan after Delivery - Narrowbody Interest payments of Senior loan after Delivery - Widebody

New Aircraft Total Funding demand (incl. debt interest payments)

Principal payments of Senior loan after Delivery - Narrowbody Principal payments of Senior loan after Delivery - Widebody



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