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### **ISTAT Americas – A Call for Action**

Prosperity is not globally shared and therefore complacency should be avoided – there is a need to fundamentally change *How* and *When* we engage in collaboration

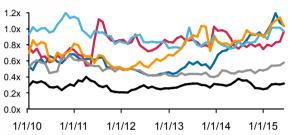


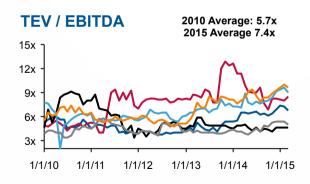
### **Strong Airline Mkt. Capitalization Rates For Most Regions**

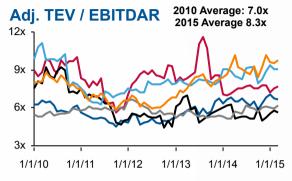


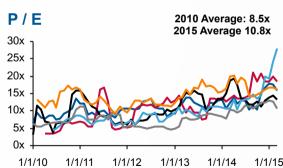
Equity markets are open for good performing airlines – unlike much of the past 25 years – but as a group, European carriers are significant laggard

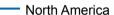














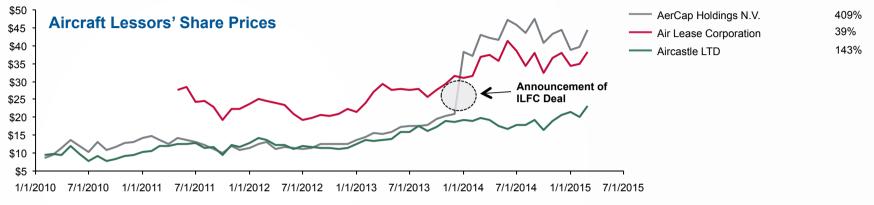


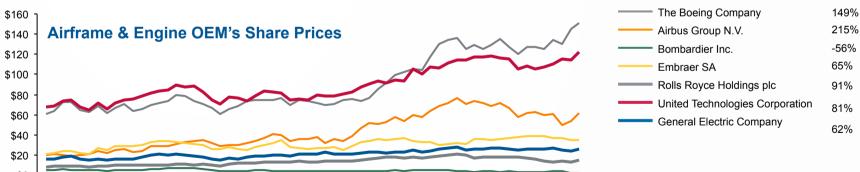
### Lessors and OEMs Have Also Enjoyed Strong Equity Growth





Stronger airline performance drives higher valuations for OEMs and lessors





Source: Capital IQ

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### **But Real Warning Signs Are Flashing**

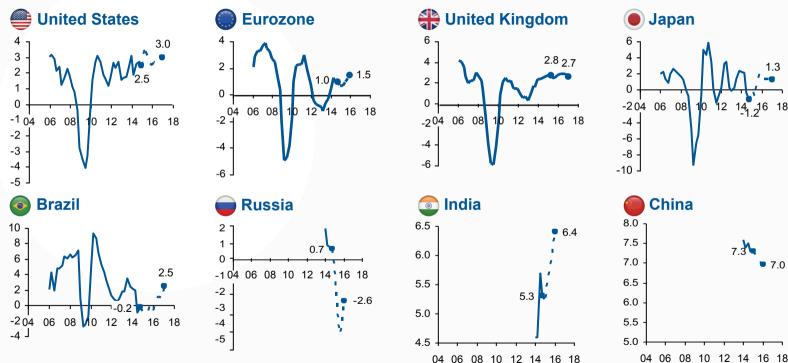






### GDP recovery is faltering in many regions except China, India, and the US

Real GDP trend analysis (as of March 3, 2015)



<sup>&</sup>quot;Eurozone" - an economic and monetary union of 16 European Union member states which have adopted the Euro currency as their sole legal tender Source: S&P Capital IQ & Bloomberg; % change YoY

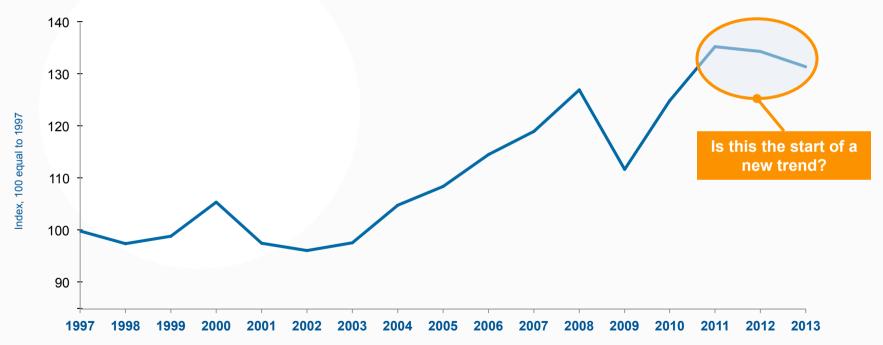
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### Globalization Has Driven Demand, But Is There A Pause?



If so, what are its implications for passenger and cargo demand growth?

#### **U.S. International Trade / Domestic US Industrial Production**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Bureau of Economic Analysis

# **Lower Oil/ Low Interest Rates Have Benefited Industry**





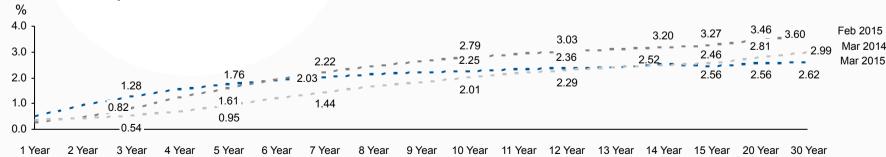


Sheltering our industry – airlines, OEMs and lessors – from what could have been a more difficult period – but for how long will these dual trends continue?

#### WTI – Historical Prices & Futures



#### **Historical Swap Rate Curve**



Source: Capital IQ

# Over 75% of Profits Earned by North Am, Asia/Pac Carriers



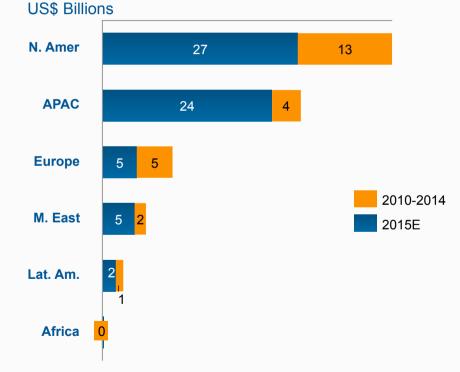
Profit performance is subpar in Europe, ME and Latin America, but 2015 outlook for Asia /Pacific is troubling

#### **Global Industry Profitability**

Aggregate net income, US\$ Billions



### 2010-2015E Aggregate Net Income



# Consolidation, Post-Restructuring Boosted NA Carriers



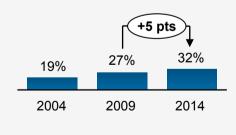
~79% controlled by Top Four, with LCC penetration slowing vs. European market, Asia/ Pacific also has troubling signs

**ASM** share **Top Four** (%)

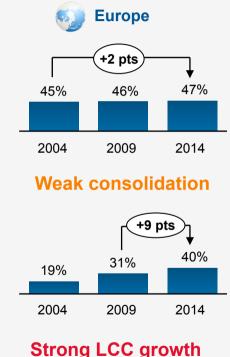


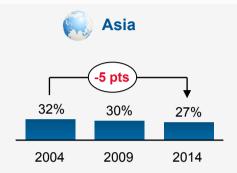
**Strong consolidation** 



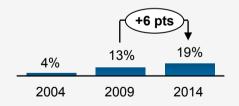


**Modest LCC growth** 





No consolidation



**Modest LCC growth** 

# **Capacity Discipline: Key Driver For NA Carriers' Profits**



Asia's ASM growth is largely tied to GDP growth, which is not true for Europe

#### Seasonally Adjusted Index of Monthly ASMs by Airline Registration Region



Source: Diio Mi, Seabury analysis

### **Europe/Asia Look Very Exposed To Excess Capacity**



Europe, and to a lesser extent Asia, look very exposed to a correction

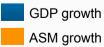
#### **Growth in Real GDP and ASMs by Region**

CAGR %









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### **Global Consolidation Is Happening At Faster Pace**



Capacity discipline globally is being driven by top American & European airlines through JVs – but at the expense of medium/small airlines



### JVs Are Supplanting Global Alliances In Importance



With the North Atlantic JVs setting the "template" for future global consolidation of capacity



Access to the USA for many European airlines has now come via interline/SPA agreements instead of codeshare

Source: IATA Pax IS 12 months to March 2015

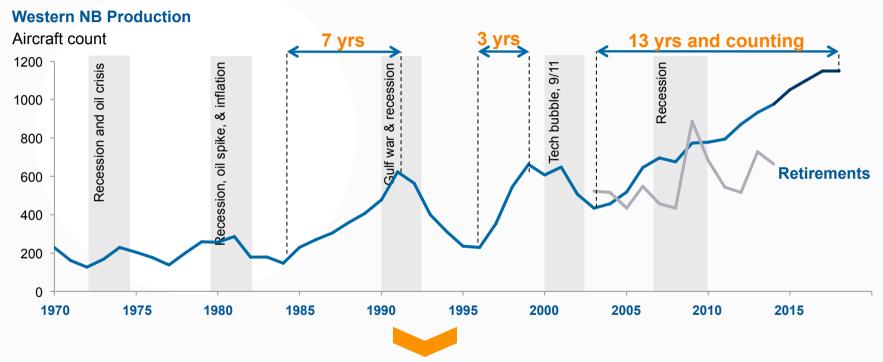
\*Excludes Middle East JV's

# **New Aircraft Delivery Cycle: 13 Years And Counting**





The confluence of slow down in global GDP growth and consolidation of capacity will have an impact ultimately on the strength of OEMs' substantial order caches



Narrowbody production is at an all-time high and rates are headed higher

### **Pax Aircraft Deliveries Driving Cargo Capacity**



Limiting the demand for new build freighters



### Dedicated freighter growth most likely to arise from Asian express-type airlines

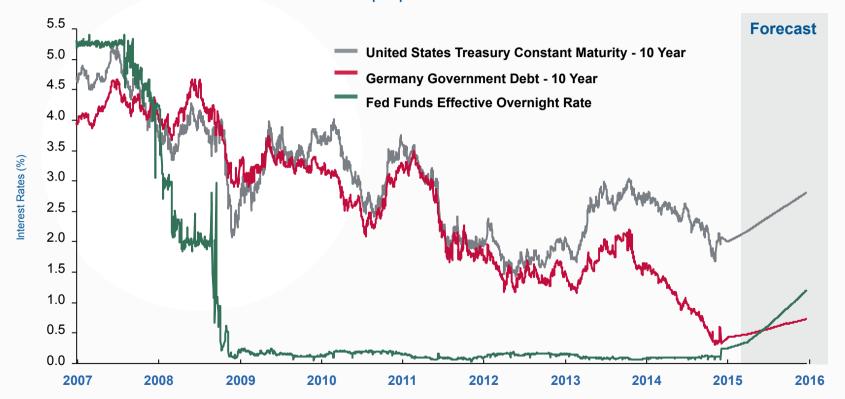
<sup>1</sup>Widebody passenger aircraft (incl. mixed passenger/freight combinations); only firm OEM orders considered; years represent build years Source: Ascend Fleet Database (31 December 2014); Seabury analysis



# When Rates Rise, Financing Costs & WACC Will Go Up



Given tenuous nature of global GDP recovery, US interest rates may not rise very fast, but over time rates will climb – which we all need to prepare for

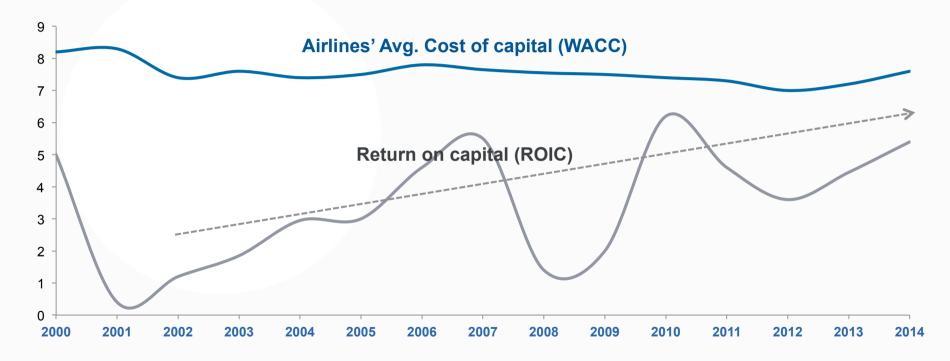


Source: Bloomberg

# **Industry's ROIC Has Been Climbing For Last 13 Years**



Through hard work of restructuring "problem airlines" and driving towards "best practices" – but more needs to be done to secure sustained ROIC performance

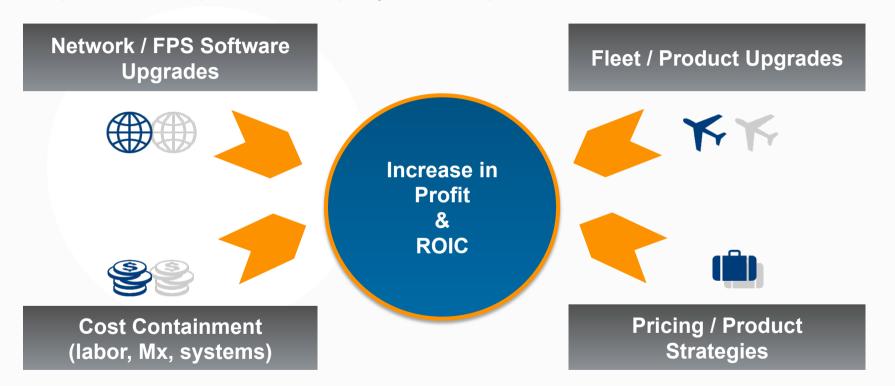


Source: IATA

### **Best Practices Drive Higher Industry ROIC Performance**



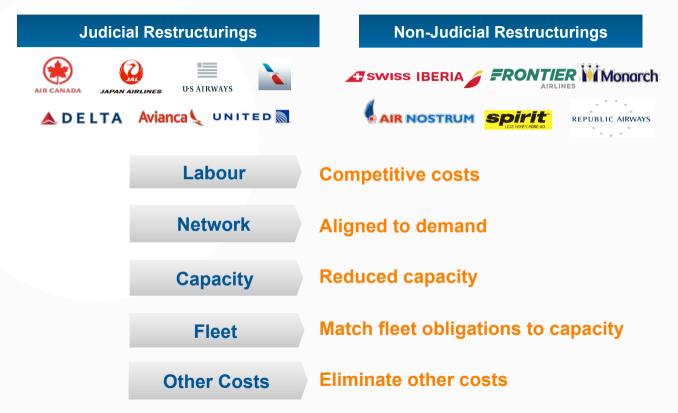
Adoption of best practices is spotty in our experience across some 100 airline clients



# **Airlines That Restructured Are Driving Global Profitability**



Restructuring "problem airlines" with "permanent fixes" has allowed these airlines to earn the lion's share of the industry's global profits since 2008



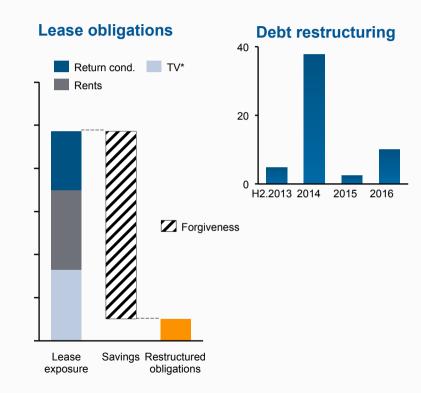
### **ER Case Study #1: Air Nostrum (2013-2014)**



Air Nostrum was close to liquidation – Bombardier, AN's largest creditor, approached Seabury to design and implement a comprehensive turnaround plan

#### Results:

- Consensual restructuring of liabilities working closely with BBD and lessors
- Saved over €100M thereby paving the way to secure new capital
- Secured €26 million of new equity capital
- Leading to AN securing a new long-term regional code-share with Iberia Airlines
- Thereby avoiding liquidation which would have been catastrophic for lessors/BBD



### ER Case Study #2: Monarch Airlines Group (2014)

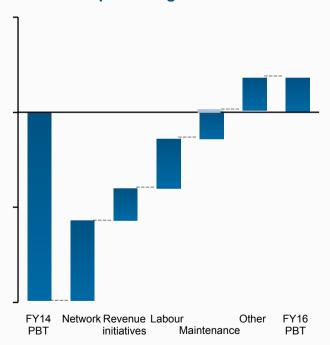


Monarch had less than eight weeks of cash in late July 2014 – Seabury was retained to structure and implement a comprehensive turnaround plan and raised £125 million of new capital

#### Results:

- We immediately crafted plan to cut ~30% of routes & capacity that produced ~100% of losses
- Optimized fleet, shed two fleet types and consensually restructured the aircraft portfolio
- Achieved material labour concessions ~ 40% reduction in labour costs
- Removed more than £700m of liabilities (principally unfunded pension plan)
- Slashed costs by £200M p.a. driving 14-16% profit increase
- Secured £125M of capital and liquidity facilities
- Thereby avoiding catastrophic losses for lessors and banks

#### **Turnaround plan bridge FY14-16**



### A Competitive World Means Faster Change/Great Collaboration Required



Airline managements must adopt best practices to drive more rational decision-making

Leading to stronger ROIC performance, higher market capitalization ratios = better talent



OEMs need to manage production cycles and insist on airlines adopting "best practices" driving higher ROICs

Resulting in fewer "boom/bust cycles", stronger aircraft residual values & ROIC performance



Lessors / banks should be "activist" in requiring airlines to adopt best practices and higher ROICs through credit process

Leading to better portfolio quality, lower WACC, stronger aircraft residual values and higher market capitalizations



Advisors should routinely deliver to clients 15-50x their fees in NPV improvements – and their references should be carefully scrutinized

**Driving higher ROICs for all players = better talent** 

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