

# 2018 Investor Day Agenda

11:30am – 12:40pm	Brad Tilden, CEO
	Introduction: Who We Are & Where We're Going
	Ben Minicucci, President & COO
	Merger Update & Our Roadmap For Margin Improvement
	Andy Schneider, VP People
	Investing In Culture
	Shane Tackett, EVP Planning & Strategy
	Executing Our Roadmap & Driving Financial Performance
12:40pm – 12:50pm	Break
12:50pm – 1:30pm	Andrew Harrison, CCO
	Building For Brand Strength & Revenue Growth
	Brandon Pedersen, CFO
	Financial Outlook
1:30pm – 2:15pm	Question & Answer Session

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#### **Our Business Model**

Profitable growth creates value for all of our stakeholders.



#### We have a great team



**Ben Minicucci President** 



**Brandon Pedersen CFO** 



**Andrew Harrison** CCO



**Gary Beck** 



**Shane Tackett Horizon Air CEO EVP Planning & Strategy** 



**Andy Schneider VP People** 



**Diana Birkett Rakow VP External Relations** 



**Kyle Levine General Counsel** 



**Brad Tilden** CEO

# 16 Years **Average Tenure**

#### We have a great team



Wayne Newton VP Airports



John Ladner MD Flight Ops



Sangita Woerner VP Marketing



David Oppenheim VP Sales



**Chris Berry Controller** 

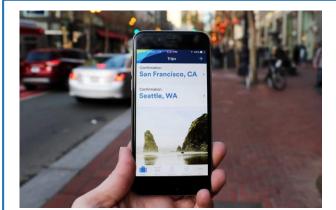


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#### We have durable competitive advantage



Low Costs, Low Fares



**Excellent Operations** 



**Award-Winning Service** 







We have a long track record of successful growth...

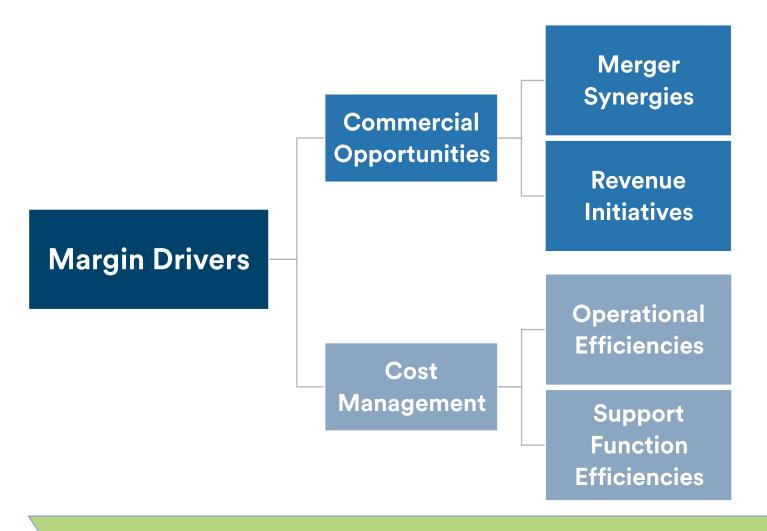


We have a long track record of successful growth...

## ...and a long track record of outperformance

2010-2018	Airlines	High-Quality Industrials	Alaska.
Pre-Tax Margin	10.4%	13.0%	15.1%
Free Cash Flow Margin	2.1%	7.7%	7.8%
ROIC	13.6%	14.8%	16.7%
Adj. Net Debt / EBITDAR	1.8x	1.6x	0.9x
P/E Multiple	13.9x	18.6x	10.7x

#### Our Roadmap for Margin Improvement



13%-15%

Pre-Tax Margin Target

**Investments In Our Culture & Values** 



#### We achieved a lot before the merger

50%+
Market Share
in PNW

#1
On-Time
Performance

#1
Customer
Satisfaction

11%
Annual Loyalty
Program Growth

6 Years
CASMx
Reductions

27%
Debt-to-Total-Capitalization

2010-2016

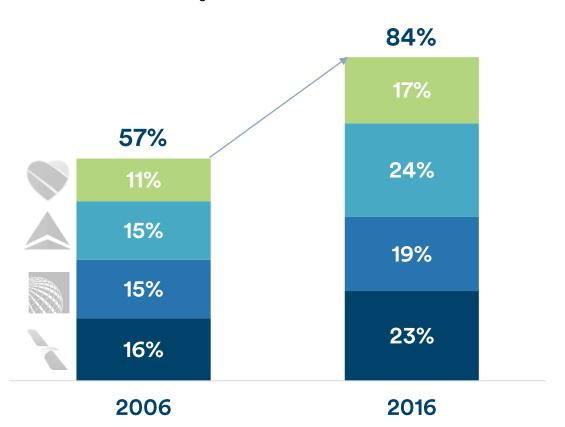
27%
Annual EPS Growth

\$1.9B
Capital returned to shareholders

# But, we needed a bigger platform to remain competitive and to keep growing

A series of mergers gave the largest carriers much more market power

U.S. Market Share of Four Largest Carriers\*



By 2016, we could still grow in the PNW, but we could see our runway shortening after years of rapid growth

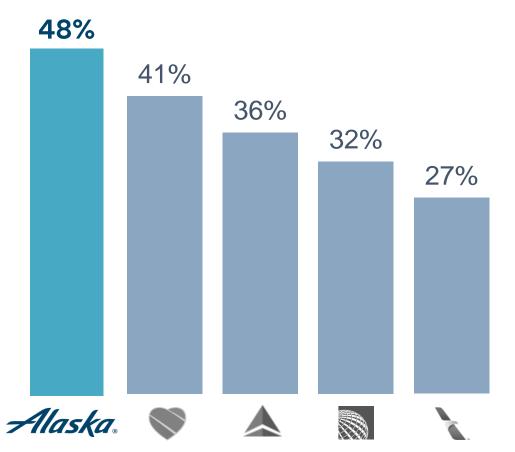
	New Markets Launched
2010	14
2011	6
2012	19
2013	15
2014	16
2015	20
2016	14
Total	104

65%
Relevance in PNW
VS.
19%
Relevance in
California

otal domestic revenue from Form 41. Airlines included in sample set: American, Aloha, Alaska, Jetblue, Continental, Delta, Frontier, Airtran, Hawaiian, America West, Midway, Spirit, Northwest, Pan American, Sun Country, TWA, ATA, United, US Airways, Virgin America, Southwest and Midwest Expres.

#### Today, we have a highly relevant West Coast network...

We offer the highest guest relevance of any carrier from West Coast points of origin

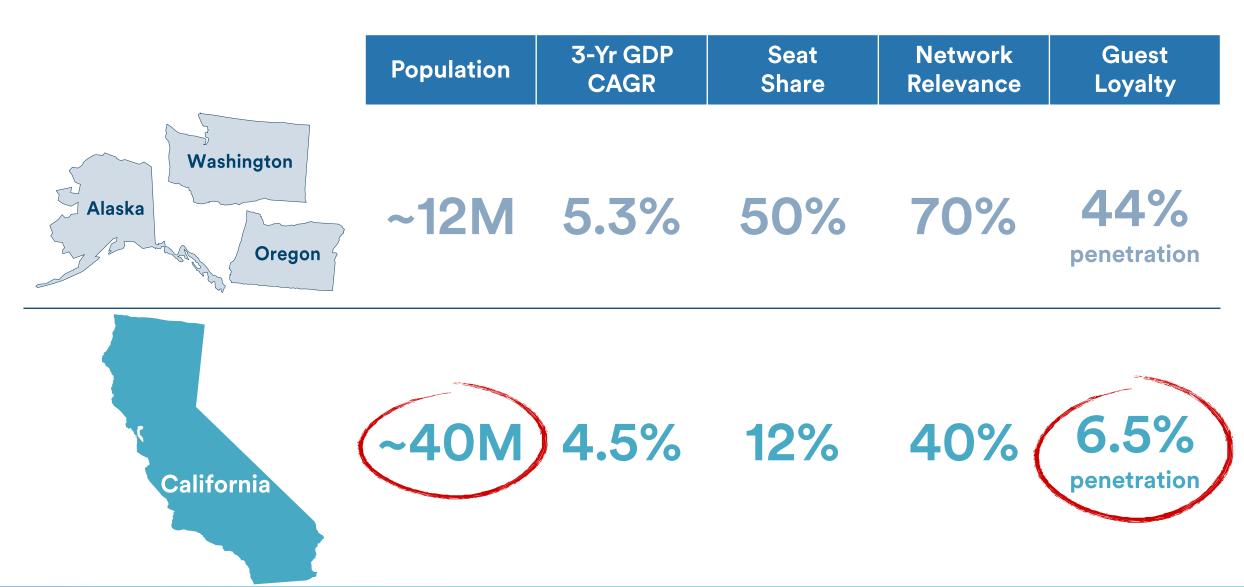


Our departures per day have increased significantly in our California focus cities

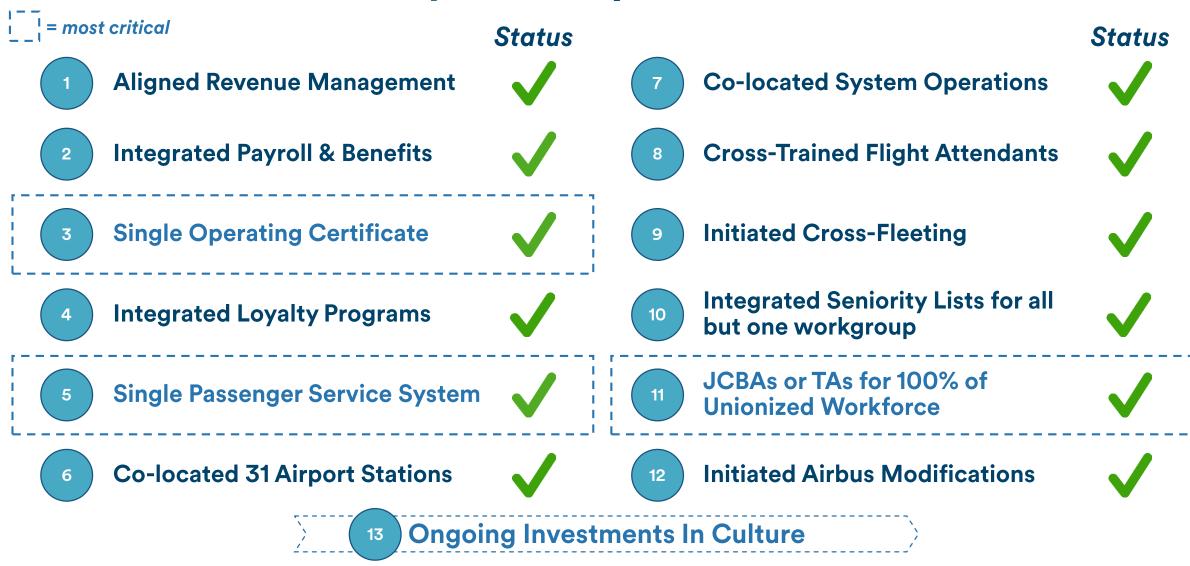
Ra	nk	2018	vs. 2016
1.	Seattle	298	+15
2.	Portland	129	+7
3.	Los Angeles	115	+52
4.	San Francisco	86	+69
5.	San Diego	46	+20
6.	San Jose	38	+14
7.	NY Metro	30	+27
8.	Hawaii	29	+7

Relevance = percent of West Coast to North America passengers able to be served on a nonstop basis

### ...with significant long-term growth potential



# We've completed more than 90% of our integration milestones over the past two years...



### Our labor integration has progressed at a rapid clip...

## We've signed Joint CBAs or TAs with our entire unionized workforce in under two years

Agreement Time to Status Completion **Airports** 2 months **Pilots** 10 months **Flight Attendants** 16 months **Dispatchers** 19 months Maintenance (TA) 23 months ...and achieved Integrated Seniority Lists for Pilots & FAs more rapidly than comparable airline mergers



ISLs for

Pilots & FAs

Time to Completion



Other Airline Mergers

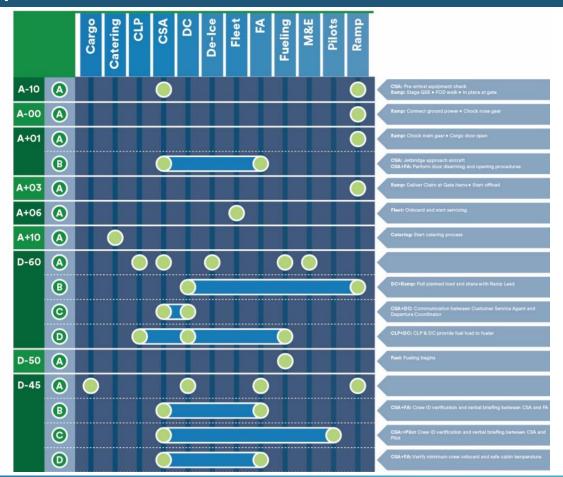
**3-6** years

# ...and today, we are becoming One Team



# Our robust processes enable us to deliver industry-leading operational reliability...

Consistent deployment of our best-in-class operating process and timelines...





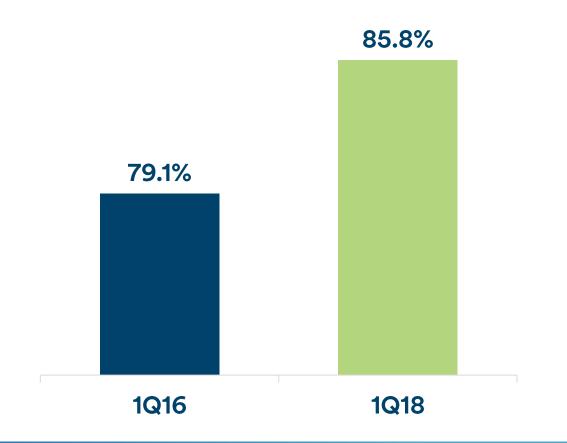
# ...and Virgin operations have improved significantly as we've implemented our processes

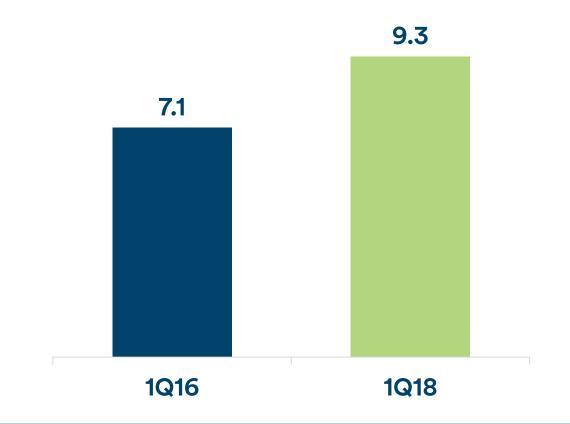
Virgin's Controllable Departures Within Zero Minutes has jumped substantially in the past two years

Virgin America Controllable Departures on Zero

We have also solidly improved Aircraft Utilization

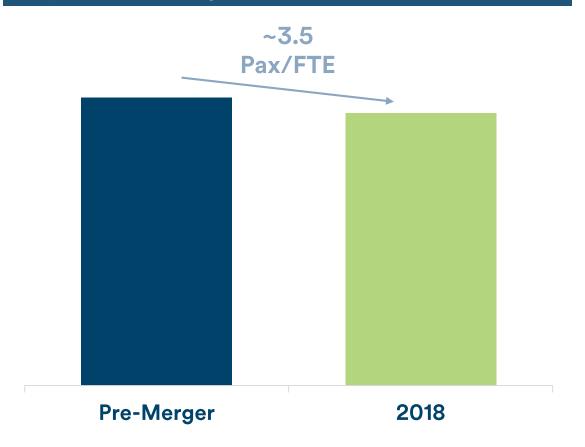
Virgin America Block Hours per Aircraft per Day



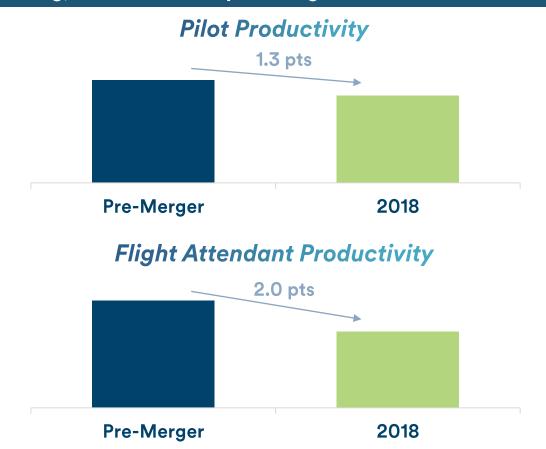


# We have room to improve productivity across our system going forward

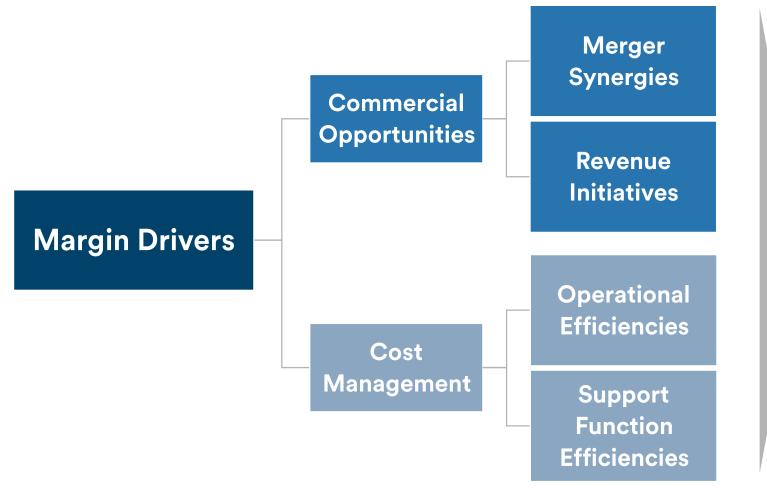
We carry ~3.5 fewer passengers per FTE today than we did prior to the merger...



...and though division-level productivity remains strong, it is also below pre-merger levels



# We will realize the full value of the merger by optimizing our operation and executing key initiatives



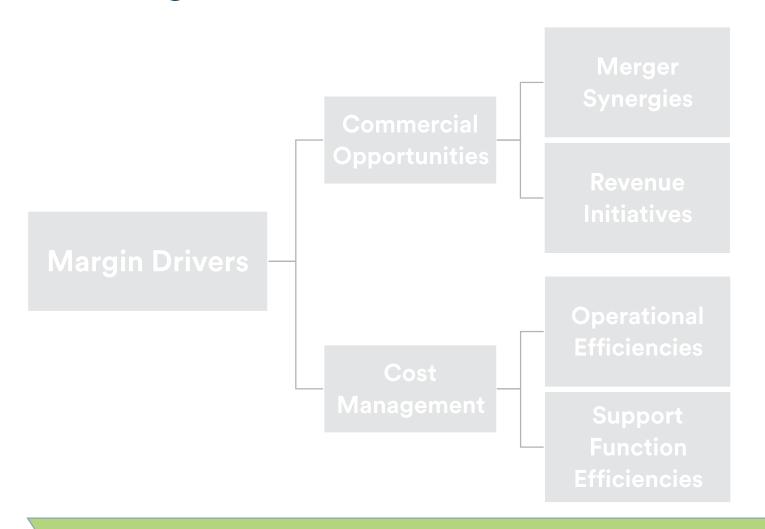
13%-15%

Pre-Tax Margin Target

**Investments In Our Culture & Values** 



#### Investing in our culture is foundational to our success



13%-15%
Pre-Tax Margin
Target

**Investments In Our Culture & Values** 

### Our vision and values guide our thinking, and our actions

#### **Our Vision: The West Coast Favorite**

#### **Our Values**







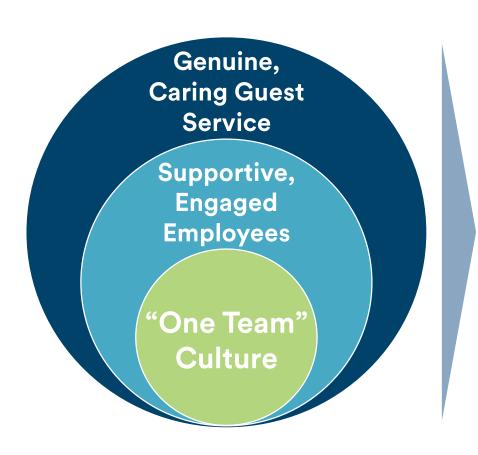




**Deliver performance** 

Be remarkable

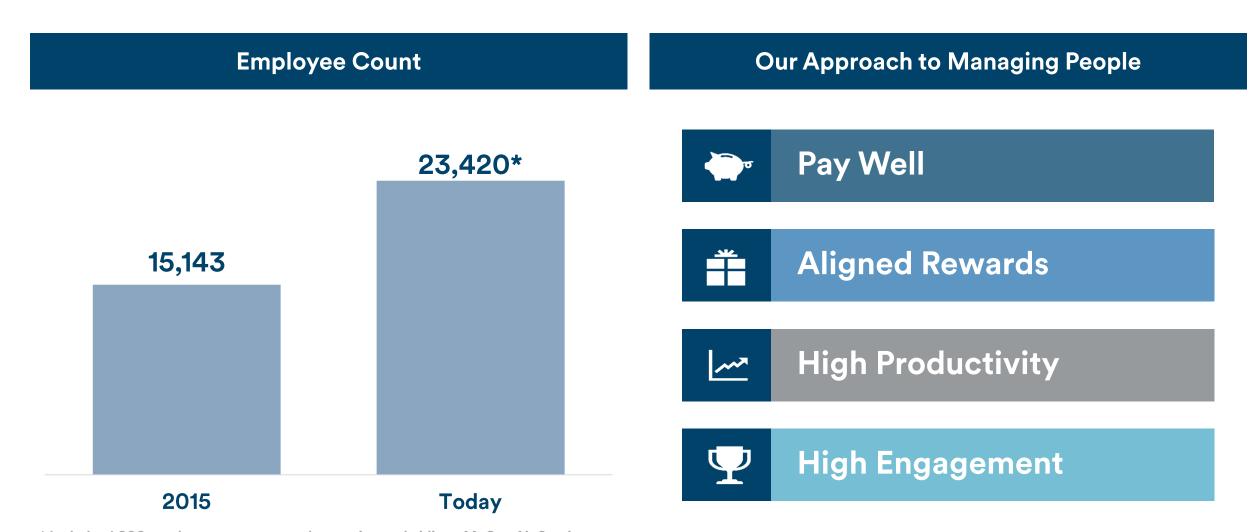
# Our culture enables our award-winning service, which builds guest loyalty and ultimately drives financial results





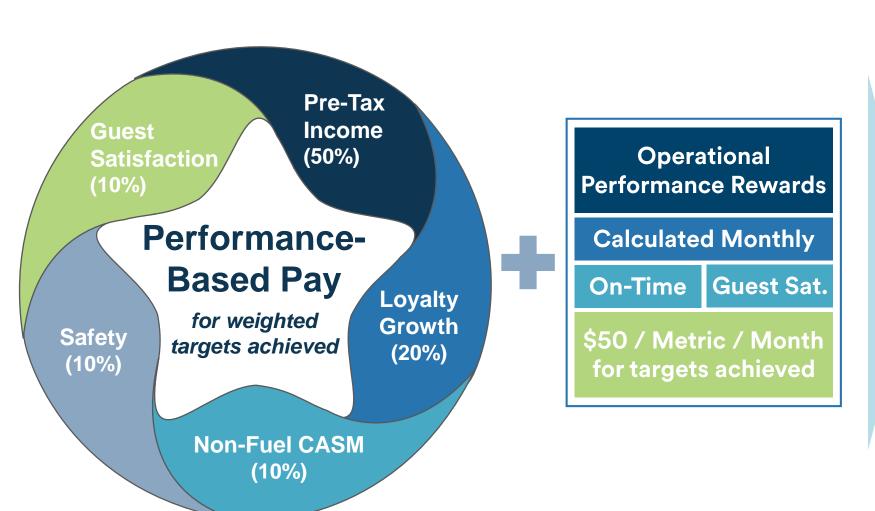


# As we grow, our proven people management philosophy remains the same



<sup>\*</sup> Includes 1,800 employees at our ground operations subsidiary, McGee Air Services

# Our Shared Rewards align employees to our strategic and financial objectives



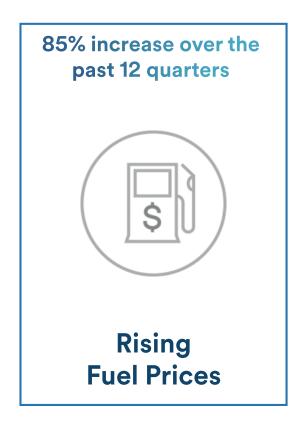
Employees at all levels receive incentive pay based on this methodology



As we invest in our culture, we are becoming One Team



### We've faced multiple headwinds since the merger closed









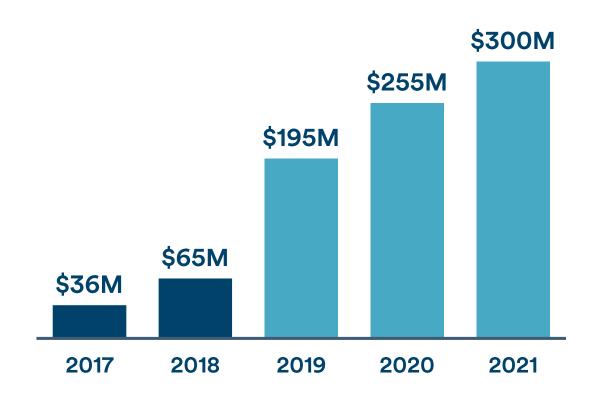
~10 margin points ~2 margin points

~2 margin points ~3 margin points

# Synergy capture is on track, but we need to do more to reach our pre-tax margin target

Merger synergy expectations have not changed since our last Investor Day

Annual synergies (revenue & cost) expected from Virgin America integration



In light of recent headwinds, we need to do more than capture synergies to reach an adequate margin

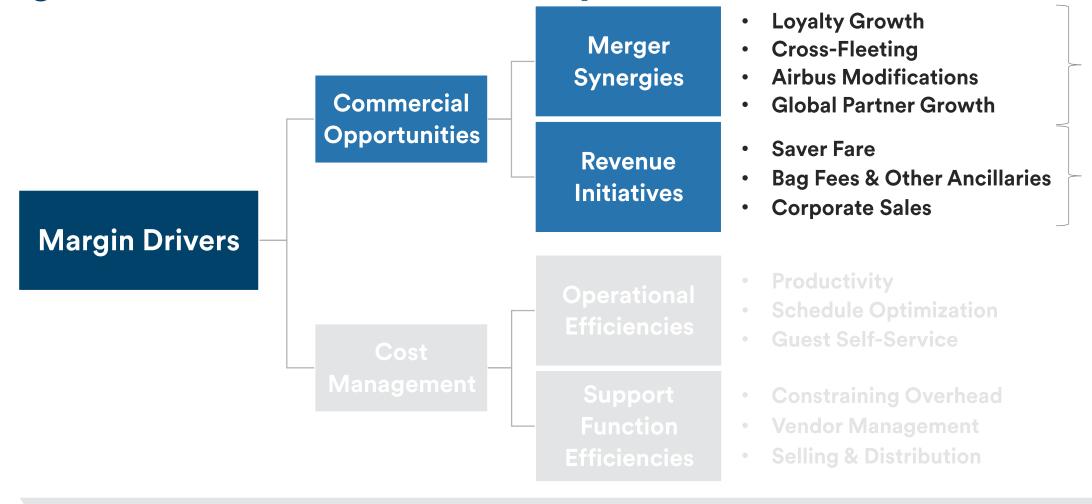


# The initiatives on our Roadmap put us on the path to achieving our target



**Investments In Our Culture & Values** 

# Commercial opportunities are well underway, and are a significant contributor to our plan



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\$235M

Revenue

\$240M+

Revenue

### ~80% of merger synergy value has yet to be realized





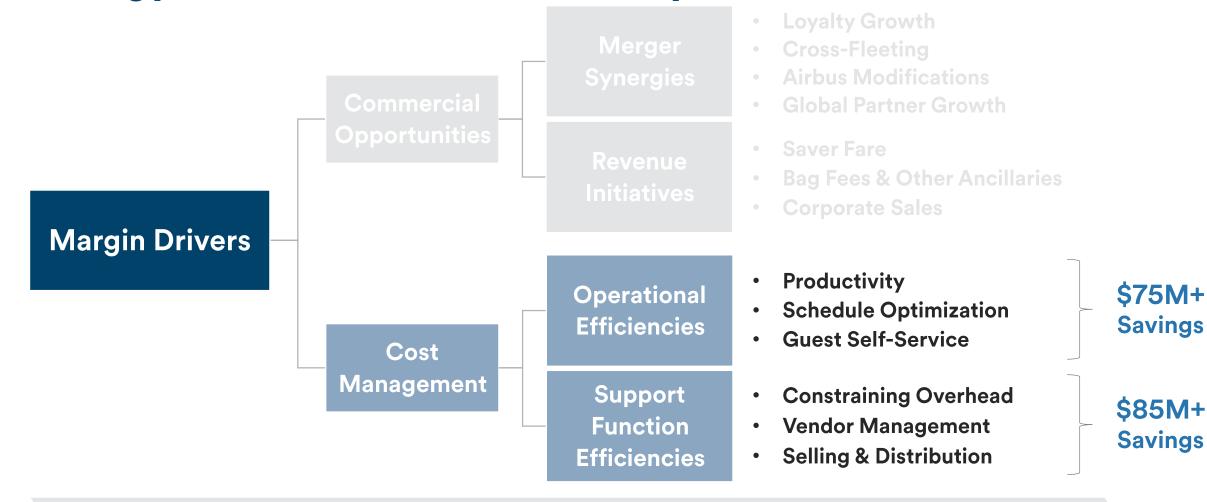




# Revenue initiatives will produce more upsell and ancillary revenue without changing our generous brand position

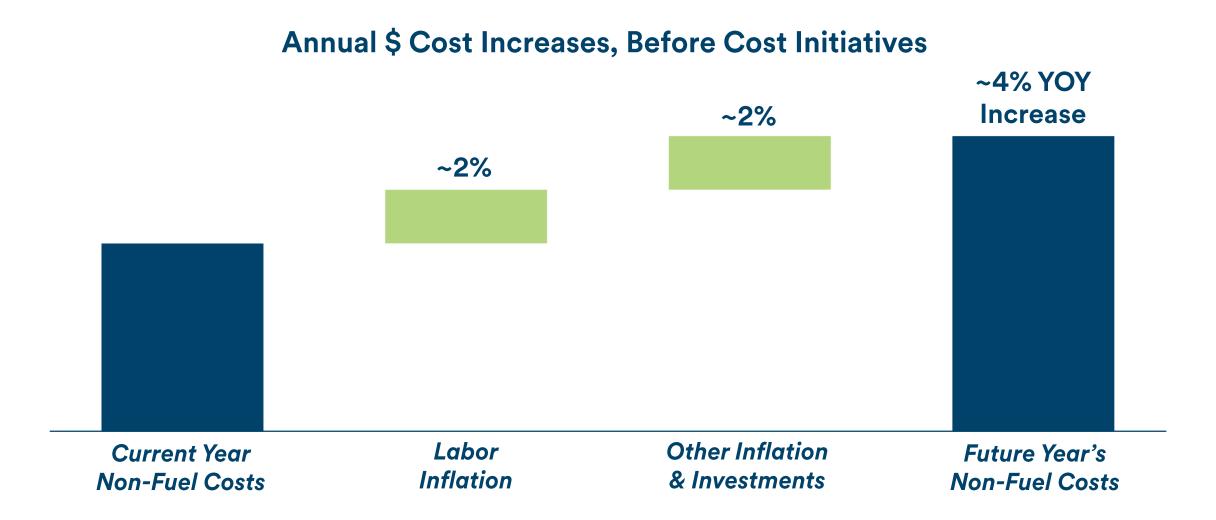
	2016	Going Forward	vs. Industry	
Cabin Segments	2	4	Parity	
First Class Fare (Avg.)	\$416	~\$400	Lower	
Main Cabin Fare (Avg.)	\$144	~\$150	Lower	
First / Second Bag Fee	\$25 / \$25	\$30 / \$40	Parity	
Change Fee Revenue Per Passenger	\$2.59	~\$2.90	Lower	
Mileage Accrual	Mileage-Based	Mileage-Based	More Generous	

# Disciplined cost management remains central to our strategy, as it has been historically



Investments In Our Culture & Values

### Without cost initiatives, we need to grow ASMs 4%-5% to achieve flat CASMx



# Our robust planning process has identified savings opportunities to offset cost pressures

Targets & Stretch
Goals For All
Divisions

Zero-Based Budgets Execution Plans
Accompany
Budgets

Regular Execution Review Forums

Aggressive Targets
help surface
trade-offs and push
our thinking

Focus on
"Should Costs,"
not prior year
spend

Divisions provide clear path to Targets and detailed Execution Plans

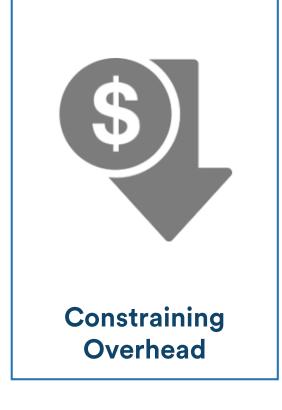
Frequent Execution Reviews

Enhanced
Forecasting &
Reporting

We are doubling down on all of our cost management disciplines

### We see multiple opportunities to mitigate non-fuel cost increases going forward

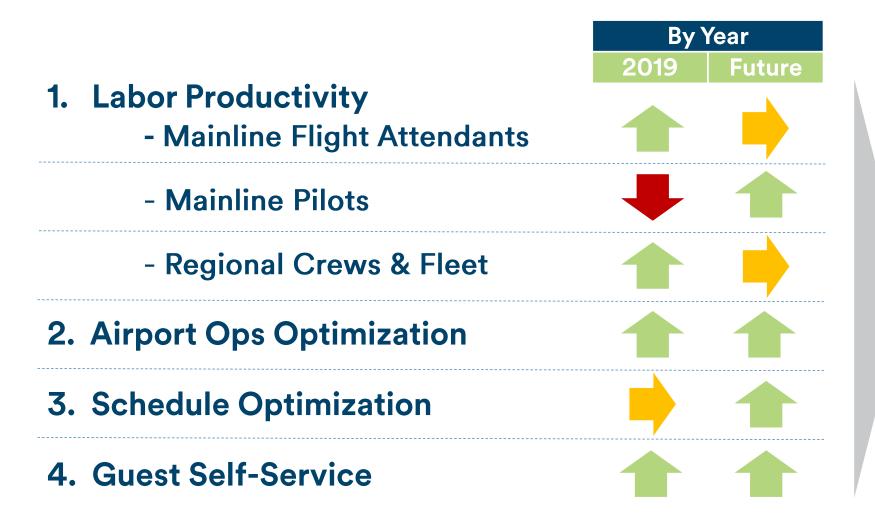






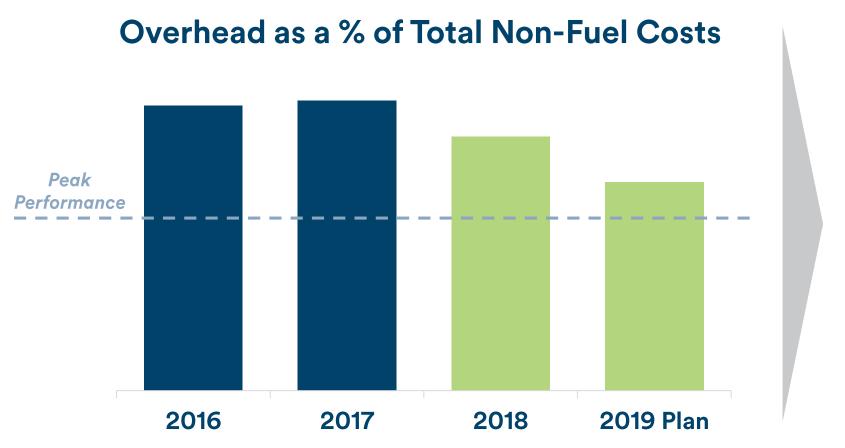


### We will close productivity gaps in our operation



\$75M+
Opportunity

### We will continue to constrain overhead cost growth



- Zero-based Budgeting
- Prudent deployment of technology / automation
- Insource vs. Outsource

\$55M+ Opportunity

### Vendor Management presents a sizeable opportunity

**Benchmarking Vendor Rates** 

Renegotiating
Opportunity
Contracts

Consolidating Spend

 We benchmarked our contracts to identify rate reduction opportunities

 We will leverage our larger size to renegotiate existing contract rates lower

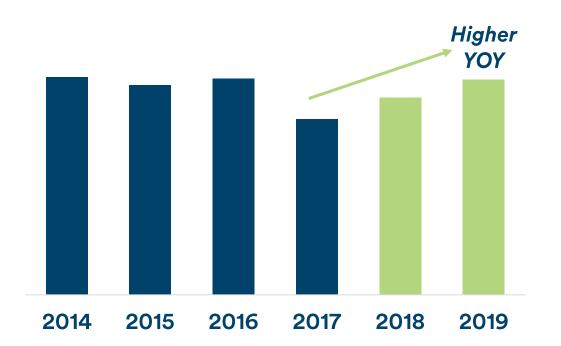
 We will negotiate larger deals with fewer vendors

\$20M+ Opportunity

### Selling and distribution will continue to be a tailwind

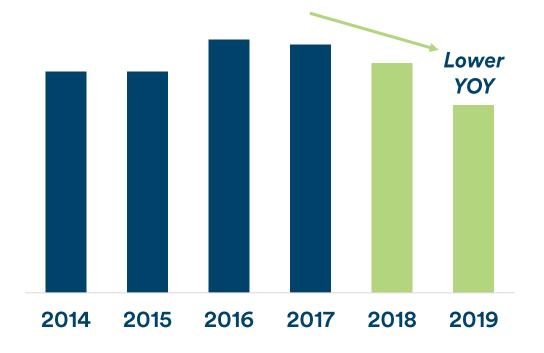
Affinity Card sales mix is rebounding to pre-merger levels as we rapidly grow our loyalty program...

% of sales on Alaska Affinity Card



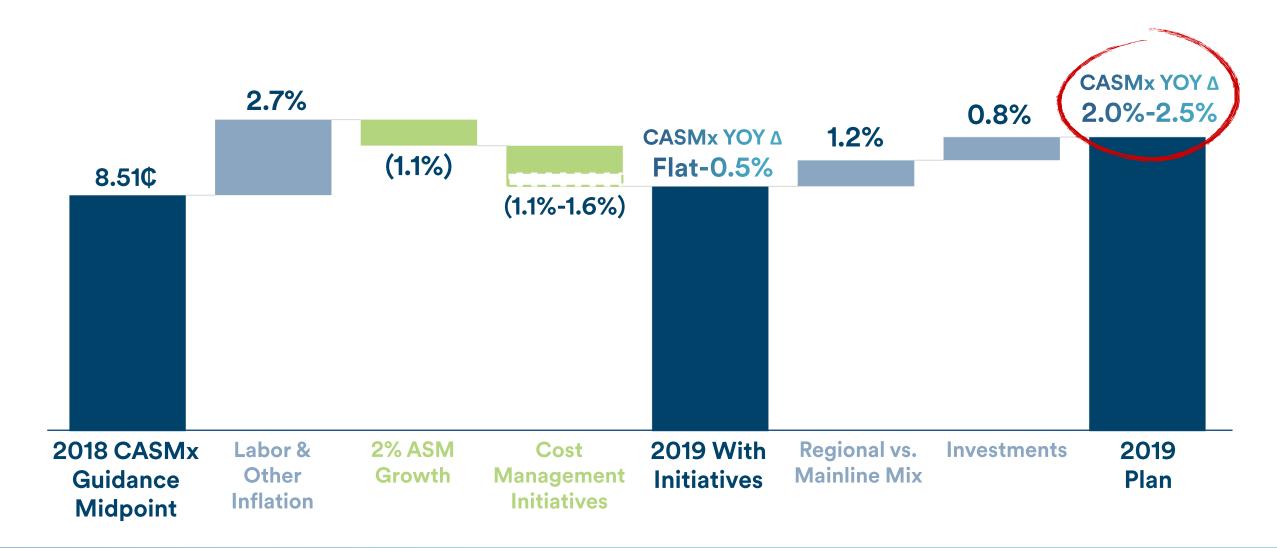
...which, in turn, is having a favorable impact on our credit card commission expenses

Blended Credit Card Commission Rate

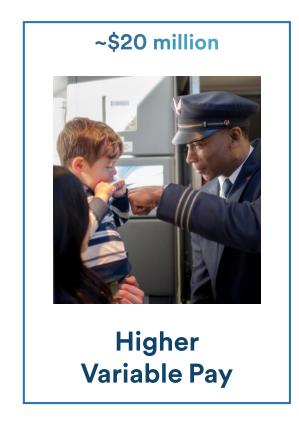


\$10M-\$25M Opportunity

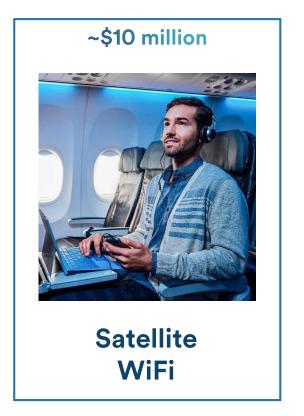
#### 2019 Cost Outlook



## In 2019, identified savings will be partially offset by continued investments in our culture and product



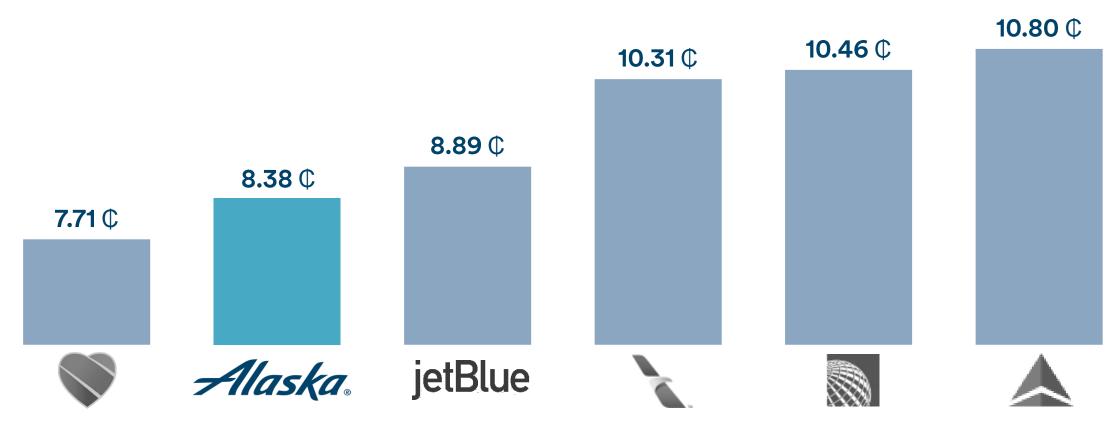




\$45M Investment in 2019

# We are committed to protecting our unit cost advantage as we slow capacity growth

#### Stage-Length Adjusted Non-Fuel CASM<sup>1</sup>





# We are positioned to unlock significant revenue growth in the years ahead

**Network Relevance** Revenue Airport Infrastructure Growth Value Proposition

### **Network Relevance**

### #MostWestCoast



## After two years of significant investment, we have built a leading network position on the West Coast...

	Pre-Merger	Today	Rank	
Nonstop Markets	233	285	#1	
Daily Flights	756	931*	#1	
Seat Share	20%	24%	#1	#MostWestCo
Utility	33%	48%	#1	

<sup>\*</sup> from WC origins only; we have ~1,300 daily flights network-wide

Source: DOT/Published Schedules West Coast to North America for 2018 vs. 2016

### ...and a strong foundation in California

California Pre-Merger vs. Today

Nonstop Markets +53%

Daily Flights +93%

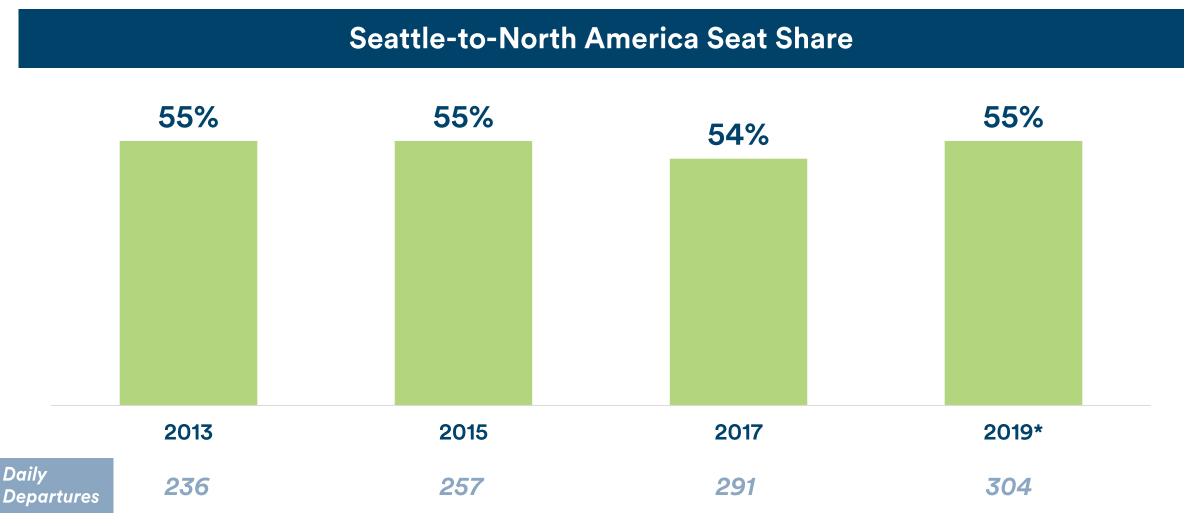
Seat Share +71%

Utility +111%



Source: DOT/Published Schedules California to North America for 2018 vs. 2016

### We have not taken our eye off of our primary Seattle hub...



# ...where utility and loyalty will strengthen with service from Paine Field beginning in 1Q 2019

2019 Destinations	Frequencies / Day	<b>Everett</b> Paine Field
1. Portland	<b>4</b> x	Seattle Sea-Vac
2. Los Angeles	<b>4</b> x	Portland
3. San Francisco	<b>2</b> x	
4. San Jose	<b>2</b> x	
5. Las Vegas	<b>2</b> x	
6. San Diego	2x	San Francisco San Jose
7. Phoenix	1x	Las Vegas
8. Orange County	1x	Los Angeles Orange County
TOTAL	18x	San Diego Phoenix









# Alaska Global Partners represent a diverse portfolio of international flagship carriers...



























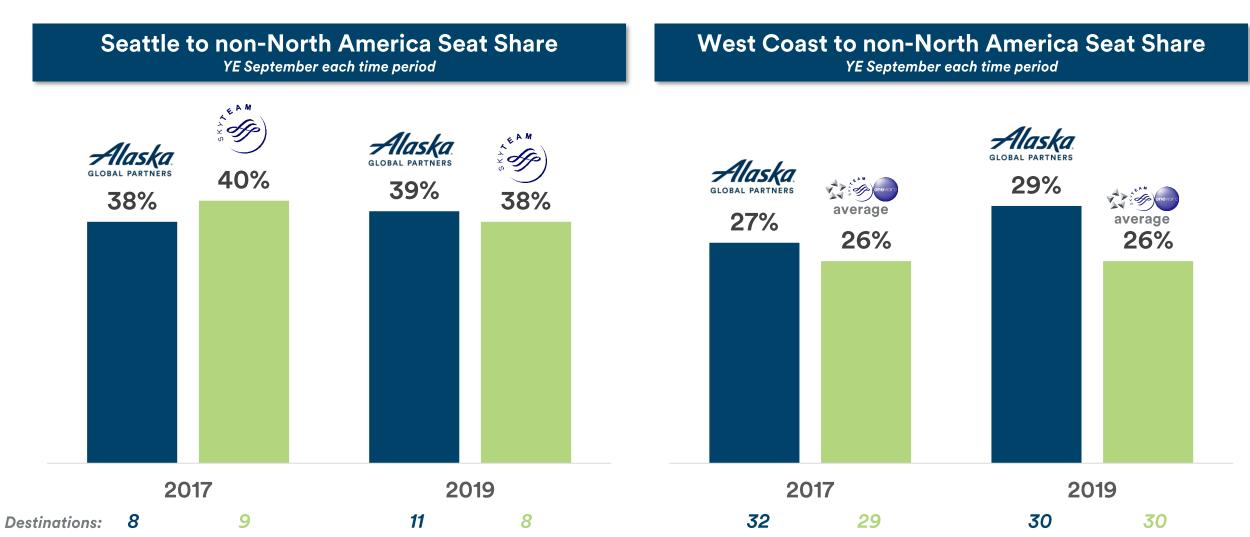






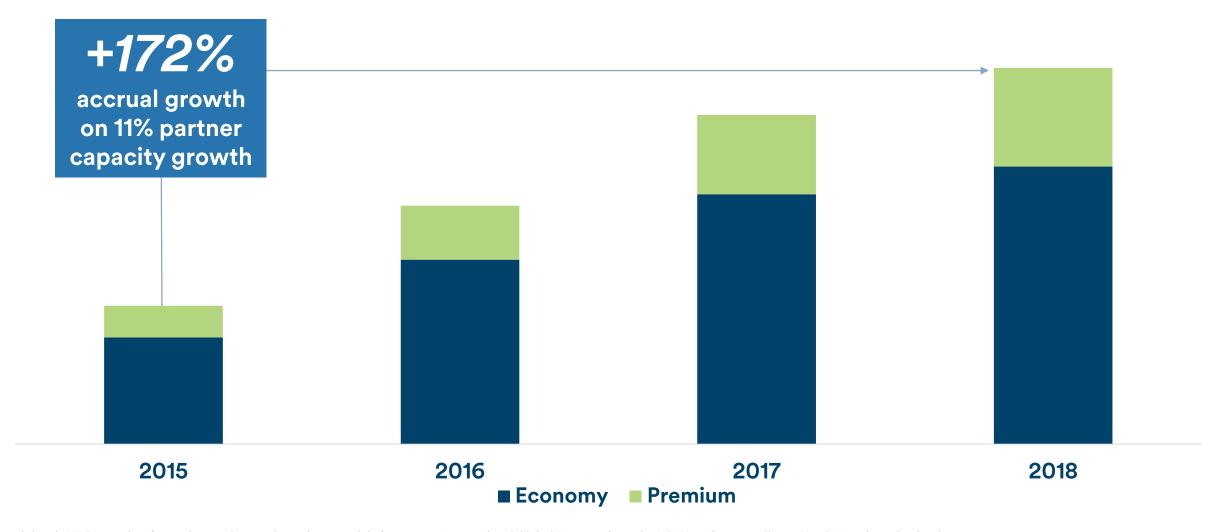


# ...enabling us to provide robust global utility and connectivity for our guests



<sup>\*</sup>Source: OAG filed schedules. Destination counts only include destinations with more than 10 operations per time period.

# Mileage Plan member accruals on Global Partners have nearly tripled over the past three years



<sup>\*</sup>Accrual data is YE September for each stated year. Capacity growth is for current International Global Partners from the US West Coast to all non-North American destinations.

# ANC -SEA **PDX** SFO SJC LAX HOLLYWOOD SAN

Airport Infrastructure

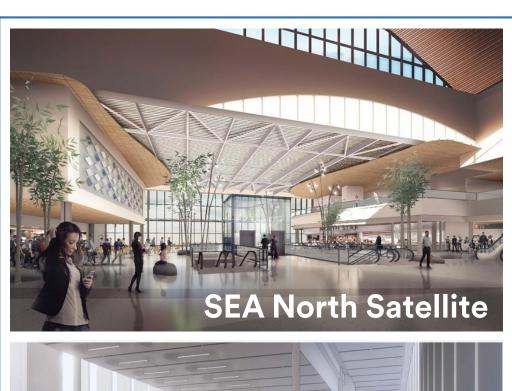
#### **PNW Airports**

#### **SEA**

- Grow with 33 preferential gates
- 20 gates consolidated at the new North Satellite concourse by summer 2021
- New 15,000 sq ft flagship lounge in 2Q19

#### **PDX**

- New gates coming in North Terminal
- Room to expand across South Terminal
- \$100M redevelopment of Concourse A&B will provide consolidated & efficient infrastructure





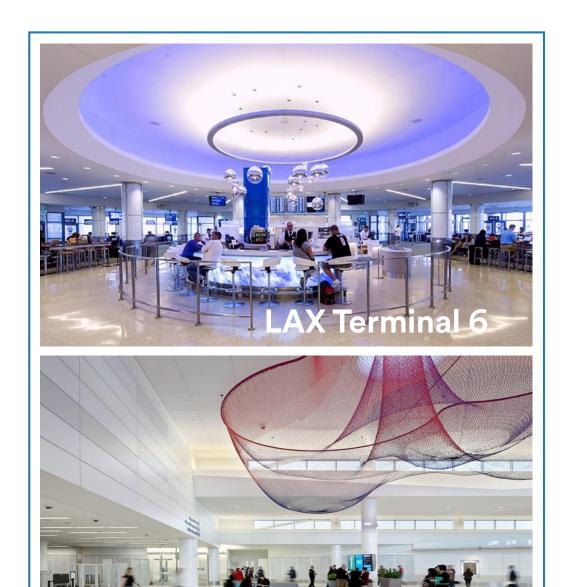
### **California Airports**

#### LAX

- Competitive position with 10 gates in T6
- Working with LAWA on a \$200M program to grow capacity, expand our lounge and improve security throughput for guests.

#### **SFO**

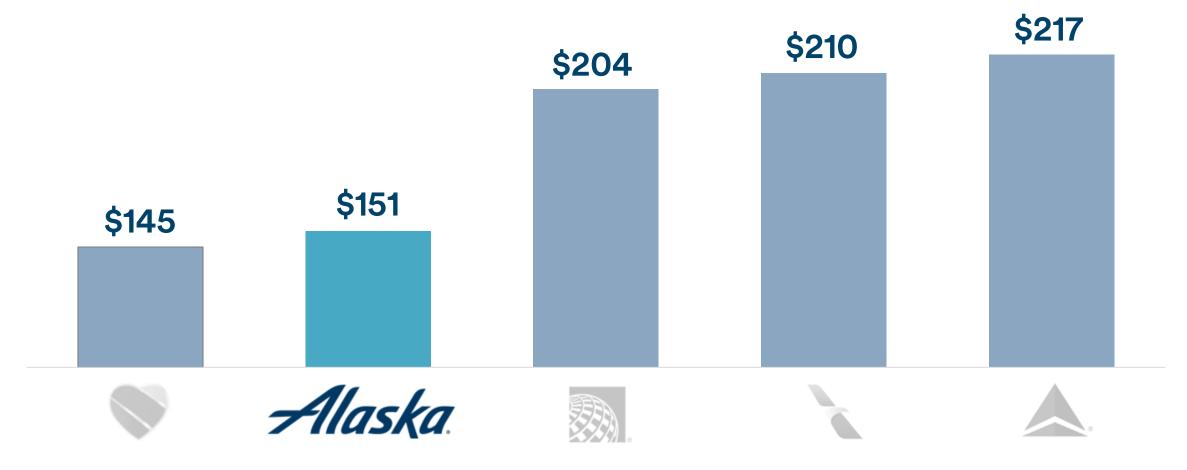
- 10 preferential gates in Terminal 2, with additional T2 gates expected in 2020
- In discussions to construct a new lounge on mezzanine level





We own a unique position in the industry by offering both Low Fares and High Value ULCC Legacy **Fares Alaska's Value Proposition:** spirit Low Fares + High Value: allegiant ✓ Award-Winning Service **Generous Rewards** ✓ Premium Product

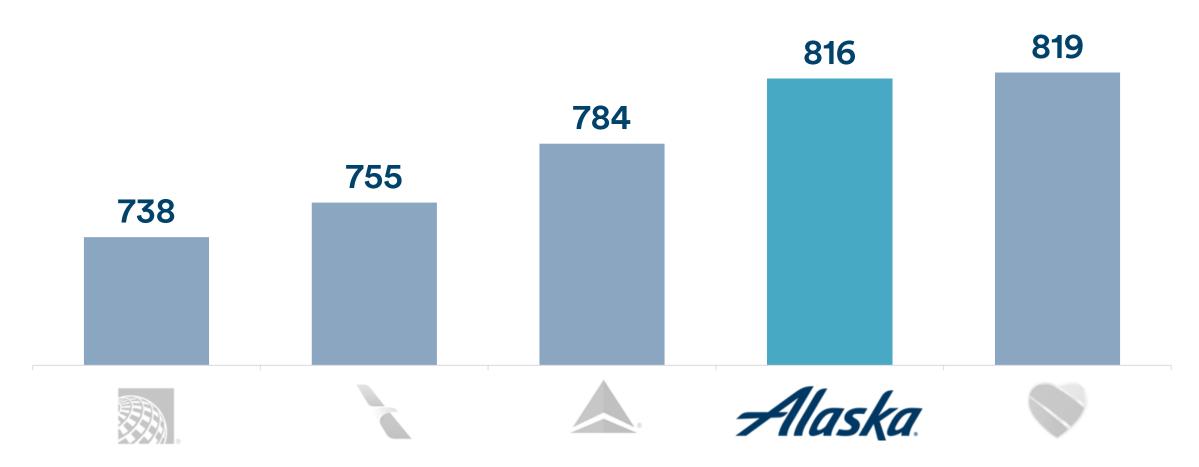
#### We offer low fares...



Source: US Department of Transportation YE1Q18 Stage length adjusted average O&D Fare

### ...and high value, leading to high customer satisfaction

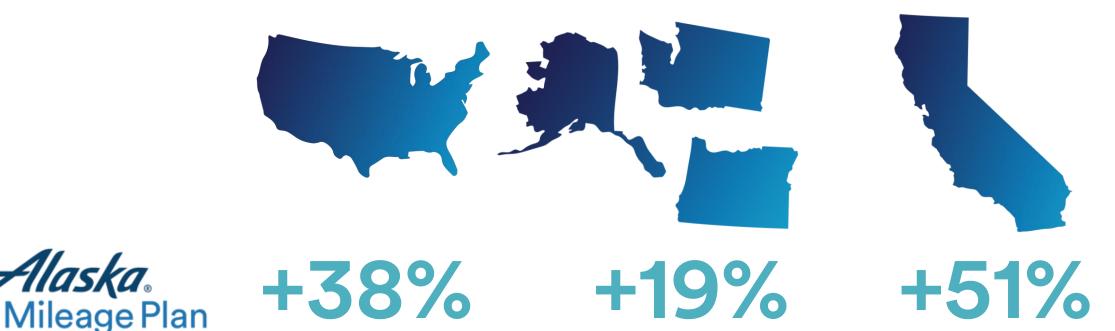
#### JD Power Customer Satisfaction Ratings<sup>1</sup>



# Our award-winning loyalty program is the most generous in the industry

Mileage Plan <sup>™</sup>		Credit Card	<i>Alaska</i> . airlines	American Airlines
Miles for Miles	LAX-JFK = 2,475 miles (~1,300 miles with competitors)	Annual Fee	\$75	\$99
Low redemption prices	Starting at 5K	Companion Certificate	\$99	×
Fastest path to elite	20K = MVP	Miles on Airline Spend	3X	2X
Global Partner access	Earn and Redeem to over 900 destinations	Free Checked Bags	Up to 7	Up to 6
Complimentary Upgrades	42% First Class Upgrade Rate*			
*excludes Airbus fleet until retrofits are completed				

### Since the merger, we've achieved strong loyalty growth with revenues increasing ~\$280M to ~\$1B annually





Alaska.

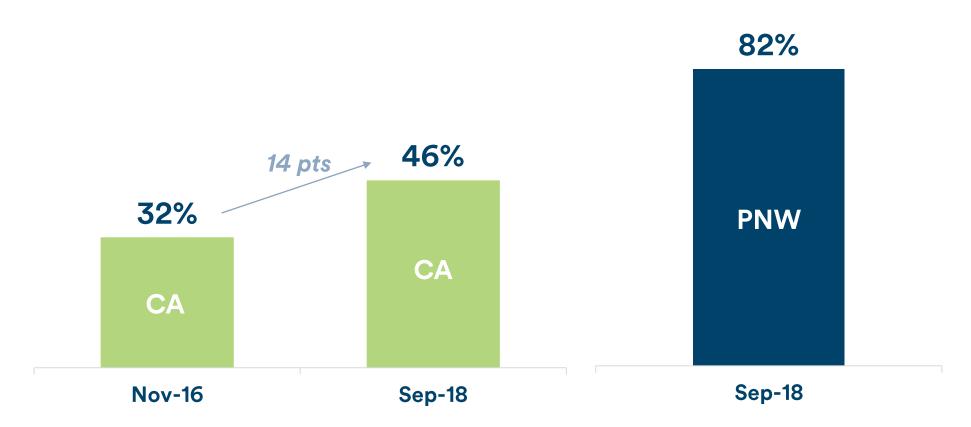
+17%

+10%

+34%

# We've made great progress on brand awareness, especially in California where guests are still getting to know us

#### **Alaska Airlines Brand Awareness**

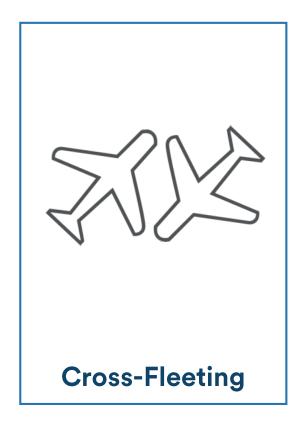


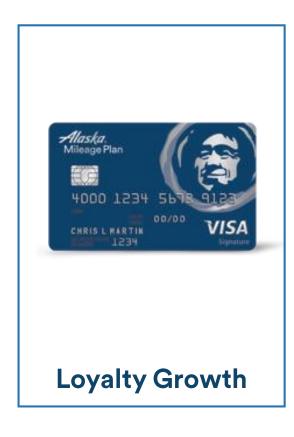
Source: Qualtrics / TNS Brand Tracker (2018). Hall & Partners Brand Tracker (2016, 2017). PNW defined as Seattle + Portland.





## Over the next few years, we are poised to capture \$235M in additional revenue synergies









~80% of merger synergy value has yet to be realized

### Cross-Fleeting synergies will benefit 2019, while Airbus Retrofit benefits reach run-rate in 2020

#### **Cross-Fleeting**

#### **Airbus Retrofits**

Example: JFK-LAX from A320 to 737-900ER

Example: LAX-SEA A320 146 seats to 150

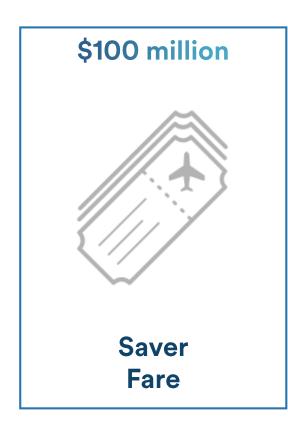
Incremental Seats	32
Incremental Revenue	~\$3,600
Airbus Redeployment Offset	~(\$1,100)
Net revenue per flight	~\$2,500

Incremental Seats	4
Incremental Revenue from new seats	~\$300
Incremental Revenue from improved FC/PC mix	~\$250
Net revenue per flight	~\$550

~6.5 margin points per flight

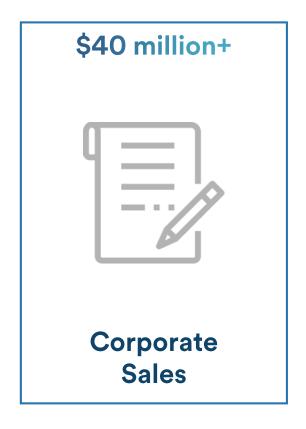
~4 margin points per flight

### We also expect an additional \$240M+ from initiatives

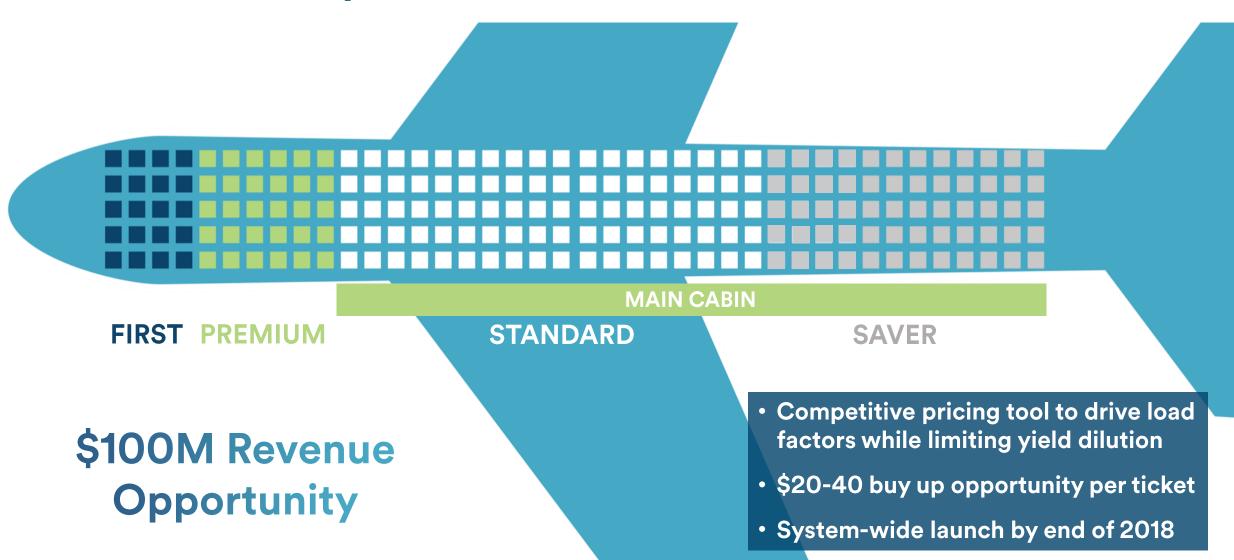








## We're adding new cabin segmentation with the launch of our Saver Fare product



### We will reduce our gap to industry on ancillary revenues

Going forward, we will accelerate our ancillary revenue growth ...

- Demand-Based
   Premium Class Fares
- Upgraded Food & Beverage Platform
- Exit Row Sales
- Higher Bag Fees
- Tighter Change Fee Policy

Higher Ancillary Revenues



\$100M Revenue Opportunity

## We will grow corporate traffic given our larger network and higher relevance in California business travel markets

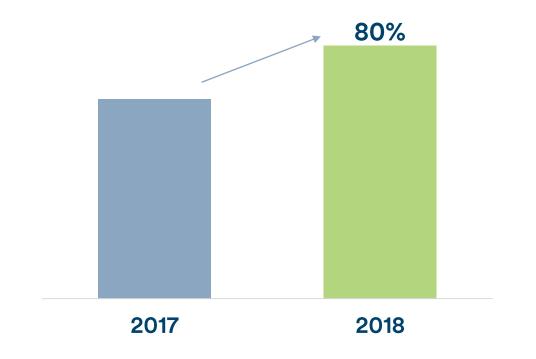
In 2018, we added ~1,500 new corporate customers...

ALK Corporate Customers



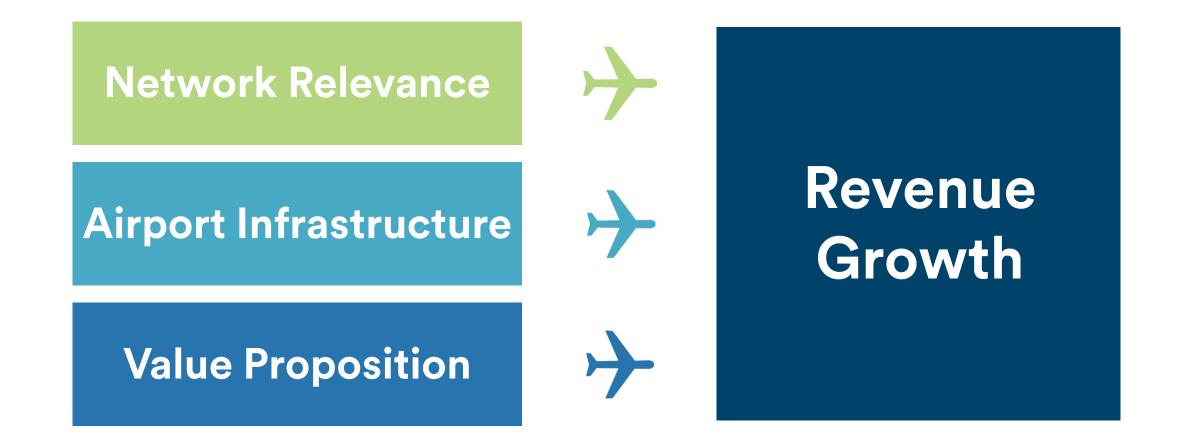
...and we initiated contracts with more Travel Management Companies

% of TMC revenue under contract



\$40M+ Revenue Opportunity as corporate demand continues to build

### We have substantial revenue momentum heading into 2019

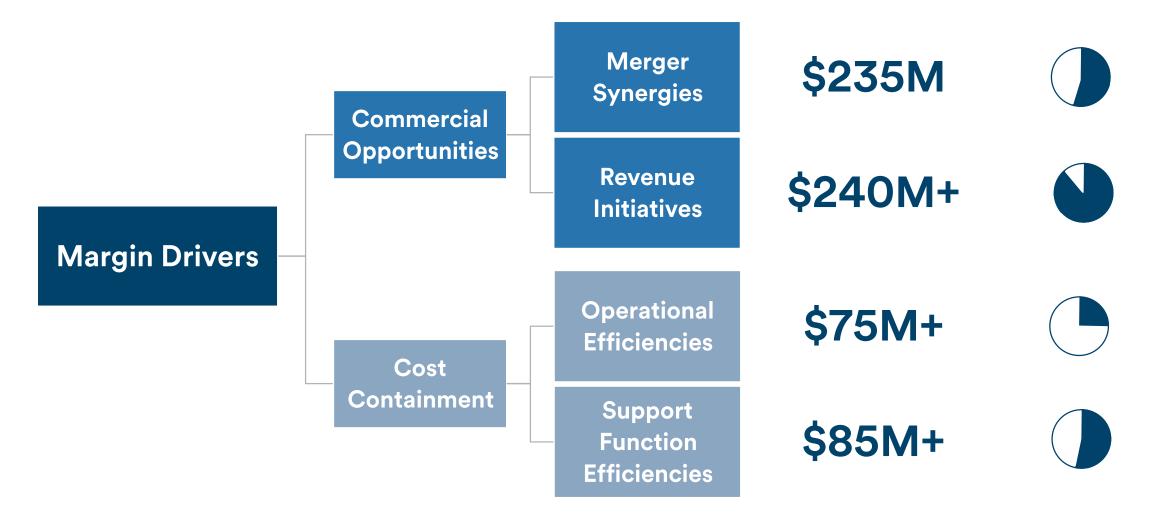


...and we are raising our 4Q 2018 RASM Guidance to +3%-5%



### **Roadmap For Improving Margins**

Multi-Year Opportunity Targeted for 2019



### We expect favorable results on key metrics in 2019-2020

2%-4%
Annual Capacity
Growth

Improving
RASM-CASMx Spread

Stable
ASMs / Gallon of
Fuel Consumed

~\$750M
Annual Capex

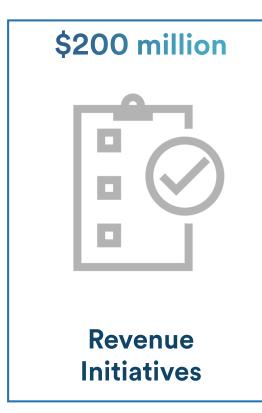
Annual Capex Investment

\$500M+

Annual Free Cash Flow

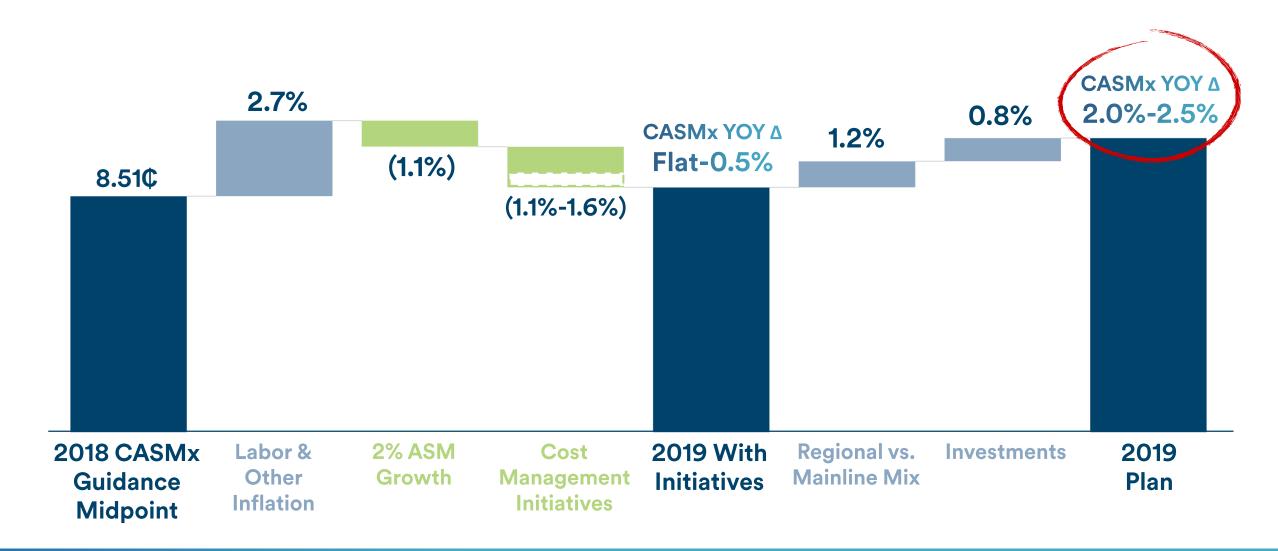
#### We have a favorable setup for 2019 Revenue Growth...



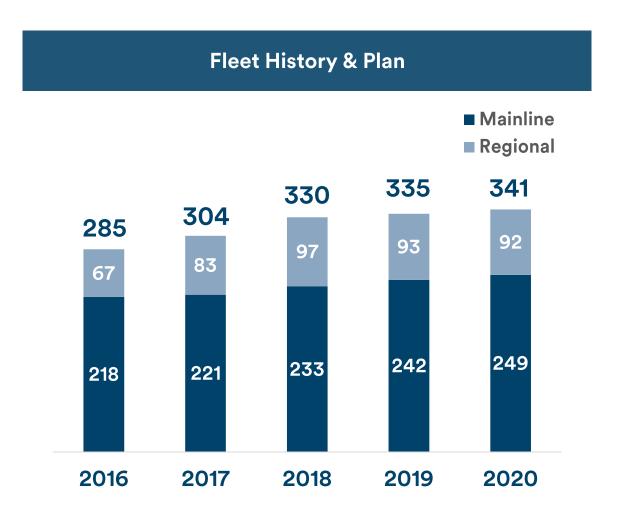


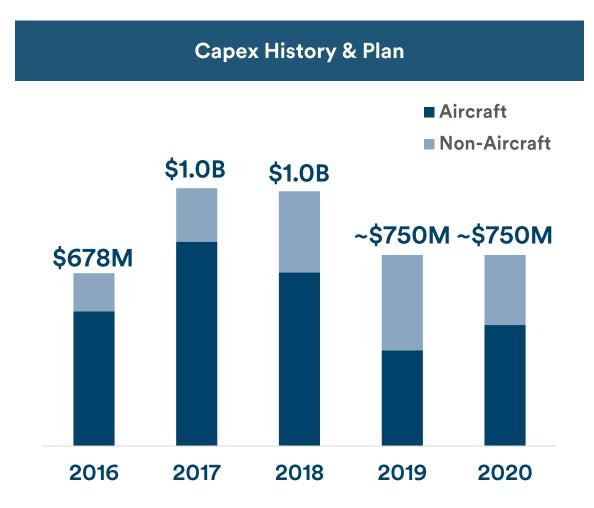


### ...and we will tightly manage costs next year on ~2% capacity growth



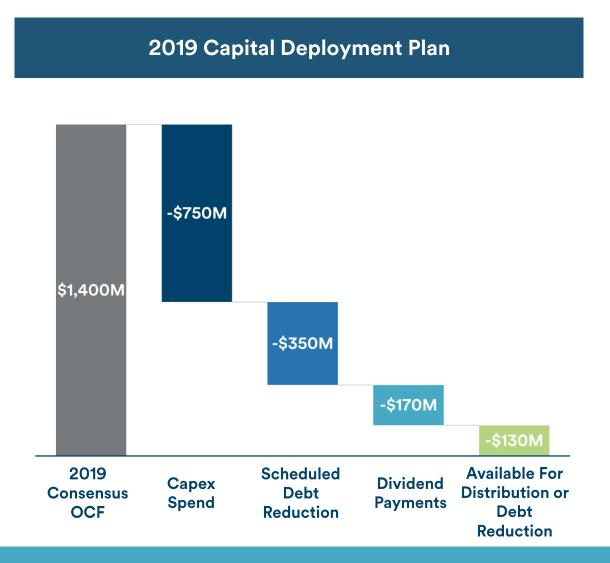
## Our fleet growth is slowing in line with our lower capex, which will decline to \$750M in 2019 and 2020





## Our capital allocation will remain balanced, with continued focus on debt repayment in 2019

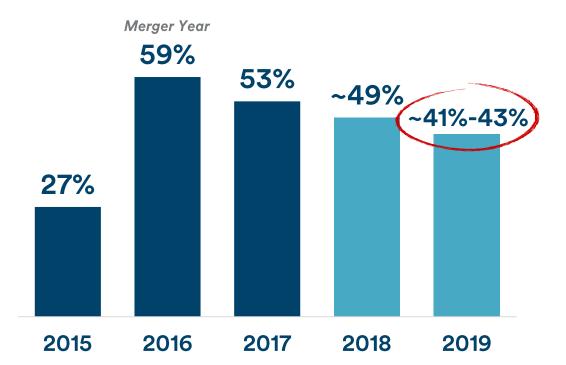




### We continue to make substantial progress repaying our merger-related debt...

#### Long-Term Debt-to-Total Capitalization %

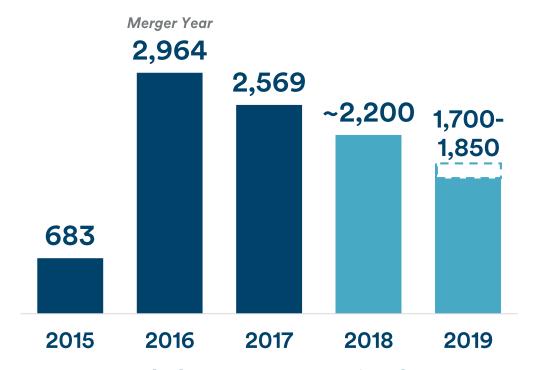
Adjusted for net present value of future operating lease commitments



We expect to achieve our leverage target roughly one year ahead of schedule...

#### **Total On-Balance Sheet Debt**

\$ millions



...and plan to repay >55% of our merger-related debt by YE 2019

## Longer-term, once we achieve our margin target, our focus will return to steady, profitable growth

4%-6%
Annual Capacity
Growth

**13%-15%**Pre-Tax Margin

Investment
Grade
Balance Sheet

Growing
Free Cash Flow &
Shareholder Returns

#### **Our Business Model**

Profitable growth creates value for all of our stakeholders.

