UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

November 27, 2018 (Date of earliest event reported)

ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-8957	91-1292054
(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.

19300 International Boulevard, Seattle, Washington

98188

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(206) 392-5040

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

	ck 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 visions (see General Instruction A.2. below):
	Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
	Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
	cate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR 230.405) or Rule -2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.12b-2).
□ E	Emerging growth company
	emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or sed financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

ITEM 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On November 27, 2018, Alaska Air Group, Inc. (Air Group) provided an investor update related to its operational and financial outlook. The investor update is furnished herein as Exhibit 99.1.

Also on November 27, 2018, Air Group provided its November 27, 2018 Investor Day Presentation as attached in Exhibit 99.2.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information under this item Exhibit 99.1 and Exhibit 99.2 shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing. This report will not be deemed an admission as to the materiality of any information required to be disclosed solely to satisfy the requirements of Regulation FD.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Other Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Investor Update dated November 27, 2018
Exhibit 99.2 November 27, 2018 Investor Day 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 thereunto duly authorized.

ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.

Registrant

Date: November 27, 2018

/s/ CHRISTOPHER M. BERRY

Christopher M. Berry

Vice President Finance and Controller

Alaska Air Group

Investor Update - November 27, 2018

References in this update to "Air Group," "Company," "we," "us," and "our" refer to Alaska Air Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries, unless otherwise specified.

This Investor Update is being provided to communicate certain updated 2018 and 2019 forecasted operational and financial information communicated in our November 27, 2018 Investor Day presentation. For a full replay of the webcast, please visit investor.alaskaair.com.

This update includes forecasted operational and financial information for our consolidated operations. Our disclosure of operating cost per available seat mile, excluding fuel and other items, provides us (and may provide investors) with the ability to measure and monitor our performance without these items. The most directly comparable GAAP measure is total operating expenses per available seat mile. However, due to the large fluctuations in fuel prices, we are unable to predict total operating expenses for any future period with any degree of certainty. In addition, we believe the disclosure of fuel expense on an economic basis is useful to investors in evaluating our ongoing operational performance. Please see the cautionary statement under "Forward-Looking Information."

We are providing information about estimated fuel prices and our hedging program. Management believes it is useful to compare results between periods on an "economic basis." *Economic fuel expense* is defined as the raw or "into-plane" fuel cost less any cash we receive from hedge counterparties for hedges that settle during the period, offset by the recognition of premiums originally paid for those hedges that settle during the period. Economic fuel expense more closely approximates the net cash outflow associated with purchasing fuel for our operation.

Forward-Looking Information

This update contains forward-looking statements subject to the safe harbor protection provided by Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements relate to future events and involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that may cause actual outcomes to be materially different from those indicated by any forward-looking statements. For a comprehensive discussion of potential risk factors, see Item 1A of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, as well as in other documents filed by the Company with the SEC after the date thereof. Some of these risks include general economic conditions, increases in operating costs including fuel, competition, labor costs and relations, our indebtedness, inability to meet cost reduction goals, seasonal fluctuations in our financial results, an aircraft accident, changes in laws and regulations, and risks inherent in the achievement of anticipated synergies and the timing thereof in connection with the acquisition of Virgin America. All of the forward-looking statements are qualified in their entirety by reference to the risk factors discussed therein. We operate in a continually changing business environment, and new risk factors emerge from time to time. Management cannot predict such new risk factors, nor can it assess the impact, if any, of such new risk factors on our business or events described in any forward-looking statements. We expressly disclaim any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements after the date of this report to conform them to actual results. Over time, our actual results, performance or achievements will likely differ from the anticipated results, performance or achievements that are expressed or implied by our forward-looking statements, and such differences might be significant and materially adverse.

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Forecast Information

	Forecast Full Year 2018	Full Year 2017 As Adjusted ^(a)	% Change	Prior Guidance November 16, 2018
Capacity (ASMs in millions)	65,310 - 65,360	62,072	~ 5.3%	65,310 - 65,360
Cost per ASM excluding fuel and special items (cents)(a)	8.50¢ - 8.52¢	8.25¢	~ 3.2%	$8.50\phi - 8.52\phi$
Fuel gallons (000,000)	839	797	~ 5.3%	839

	Forecast Q4 2018	Q4 2017 As Adjusted ^(a)	% Change	Prior Guidance November 16, 2018
Capacity (ASMs in millions)	16,055 - 16,105	15,901	~ 1.1%	16,055 - 16,105
Revenue per ASM (cents)(a)(c)	12.60¢ - 12.80¢	12.21¢	$\sim 3.0\%$ - 5.0%	$12.40\phi - 12.60\phi$
Cost per ASM excluding fuel and special items (cents)(a)	8.97¢ - 9.01¢	8.68¢	~ 3.6%	$8.97\phi - 9.01\phi$
Fuel gallons (000,000)	208	205	~ 1.4%	208
Economic fuel cost per gallon(b)	\$2.33	\$2.00	~ 16.5%	\$2.36

- (a) RASM and CASMex in the preceding forecast information reflect the impacts of the updated accounting standards, effective for the Company January 1, 2018. Information not impacted by the updated accounting standards (Fuel Gallons and Economic fuel cost per gallon) has not been restated. Additionally, certain reclassifications have been made to prior year financial statements to conform to classifications used in the current year.
- (b) Our economic fuel cost per gallon estimate for the fourth quarter includes the following per-gallon assumptions: crude oil cost \$1.43 (\$60 per barrel); refining margin 69 cents; benefit of settled hedges 1 cent; with the remaining difference due to taxes and other into-plane costs.
- (c) We raised our guidance range primarily due to an improving yield environment during the quarter and the impact of certain revenue initiatives the Company has implemented.

2019 CASMex Guidance

Excluding the impact of any new labor contracts, we expect our CASMex for 2019 to increase approximately 2.0% - 2.5% from our full year 2018 guidance on 2% expected capacity growth.

Nonoperating Expense

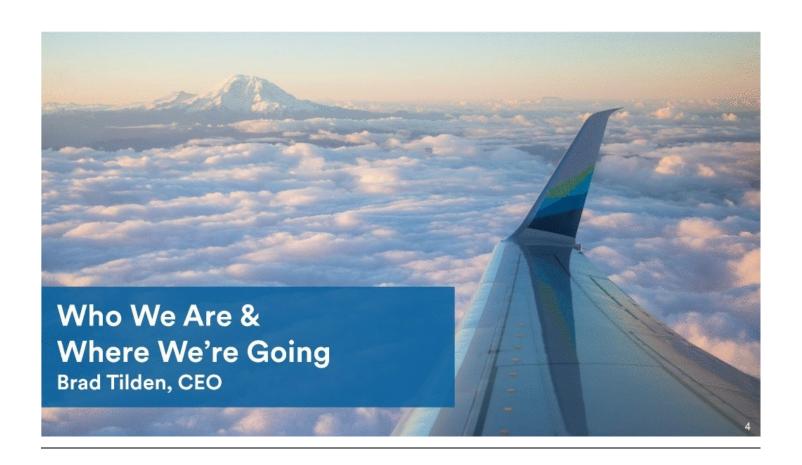
We expect that our consolidated nonoperating expense will be approximately \$10 million in the fourth quarter of 2018.



	Brad Tilden, CEO Introduction: Who We Are & Where We're Going
	Ben Minicucci, President & COO
11:30am - 12:40pm	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
12.50 1.70	Andrew Harrison, CCO Building For Brand Strength & Revenue Growth
12:50pm – 1:30pm	Brandon Pedersen, CFO Financial Outlook

Safe Harbor

This presentation may contain forward-looking statements subject to the safe harbor protection provided by Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements relate to future events and involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that may cause actual outcomes to be materially different from those indicated by our forward-looking statements, assumptions or beliefs. For a comprehensive discussion of potential risk factors, see Item 1A of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017. Some of these risks include competition, labor costs and relations, general economic conditions, increases in operating costs including fuel, inability to meet cost reduction goals, seasonal fluctuations in our financial results, an aircraft accident, changes in laws and regulations and risks inherent in the achievement of anticipated synergies and the timing thereof in connection with the acquisition of Virgin America. All of the forward-looking statements are qualified in their entirety by reference to the risk factors discussed in our most recent Form 10-K and in our subsequent SEC filings. We operate in a continually changing business environment, and new risk factors emerge from time to time. Management cannot predict such new risk factors, nor can it assess the impact, if any, of such new risk factors on our business or events described in any forward-looking statements. We expressly disclaim any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements made today to conform them to actual results. Over time, our actual results, performance or achievements may differ from the anticipated results, performance or achievements that are expressed or implied by our forward-looking statements, assumptions or beliefs and such differences might be significant and materially adverse.



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



Mark Eliasen Treasurer



Matt Grady Investor Relations

We have durable competitive advantage



Low Costs, Low Fares



Excellent Operations



Award-Winning Service



Best Loyalty Program







...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

Source: Wells Fargo Securities: "Airlines" includes DAL, AAL, UAL, LUV, JBLU, SAVE, ALGT, WJA, AC: "High-Quality Industrials" includes CNR, CP, NSC, UNP, KSU, JBHT, UPS, FDX, MMM, CAT, BA, UTX, R





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

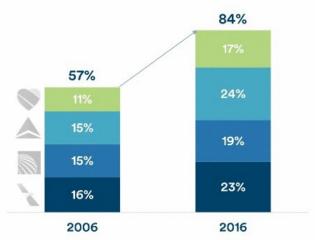
27%
Annual EPS Growth

\$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

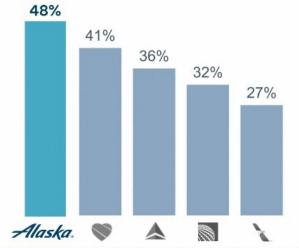
	New Markets Launched
2010	14
2011	6
2012	19
2013	15
2014	16
2015	20
2016	14
Total	104

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

*Total domestic revenue from Form 41. Airlines included in sample set: American, Alaba, Alaska, Jethlue, Continental, De'ta, Frantier, Airtran, Hawailan, America West, Midway, Spirit, Morthwest, Pan American, Sun Country, TWA, ATA, United, US Airways, Virgin America, Southwest and Midwest Express

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

Rank 1. Seattle		2018	vs. 2016 +15	
		298		
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

	Population	3-Yr GDP CAGR	Seat Share	Network Relevance	Guest Loyalty
Washington Oregon	~12M	5.3%	50%	70%	44% penetration
California	~40M	4.5%	12%	40% (6.5% penetration

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 16 months **Flight Attendants** 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



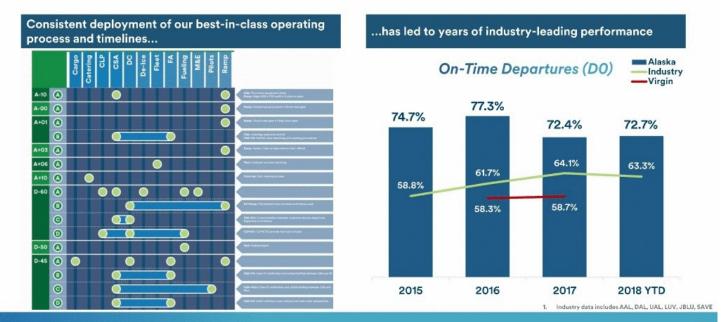


Other Airline Mergers

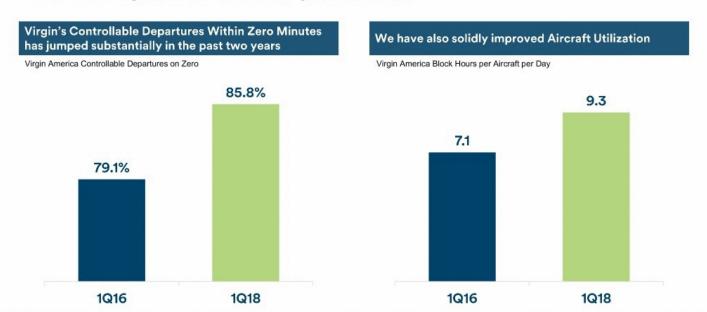
3-6 years



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



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



We have room to improve productivity across our system going forward

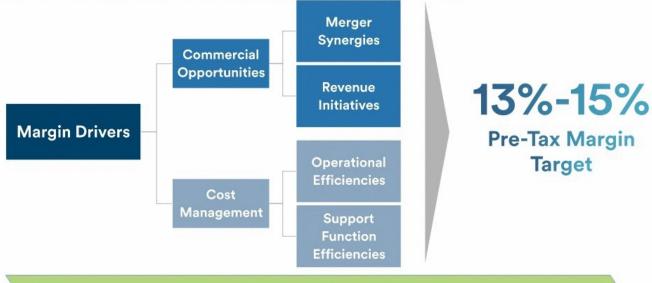




...and though division-level productivity remains strong, it is also below pre-merger levels



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



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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







Do the right thing



Be kindhearted



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



Our Shared Rewards align employees to our strategic and financial objectives







We've faced multiple headwinds since the merger closed







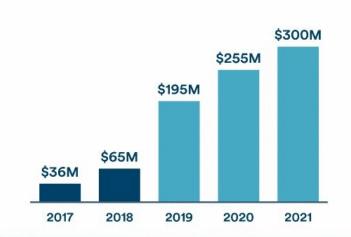


~10 margin points ~2 margin points ~2 margin points

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



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



~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

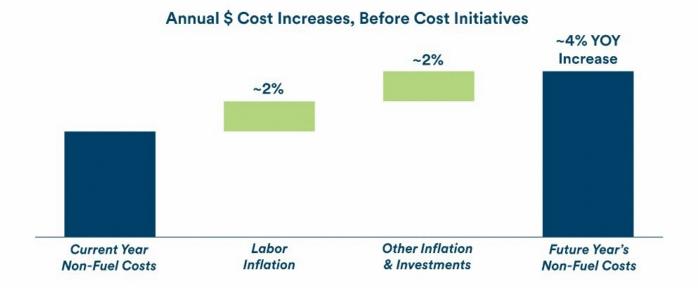
	2016	Going Forward	vs. Industry
Cabin Segments	2	4	Parity
First Class Fare (Avg.)	\$416	~\$400	Lower
Main Cabin Fare (Avg.)	\$144	~\$150	Lower
First / Second Bag Fee	\$25 / \$25	\$30 / \$40	Parity
Change Fee Revenue Per Passenger	\$2.59	~\$2.90	Lower
Mileage Accrual	Mileage-Based	Mileage-Based	More Generous

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







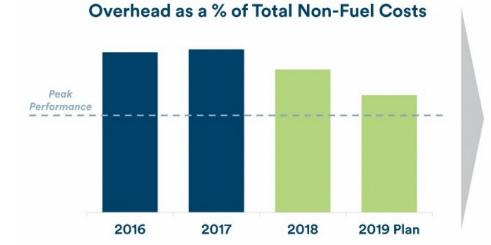




We will close productivity gaps in our operation







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

\$55M+ Opportunity

Vendor Management presents a sizeable opportunity



- 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

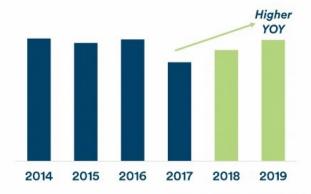
Selling and distribution will continue to be a tailwind

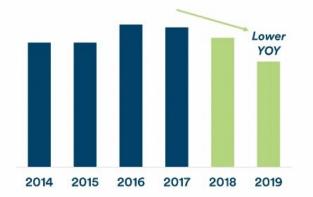
Affinity Card sales mix is rebounding to pre-merger levels as we rapidly grow our loyalty program...

% of sales on Alaska Affinity Card

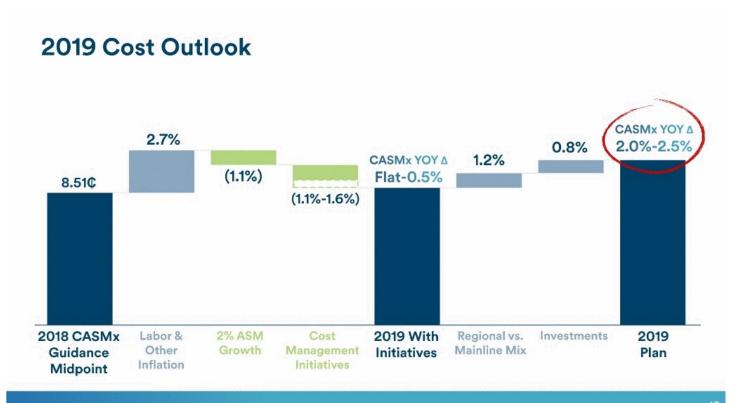
...which, in turn, is having a favorable impact on our credit card commission expenses

Blended Credit Card Commission Rate

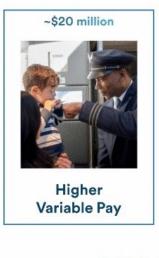




\$10M-\$25M Opportunity



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



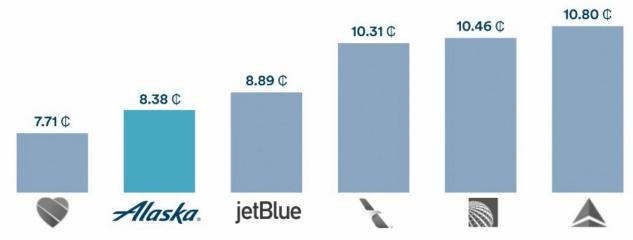




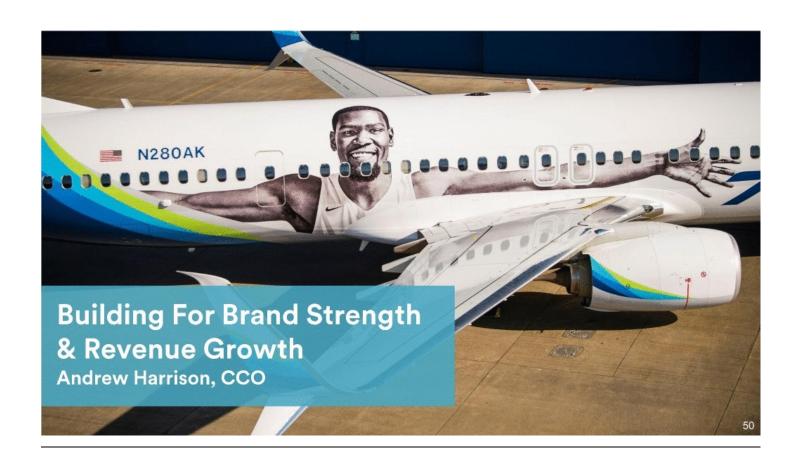
\$45M Investment in 2019

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

Stage-Length Adjusted Non-Fuel CASM¹



1. Trailing 12-Months Ended 6/30/18, U.S. West Coast-originating flights to North American destinations



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



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	1
Seat Share	20%	24%	#1	#MostWestCc
Utility * from WC origins only; we have ~1.300 daily flig	33%	48%	#1	

...and a strong foundation in California

California Pre-Merger vs. Today

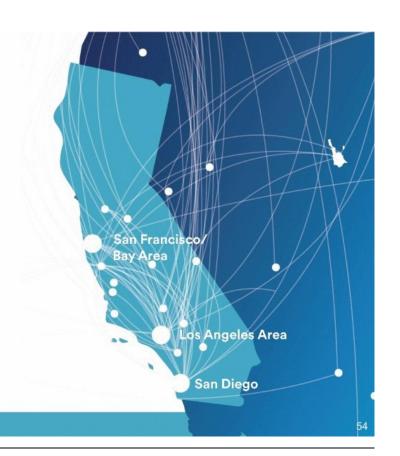
Nonstop Markets +53%

Daily Flights +93%

Seat Share +71%

Utility +111%

Source: DOT/Published Schedules California to North America for 2018 vs. 201



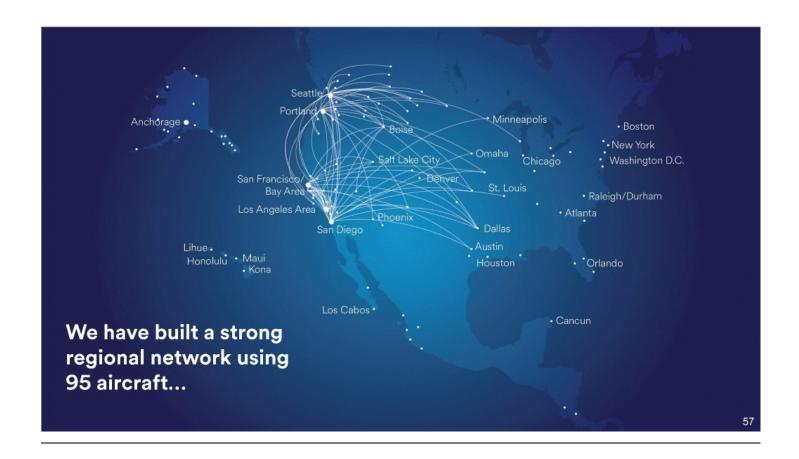
We have not taken our eye off of our primary Seattle hub...



*2019 based on currently published schedules

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

2019 Destinations	Frequencies / Day
1. Portland	4x
2. Los Angeles	4x
3. San Francisco	2x
4. San Jose	2x
5. Las Vegas	2x
6. San Diego	2x
7. Phoenix	1x
8. Orange County	1x
TOTAL	18x









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

































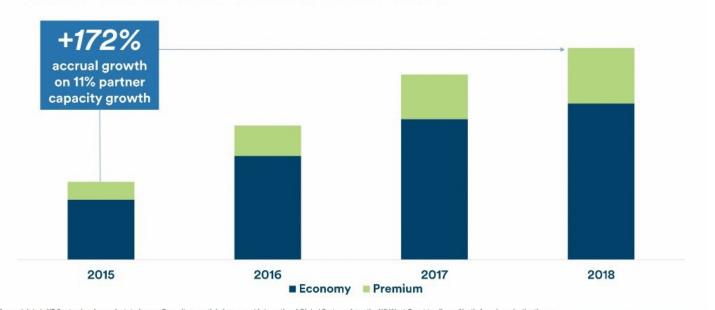


...enabling us to provide robust global utility and connectivity for our guests



*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



*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.



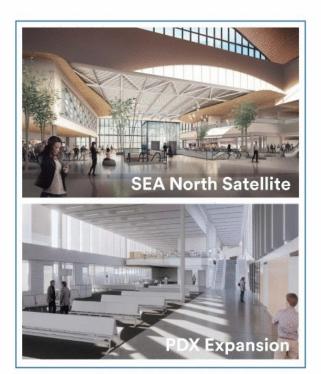
PNW Airports

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

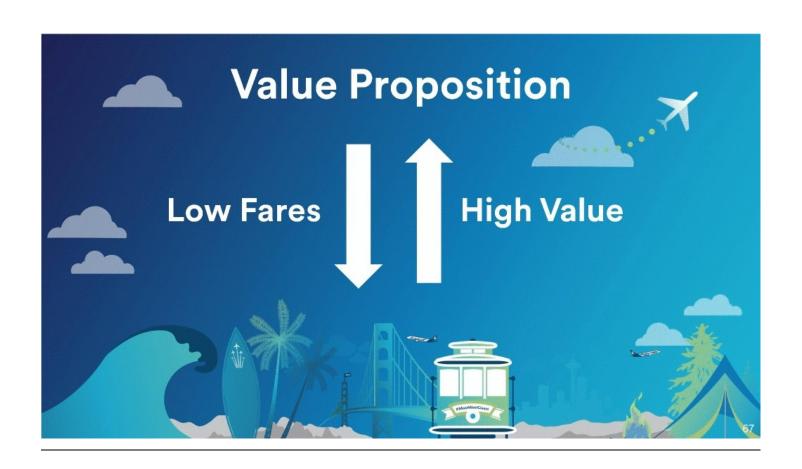
LAX

- · 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





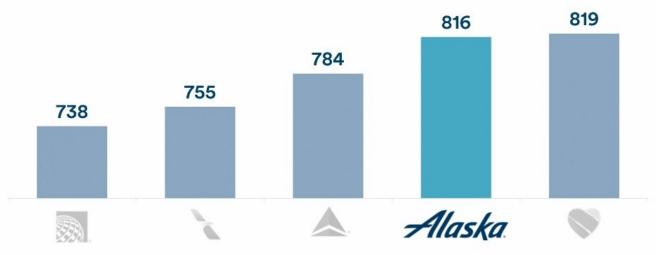




Source: US Department of Transportation YE1Q18 Stage length adjusted average O&D Fare

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

JD Power Customer Satisfaction Ratings¹



1. 2019 Mid-Year Results

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

Mileage Plan [™]		Alaska.	American Airlines
LAX-JFK = 2,475 miles (~1,300 miles with competitors)	Annual Fee	\$75	\$99
Starting at 5K	Companion Certificate	\$99	×
20K = MVP	Miles on Airline Spend	ЗХ	2X
Earn and Redeem to over 900 destinations	Free Checked Bags	Up to 7	Up to 6
42% First Class Upgrade Rate*			
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Since the merger, we've achieved strong loyalty growth with revenues increasing ~\$280M to ~\$1B annually





+17%

+10% +34%

Jan 2017 through October 2018

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

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

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

~6.5 margin points per flight

Airbus Retrofits

Example: LAX-SEA A320 146 seats to 150

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

~4 margin points per flight

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

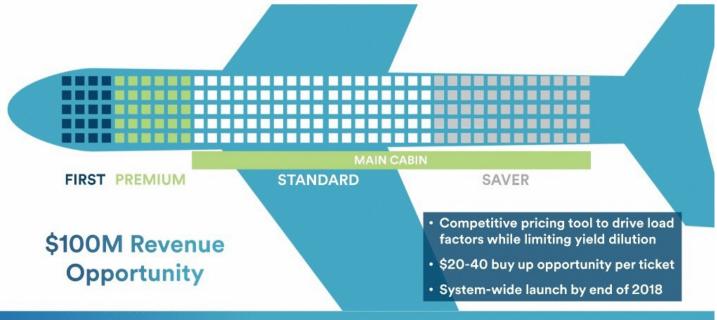








We're adding new cabin segmentation with the launch of our Saver Fare product



We will reduce our gap to industry on ancillary revenues



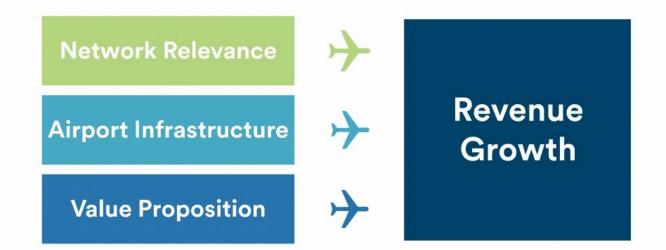
\$100M Revenue Opportunity

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



\$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%





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

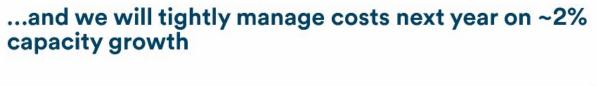
~\$750M Annual Capex Investment \$500M+
Annual Free
Cash Flow

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





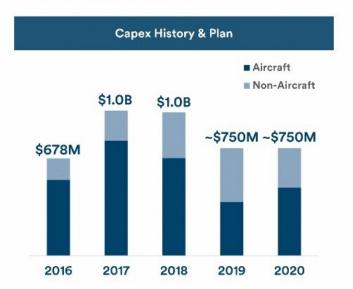




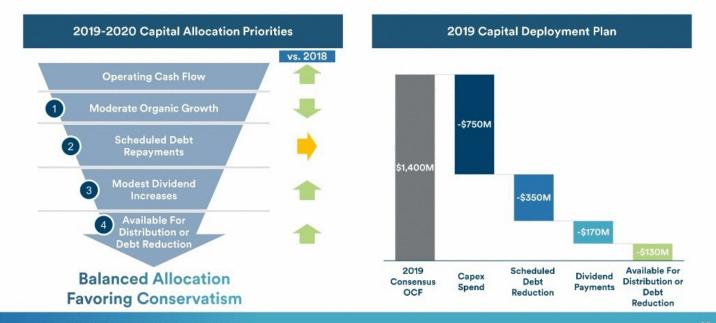


Our fleet growth is slowing in line with our lower capex, which will decline to \$750M in 2019 and 2020





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...



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.

