# ALASKA AIR GROUP Q4 2023 Earnings



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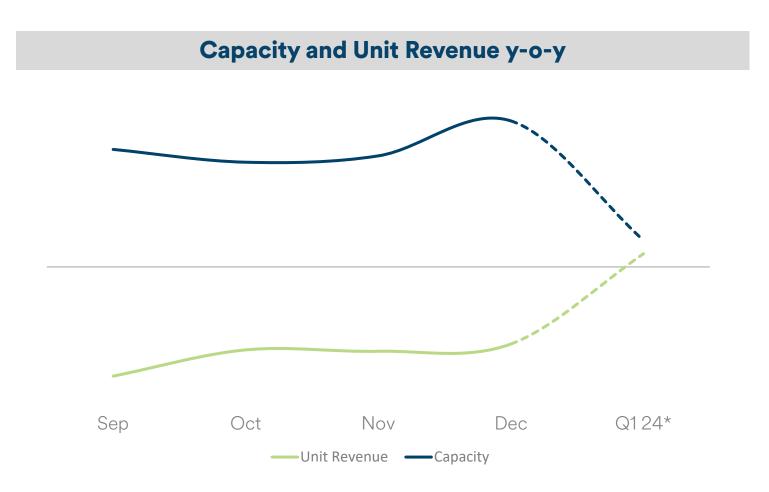
#### **Non-GAAP Financial Information**

The Company has made reference in this presentation to financial metrics which are not in accordance with GAAP. Pursuant to Regulation G, we have provided reconciliations of non-GAAP financial measures to their most directly comparable financial measures reported on a GAAP basis within the Fourth Quarter 2023 Earnings Release filed concurrently with this presentation. Prior year non-GAAP financial metrics have been reconciled in previous SEC filings, and can be referenced therein.

# **Earnings Update**

- Air Group's full year adjusted pretax margin finished among the best in the industry, driven by strong cost management and diversified revenue generation.
- □ Unit costs declined 2.6% year-over-year in 2023, leading the industry and landing at the better end of Air Group's initial full year guidance range provided in December 2022.
- ☐ Air Group revenue reached a record \$10.4 billion in 2023, of which approximately 46% is generated from premium, loyalty, and ancillary revenues.
- ☐ Fuel costs remained elevated in Q4 2023 and FY 2023 driven by higher West Coast refining margins, adding approximately \$160 million of costs to FY 2023 results, and reducing adjusted pretax margin by 1.5 points.
- ☐ Our balance sheet remains healthy, with debt-to-capitalization and adjusted net debt/EBITDAR ratios within long-term financial target ranges.

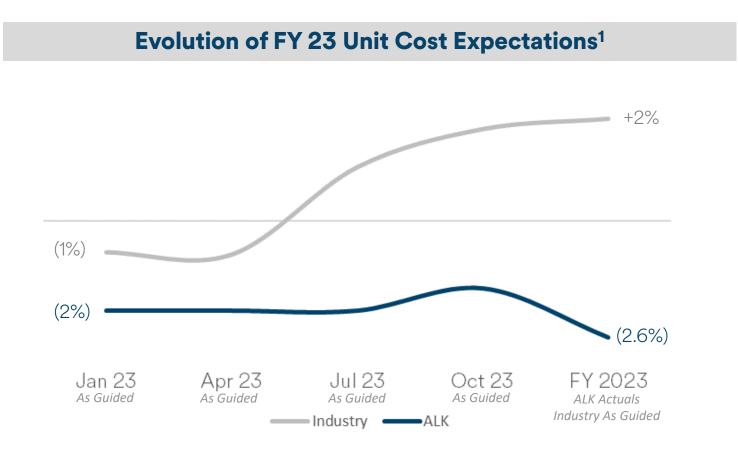
## Capacity & Unit Revenue



#### **Trends**

- Strategic network reconfiguration leading to improved unit revenues and ~30% improvement in profitability in Q1, excluding 737-9 MAX grounding event
- Excluding 737-9 MAX grounding, unit revenues were expected to be up 1% to 2% in Q1 2024, a sequential improvement of over 10 points

### Unit Cost



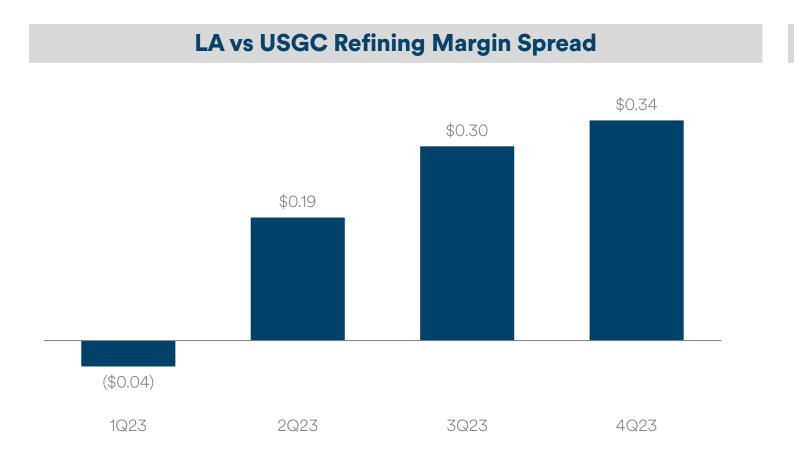
#### Chart not to scale

1 – This chart depicts full year unit cost guidance estimates published in SEC filings during the respective months in 2023. The FY 2023 figures represent ALK actual results, and a combination of industry actual results and estimates based on availability versus FY 2022. Industry includes DAL, AAL, UAL, LUV, JBLU.

#### **Trends**

- Our FY 2023 unit cost result far exceeded industry performance at down 2.6%, on similar capacity growth year-over-year
- Outperformance is inclusive of the pilot wage adjustment, effective September 1, 2023
- Adjusting for added capacity, our FY 2023 costs were within approximately \$30 million of our originally guided midpoint communicated in December 2022

### **Fuel Cost**



#### **Trends**

- LA vs USGC refining margin spreads continued to widen throughout 2023, but are expected to moderate in Q1 2024
- ☐ Over 65% of our fuel consumption comes from West Coast
- ☐ For FY 2023, this refining differential drove ~\$160M in added costs, or a 1.5-point reduction to adjusted pretax margin
- Volatility in West Coast refining margins continues to be impacted by available refinery capacity

### **Balance Sheet**

