# Corporate presentation

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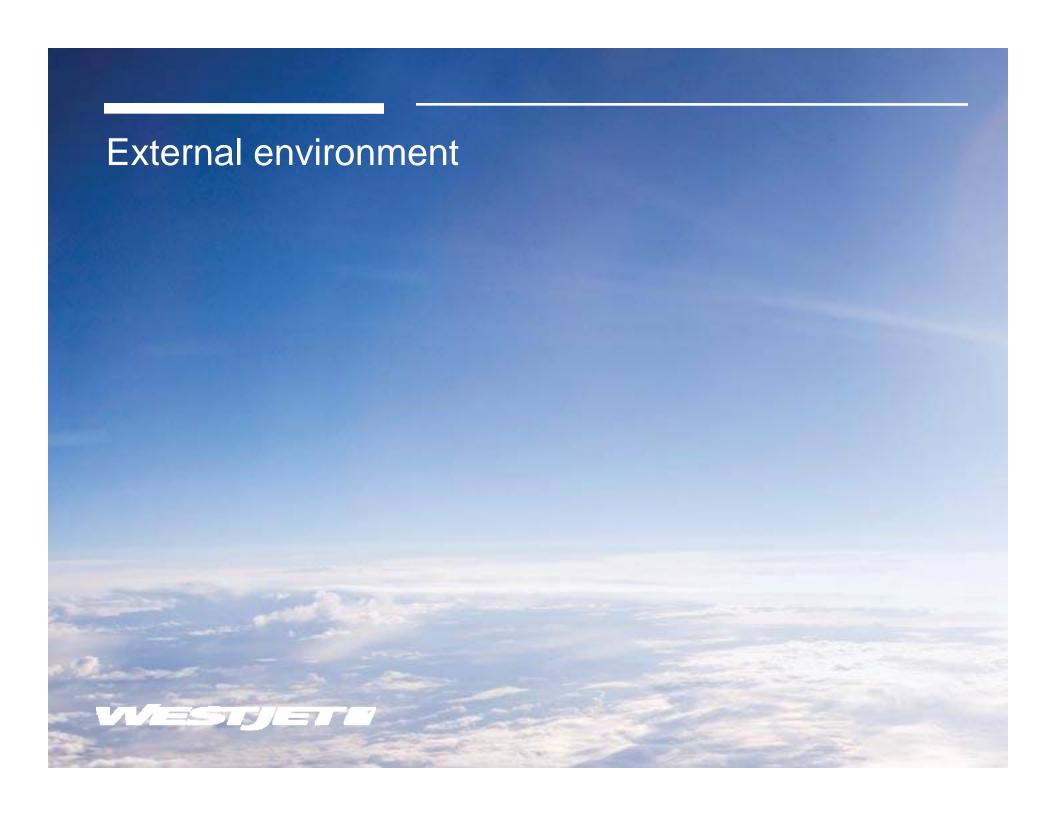
#### Who we are



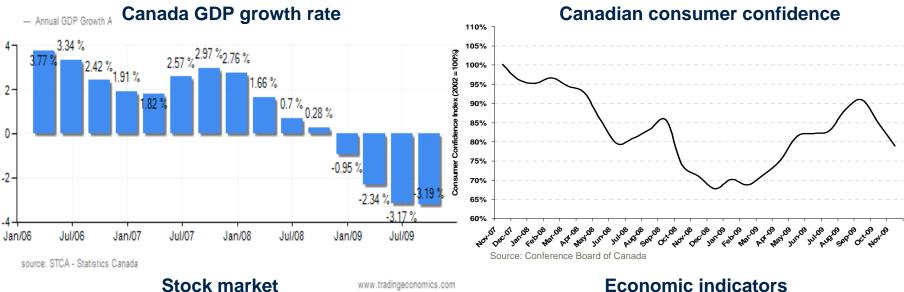
- Canada's low-cost, highvalue airline
- 86 Next-Generation 737 aircraft
- Serving 67 destinations in 12 countries
- One of the most profitable airlines in North America
- One of Canada's most admired corporate cultures
- Provide a world-class guest experience
- Schedule flexibility and seasonal deployment







### The Canadian economy





	2008	2009 (f)	2010 (f)
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	8.3	8.5
Real Disposable Income (% Change YoY)	4.2	1.5	3.4
Consumer Spending (% Change YoY)	3.0	0.1	2.7

Source: BMO Capital Markets - November 2009



#### **Areas of uncertainty:**

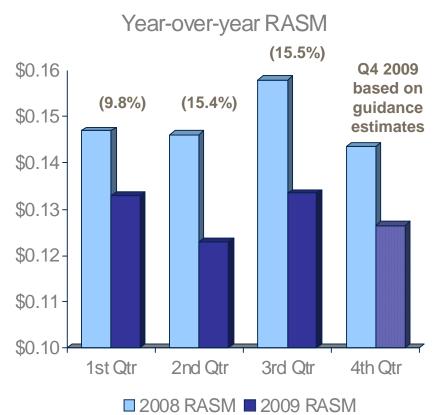
- Economy
- Oil prices
- Competitive landscape
- Canadian dollar

#### What have we done recently:

- Reducing risk where it makes sense
  - Equity offering (~\$172 million gross proceeds)
  - Adjustments to fleet delivery plan
  - Internal cost focus
- Continuing to drive our strategy for the future



# Financial highlights



	Nine months ended Sept 30, 2009	Year- over- year Change
Revenue (\$ millions)	\$1,711	(11.5%)
Earnings before tax margin	6.6%	(3.5 pts.)
Net earnings (\$ millions)	\$78	(42.8%)
Cash flow from operations (\$ millions)	\$254	(35.4%)
Operating margin	10.2%	(1.9 pts.)

Five- year CAGR*
24%
n/a
24%
19%
n/a



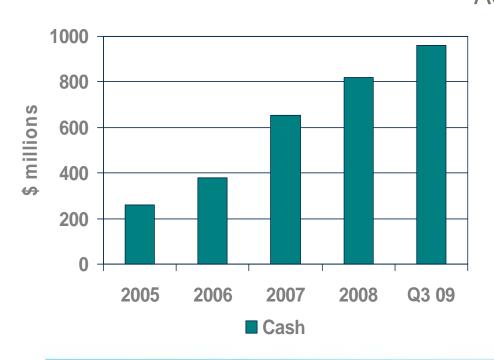
### Financial security

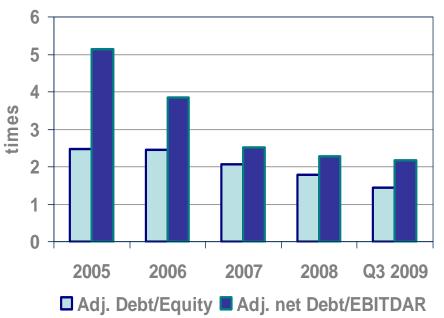
• At September 30, 2009:

Cash of C\$962 million

Current ratio of 1.44x

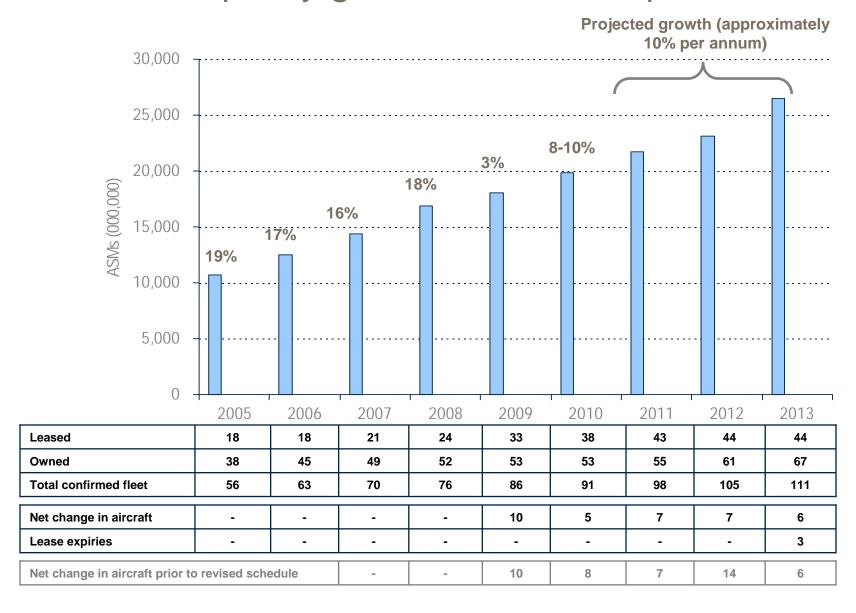
Adjusted debt to equity ratio of 1.44x Adjusted net debt to EBITDAR of 2.17x







# Measured capacity growth and fleet expansion



#### Controlling costs

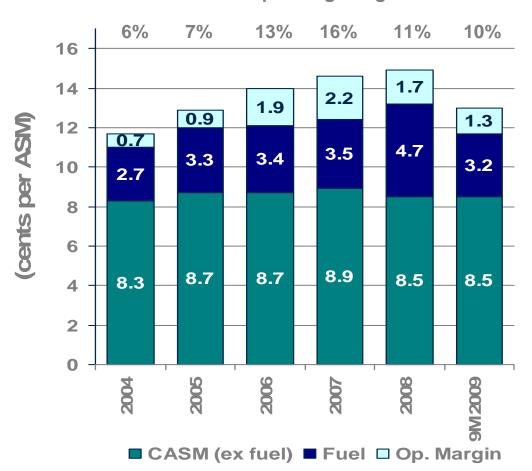


- Highly engaged workforce
- Focus on CASM reduction
- Hedge a portion of fuel to reduce volatility
- Aircraft debt repayments fixed in CAD\$ for term of debt
- Next 12 month aircraft US\$ leasing costs 60% hedged into CAD\$ at September 30, 2009
- High aircraft utilization rates



#### Low-cost philosophy generates history of positive margins

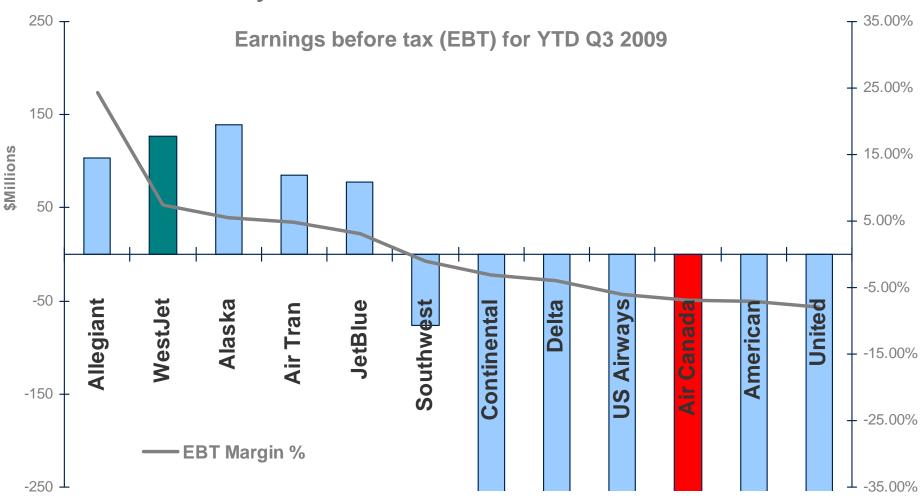




- Consistently produce positive margins
- Ancillary revenue and WestJet Vacations adding to RASM
- Fuel accounts for about 1/3 of costs and is most variable factor
- All other costs being held relatively flat

<sup>\*2009</sup> results as at Sept. 30, 2009. Excludes reservation system impairment of \$31.9 million in 2007 and \$47.6 million impairment related to retirement of 200-series aircraft in 2004

# Among top financial performers in North American airline industry



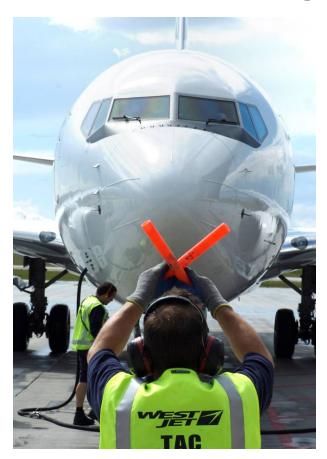
EBT and EBT margin adjusted for special items and gains/losses on mark-to-market fuel hedges (non-operating portion). WestJet and Air Canada earnings in CAD\$, all others in US\$.

# The flight plan

#### Our vision



#### Our business: A great guest experience and a low-cost base



Our strategy is based on four pillars:

#### People and culture

Fundamental drivers of our success

#### **Guest experience and performance**

 Uncompromised guest experience and performance builds loyalty

#### Revenue and growth

Delivering results

#### **Cost and margins**

Continuing our low-cost commitment



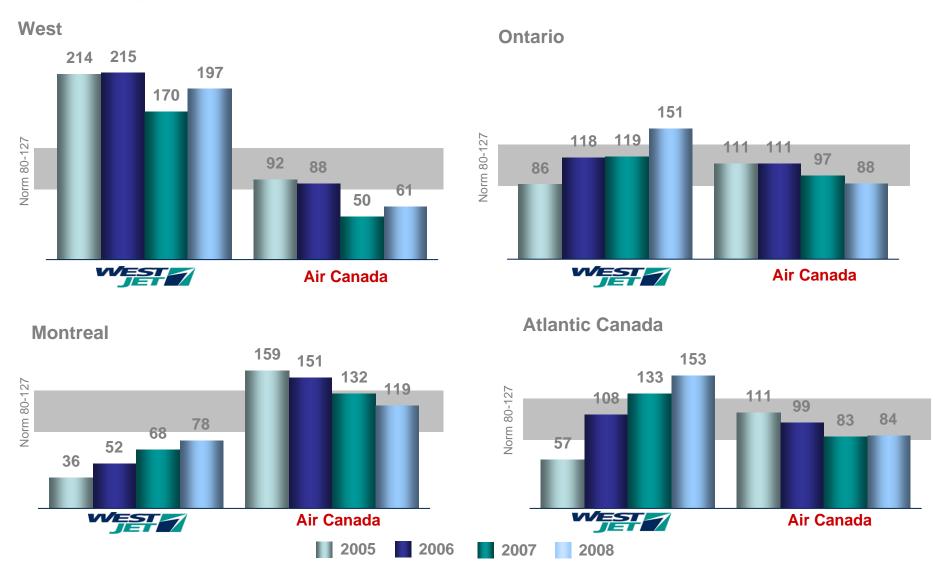
## Strengthening the foundation for the future

- Build world-class guest experience
- Enhance reservation systems
- Enter airline partnerships
- Expand non-domestic flying
- Continue people development

- Implement rewards program
- Focus on business traveller
- Grow WestJet Vacations
- Improve cost advantage
- Cultivate culture



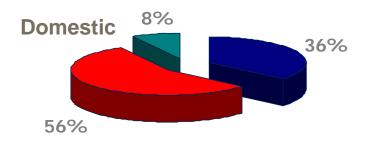
# Strengthening and expanding our trusted brand



# Market share growth: Domestic

12 months ending December 31, 2009

2013 target



- Increased frequencies and non-stops
- Commercial partnerships
- WestJet Vacations
- New destinations

40% - 50%



Total fleet 86

WestJet

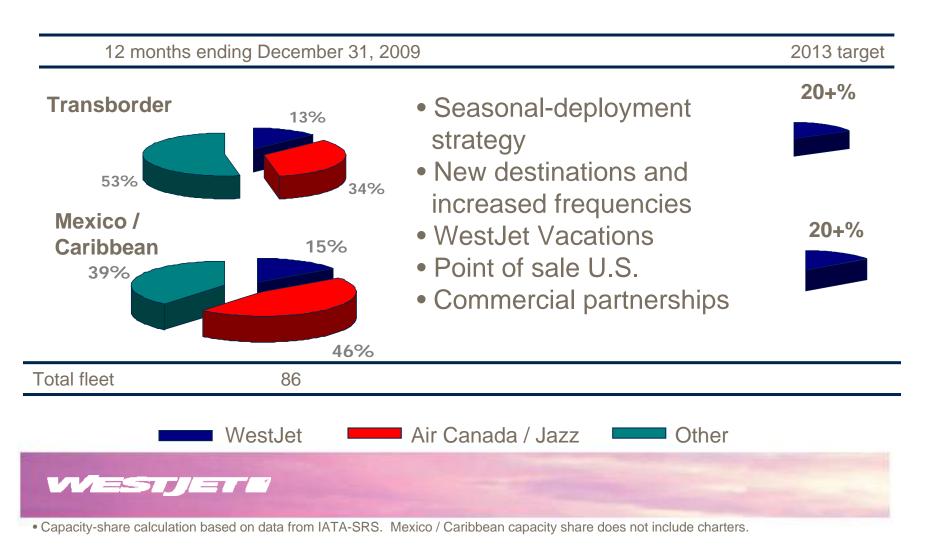
Air Canada / Jazz

Other



Capacity-share calculation based on data from IATA-SRS.

#### Market share growth: Transborder and international



# Summary

- We continue to outperform the industry in North America
- We are a well-positioned, low-cost and efficient carrier
- We have a strong brand in the market place
- Highly attractive combination of planned growth and strong balance sheet
- Attractive valuation relative to peer group



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