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## WEBINAR SERIES

# **Episode 4: Operating in the post pandemic**

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# **Opening Remarks**

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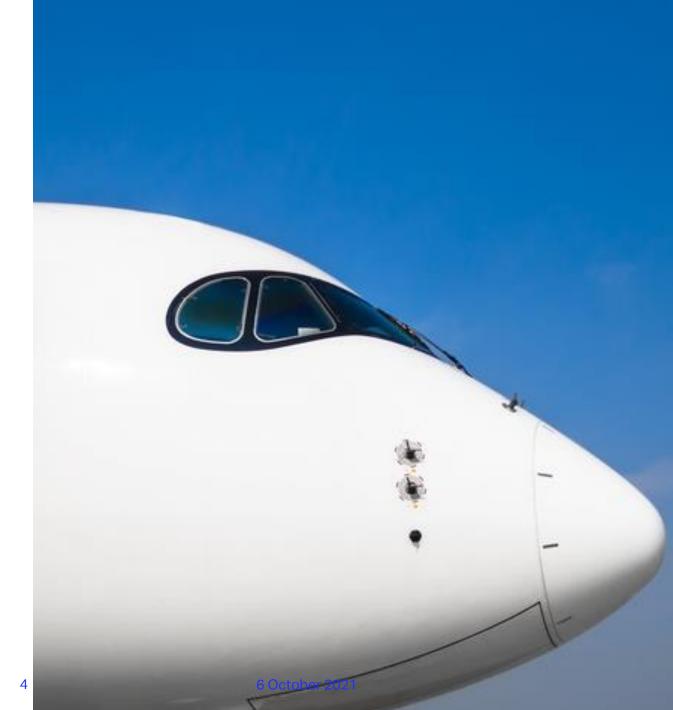
- Any element of prices, including fares or service charges
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# Agenda

- Our speakers
- Maintenance costs: aircraft leasing in the post pandemic "new normal"
- MRO Outlook: COVID's implications for airlines and MRO suppliers
- Navigating through the pandemic, an airline's experience



# **Our Speakers**



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# Maintenance Costs: aircraft leasing in the post pandemic "new normal"



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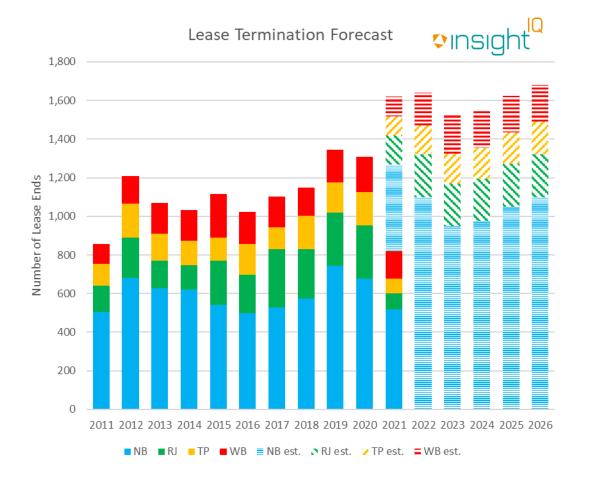


# Maintenance Costs: Aircraft leasing in the post pandemic "new normal", what can we expect?

- 1. High level fleet retirements/revised lease end date projection
- 2. How are maintenance costs and maintenance reserves being impacted (utilisation change)
- 3. What issues are we seeing between lessors and airlines (maintenance/lease end related)
- 4. Will we see changes to future lease contracts? (hell and/or high water clause and AD costs (not just pandemic but MAX related)

## LEASE END FORECAST COVID FALLOUT & SLOW RE-FLEET





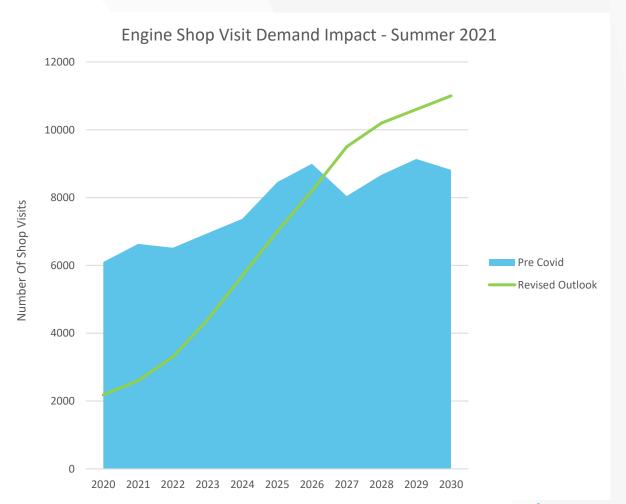
### **Multiple Drivers**

- Cons: (increased lease ends)
  - We will see more early hand-backs
  - More failures expected 3Q21
  - Rising oil price
  - Greener focus
- Pros: (reduced lease ends)
  - Extensions
  - 2020 increased Sale-Leaseback activity
  - Re-fleeting process is a slow process
  - OEM delivery & design pace

## MAINTENANCE CONSIDERATIONS THE BROADER MRO CHALLENGES

### **Multiple Issues**

- Long storage periods
  - Where, how long?
  - Regulator liaison regarding scheduled check deferrals
- Engines
  - Green time usage versus shop visits
  - A bow wave of shop visits emerging
- MRO Industry Capabilities
  - Reduced resources
    - Redundancies / retirements
    - Logistical blockage
- Utilisation and Role Change
  - Not just a regulatory MPD issue
  - Check the lease what were the assumptions?





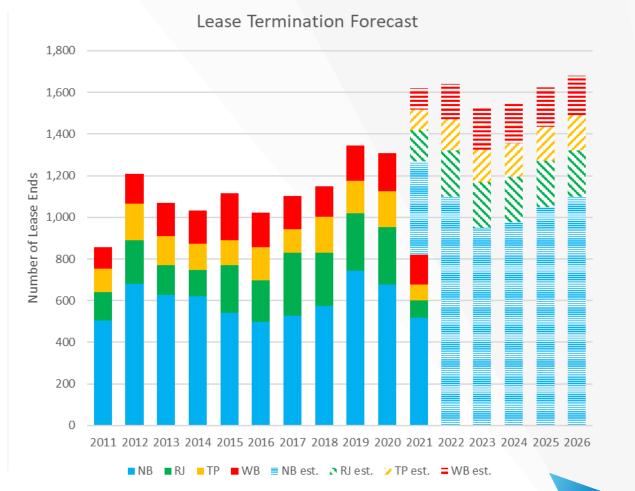
## **REDELIVERY ISSUES** SOMETHING OLD / SOMETHING NEW.....

### The usual cyclical tug of war

 Lessee cash preservation v Lessor lack of new lessee pressure

#### The new issue

- Lessors were generally thinly resourced technically
- A whole new demand profile
  - Multiple work-outs
  - Additional aircraft on the market (finance failures)
  - More competition for technical resource
  - Lack of lessor engagement in some cases
- And Supply had been stifled due to mobility issues





## **LEASE CONTRACT CONSIDERATIONS** NOT JUST COVID RELATED BUT THE MAX TOOK US TO NEW CHALLENGES

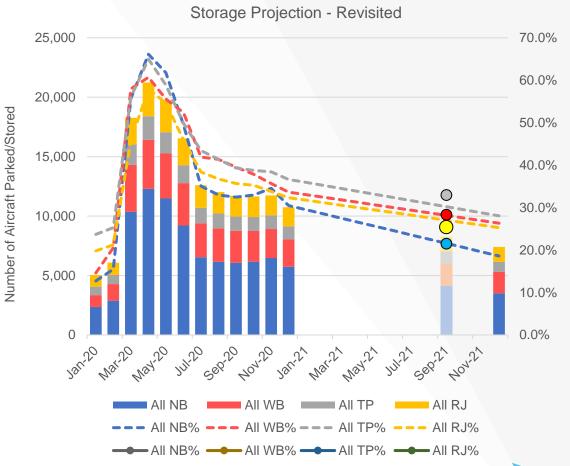
## MAX related - extended grounding due to the design faults

- Already delivered Warranty/AD position
- Impact on delayed maintenance and reserve funds

# What if we see another pandemic – will we see provisions for it – built into leases?

- It will be requested
- Case by case?
- Step down/step up rates?

DEFINITION of 'Hell or High Water Contract'. A hell or high water contract (also known as a promise-to-pay contract) is a noncancellable contract whereby the purchaser must make the specified payments to the seller, regardless of any difficulties they may encounter.





## **ESG - MRO CONSIDERATIONS**

# • Understanding Scope 1, 2 and 3 aspects of the business

- Many MRO's still behind understanding what to do
- Some are part of larger entities others stand alone
- Investors want and need to know the ESG strategy
- The Logistics challenges
  - Direct flying to the facility
  - The parts in and parts out cycle
  - Workshop processes
  - JIT v bulk
  - Waste

### New technology

- 3D printing
- Paperless processes

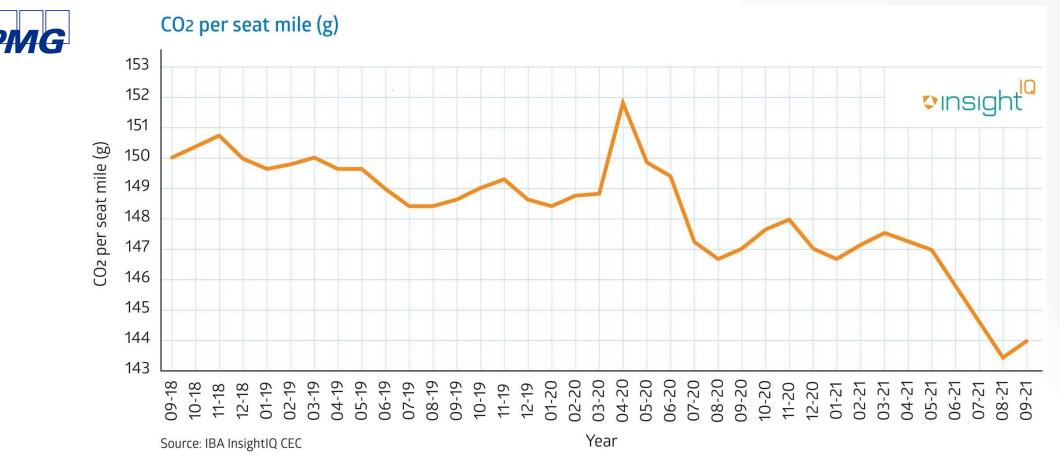




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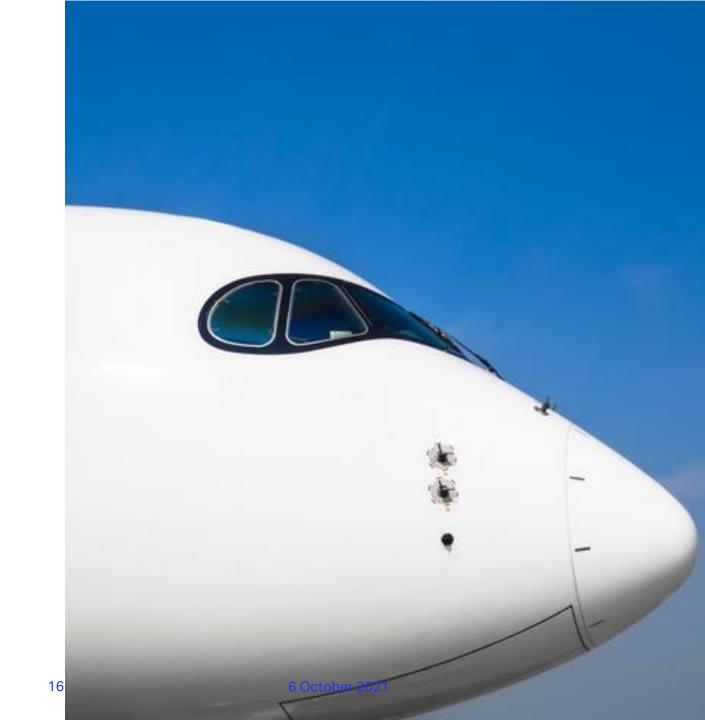
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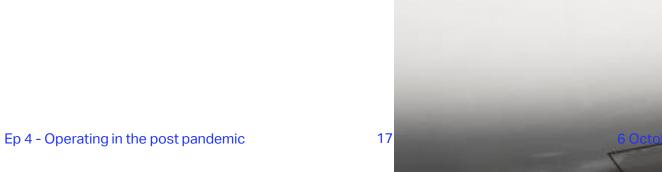
# MRO Outlook COVID's implications for airlines and MRO suppliers



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# MRO Outlook

COVID's implications for airlines and MRO suppliers

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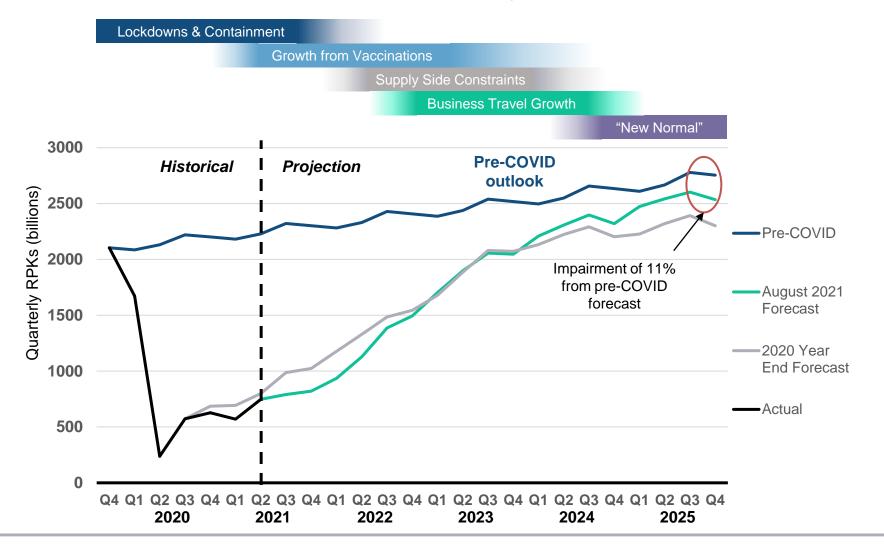






## AeroDynamic forecasts air travel recovery by late 2023 or early 2024

### **Nominal Scenario for Air Travel Recovery**



# A large portion of the global population remains unvaccinated; the coming years will be a race between vaccines and new variants

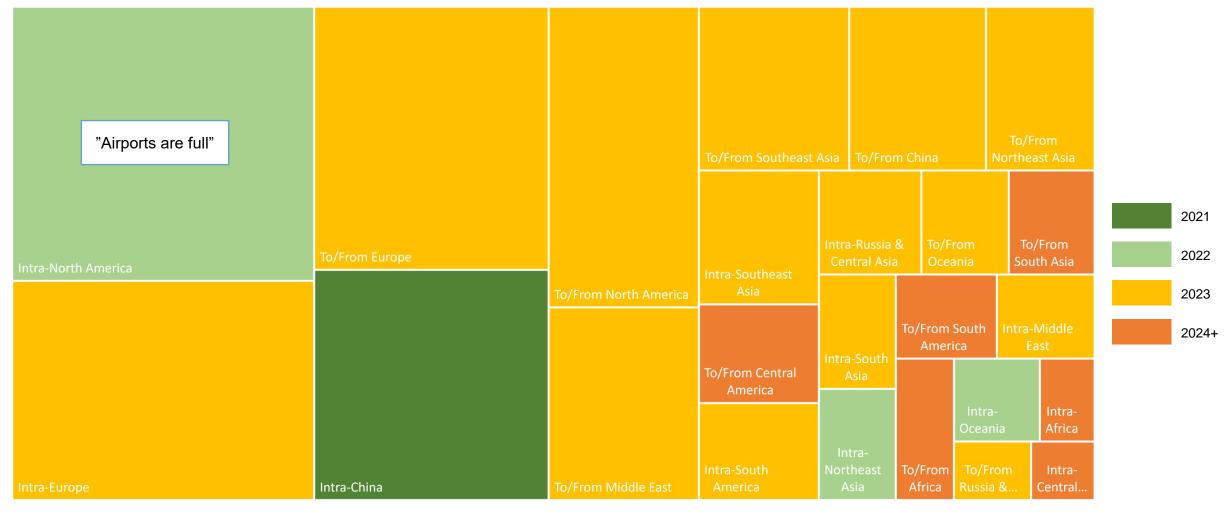
#### 1 400 Size of box proportional to global 1 200 accumulated confirmed cases of corona as of 16 1 000 # Inhabitants by Status August: 206 Million (2.6% of population) 800 600 400 200 European Union Sub-Saharan Africa East Asia atel China SouthAmerica Central America North America Rest of Europe Central Asia MENA **Chin**<sup>2</sup> oceania

### **Global Adult Population and Vaccination Status\***

■Two doses (M) ■One dose (M) ■No dose (M)

## For most regions, returns to 2019 traffic levels will take multiple years

### 2019 Global RPK, Broken Down by Region (Intra / Inter) – Color Based on Estimated Return to 2019 Levels



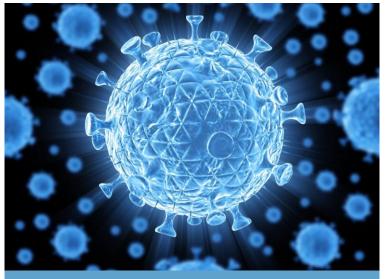
Source: AeroDynamic Advisory analysis

# Three factors are preventing a full recovery during the coming few years



Vaccines

- > 20 percent of adult global population fully vaccinated as of 1 Aug 2021
- Theoretical capacity of 15 Billion doses in 2022, but only 5 Billion mRNA
- Vaccine skepticism and distribution challenges linger



Variants

- Only 230 Million confirmed cases (3% of global population) → large feedstock for virus to work on & mutate
- Delta variant 4 times more infectious than original version
- Several vaccines provide less efficacy versus Delta variant



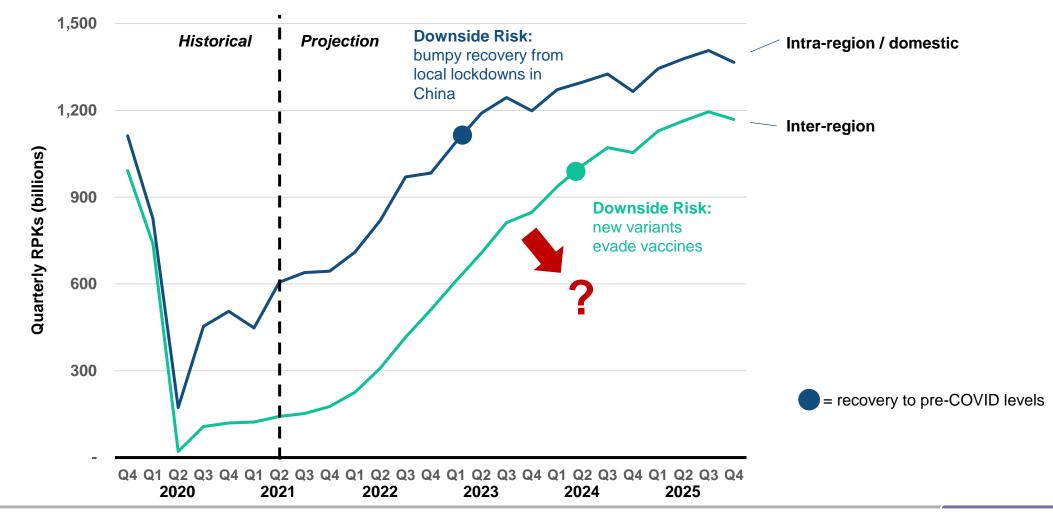
#### Government Responses

- Extremely difficult to coordinate a consistent global scheme of COVIDrelated travel restrictions
- As a result, a heavy layer of unpredictability may hamper international travel for a long time



# The recovery of air travel will be bifurcated between intra-region and inter-region travel

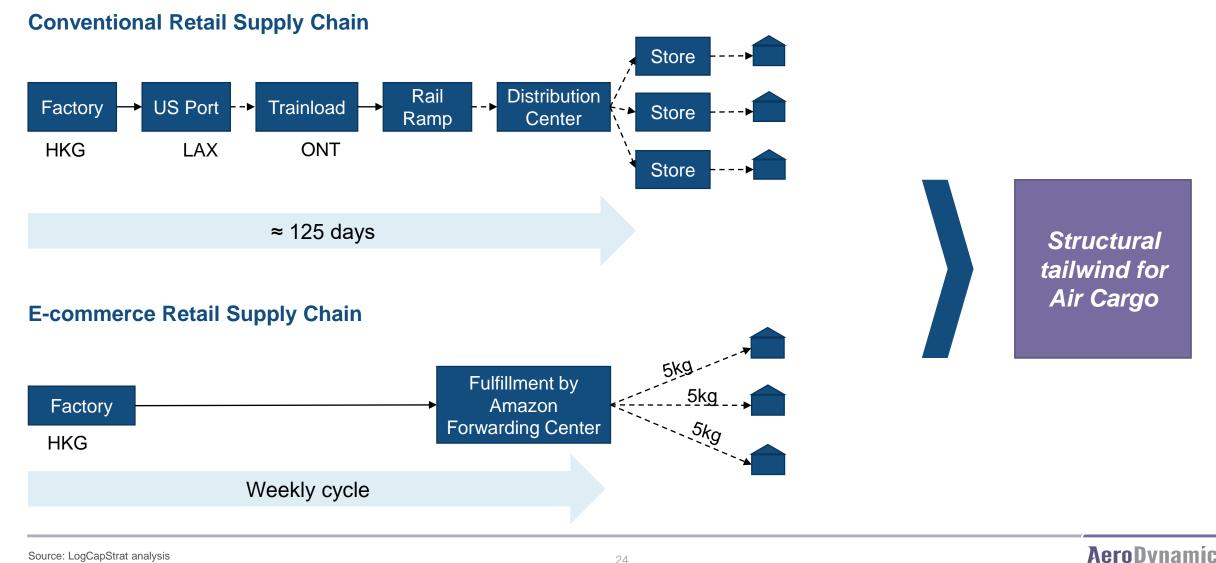
### **RPK Forecast by Flow Type, Intra-Region and Inter-Region**



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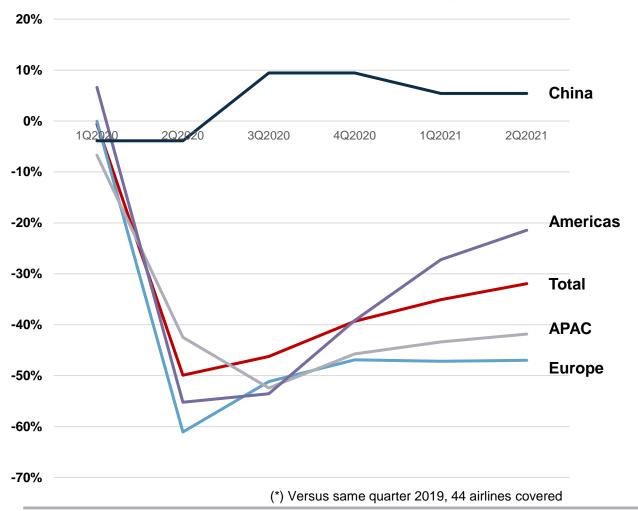
## However, shifting supply chains are driving long-term growth in air cargo



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# MRO spending remained resilient in China and nearly recovered in the US...elsewhere it remained well below pre-COVID levels

**Quarterly Airline MRO Expenditures\* By Region** 



- Global MRO spending remains >30%
   below pre-COVID levels
- China and the US are the most resilient MRO markets
- Europe and APAC remain well below pre-COVID spending levels

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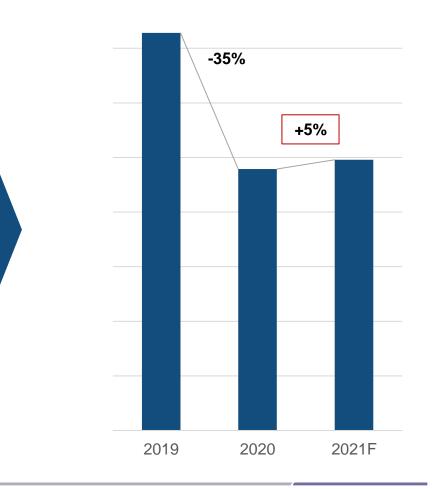
**MRO FORECAST** 

# High-level estimates point at a full-year increase of MRO expenditures of 5 percent in 2021

MRO Outlook for Second Half of 2021 (Trajectory Versus Similar Quarter 2019)

Region	Q3	Q4	Commentary
China	$\checkmark$		<ul> <li>August outbreaks impacted airline utilization. Capacity could come back in Q4, but road is bumpy</li> </ul>
APAC	•	•	<ul> <li>Little improvement in utilization expected due to high case loads</li> </ul>
Americas		•	<ul> <li>Close-to-full domestic capacity towards summer</li> <li>However, outbreaks of Delta variant in August meant fewer-than-expected paying passengers.</li> <li>No meaningful growth expected in winter MRO activity beyond typical peak</li> </ul>
Europe		•	<ul> <li>A few airlines may embark on ambitious preparations for next summer, but most will need to manage costs carefully</li> </ul>

#### 2019-2021F Airline MRO Expenditures



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# Airlines post-COVID will be very focused on cost, and simultaneously more dependent on the supply base

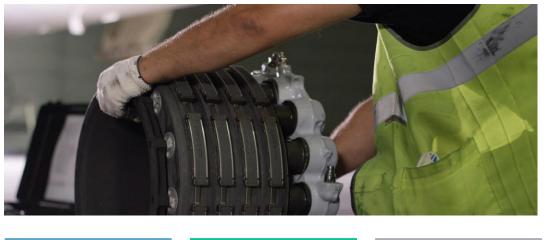
### **Air Travel Post-COVID**

- > Market uncertainty
- > Reduction in business travel
- > Leisure travel is new center-of-gravity

### **Airline Business Impact**

- LCC growth, while traditional airline business models under threat
- > Short planning horizons
- > Staffing challenges
- > Strict cost regime and cash-out restrictions
- > Greater focus on cargo

### Implications for Airline MRO & Suppliers Requirements

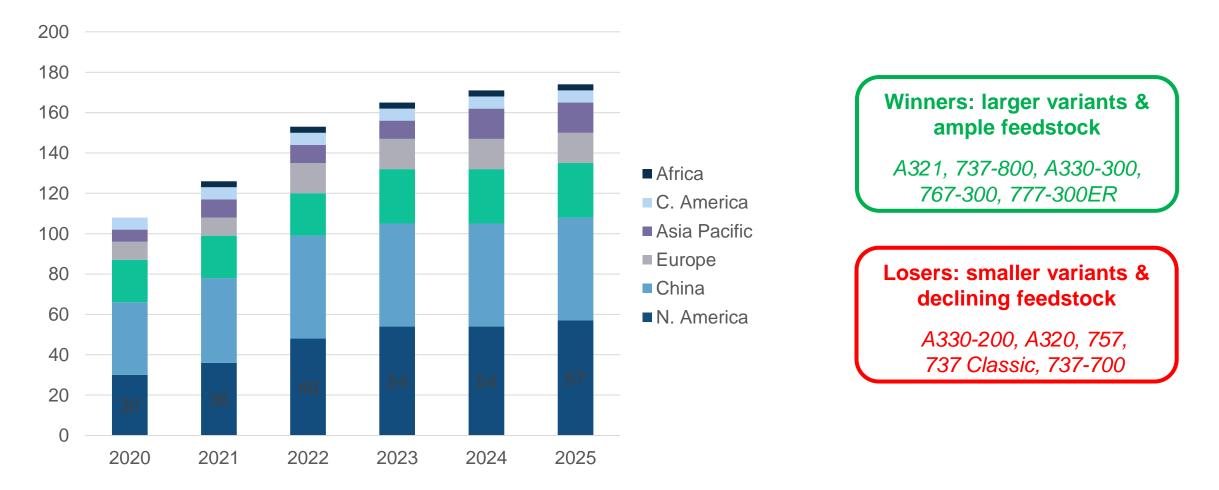


Slimmer airline organizations	Greater dependency on suppliers	Inventory burn & green-time management
Alternative materials & repairs	Need for supplier flexibility	Modifications - including Passenger-to- Freighter conversions



# Passenger-to-freighter conversions are expected to reach historical levels - many facilities are fully booked through ~2024

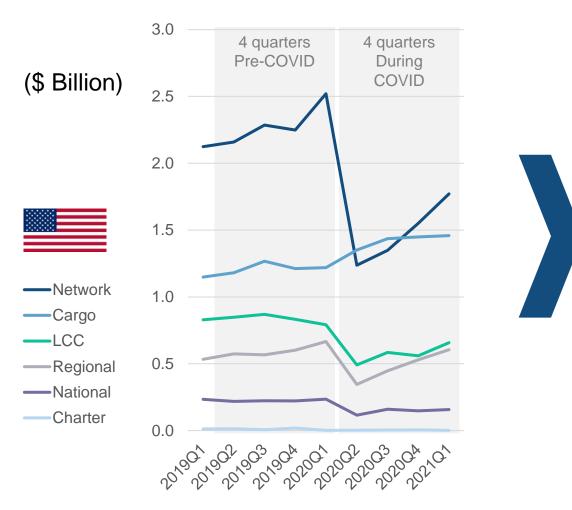
2020-2025 Estimated Global Freighter Conversion Capacity (# aircraft)



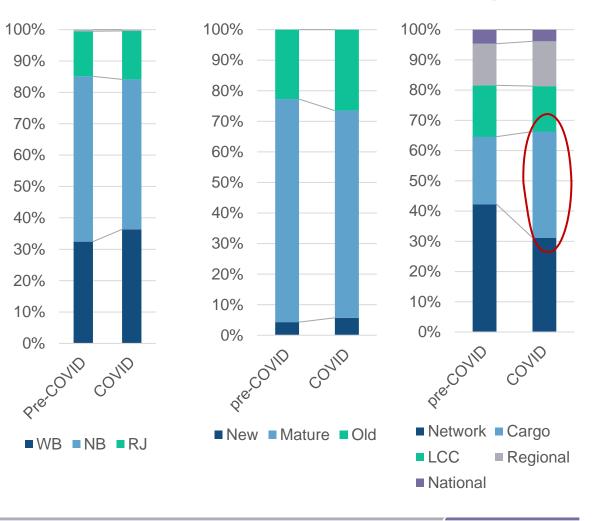
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# US airline MRO numbers show the significance of cargo operators in a post-COVID environment, and how this alters MRO demand composition

#### **US Airline Quarterly MRO Expenditures**



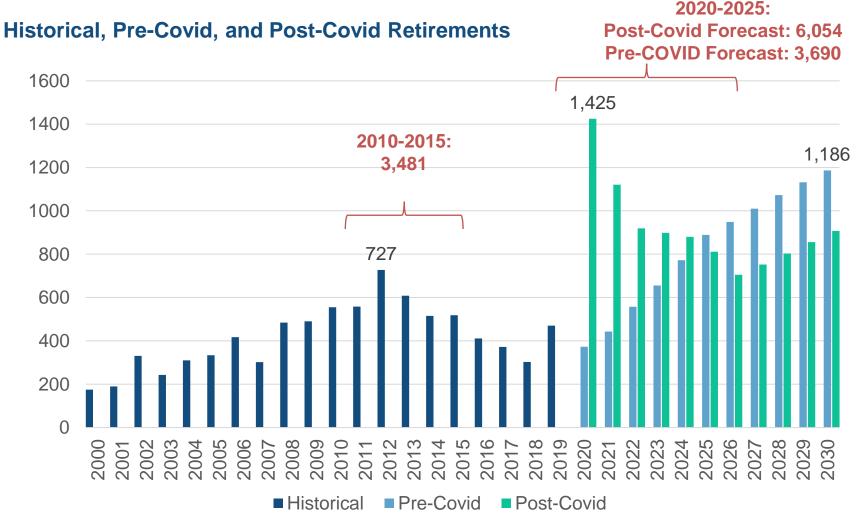
### **US MRO Expenditures 4 Quarters Pre- and During COVID**



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# Fleet demographics coupled with COVID-induced fleet removals will result in record retirements



- Not all retirements turn into part-outs
- Aircraft part-outs to reach
   700-800 per annum
- Surplus parts market to grow from \$2.2 Billion pre-COVID to \$4.3 Billion
- A320, 737, 777 and
   A330parts will contribute the most to USM growth

# Suppliers of integrated component support are being asked to provide greater flexibility



### Changing Nature of Integrated Component Support Contracts

#### Airline Needs

- Greater need for supplier to cover operative risk
  - Smaller airline engineering / purchasing organization
  - Dispatch reliability still important EU261 claims need to be avoided
- > Greater need for flexibility
  - Pandemic-specific regulations in contract
  - Remove rule for minimum flying hours
  - Flexible contract periods?
  - Need to conserve cash → updated payment terms
  - Less-inclusive contracts
- > Cost still of utmost importance

#### Supply Side Implications

- Becomes very important to build USM acquisition & management capabilities
- Need to closely monitor market developments which customers will make it through the crisis?
- New contracts need to carry financial securities due to the risk involved
- > Changed cash flow
- > How make business case for customerrelated investments?

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- Concentration of supply base of integrated providers
- > Virtual pools
- > Partnerships

## A dynamic time awaits the MRO industry on multiple fronts

### **COVID Recovery – Implications for MRO Suppliers**



OEMs

- Aircraft OEMs revising aftermarket goals and narrowing offerings, including broad support
- Component OEMs to position offerings to a more pricesensitive customer, including USM
- Engine OEMs need to watch supply chain to handle coming ramp-up. Need to carefully manage their supply chain to prepare for the ramp-up



MROs

- Integrators prepare for more flexible contracting
- Independents poised to a period of growth - wellpositioned to support the freighter fleet
- Must cope with human capital constraints, preparing for ramp-up
- MRO consolidation (incl partial sell-off of Lufthansa Technik?)



**USM Suppliers\*** 

- \$2 Billion pre-COVID, growing to \$4.5 Billion in a few years
- A320ceo, 737NG, A330, 777 key platforms
- Will impact airline sourcing, OEM aftermarket revenue streams and become central in most support contracts



Passenger-to-Freighter Conversions

- Structural trends favoring long-term cargo growth
- Cargo important piece of airlines' revenue mix
- Majority of supply of freighters to come from PTF conversions
- Significant ramp-up in PTF conversion capacity
- Over-supply mid-decade?

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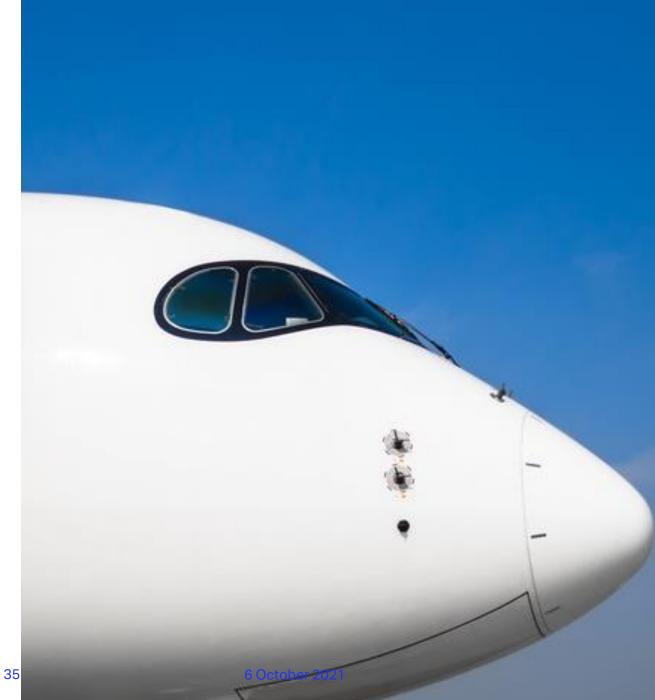
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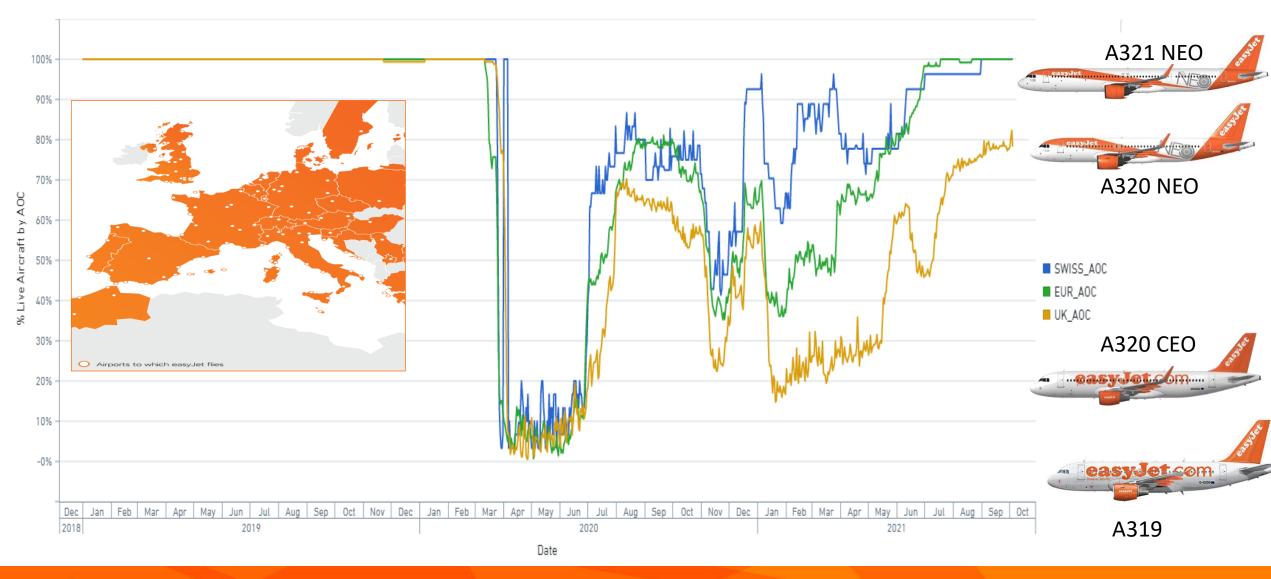


## The pandemic path reminder

<ul> <li>Pandemic declared by WHO</li> <li>World Fleet grounded</li> <li>Airlines trying to make sense of parking/storing aircraft</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Bombardment of comms within the industry</li> <li>Airlines coming to terms with all the different directives.</li> <li>TCH/OEM taking the lead to help operators</li> <li>Retrenchment &amp; Furloughs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Some resumption of flying</li> <li>Strict bio-security measures</li> <li>Confusion of bio- security regulations i.e. PCR test</li> <li>Cost of PCR test</li> <li>Cost of PCR test</li> <li>Internal cost review</li> <li>Re-negotiated aircraft purchase agreement with Airbus</li> </ul>	International travel limited to repatriation flying. Business travel outlook gloomy Entering into 2 <sup>nd</sup> lockdown Re-negotiating suppler contracts Heavy EOL activity Cash preservation	
March 2020	March to June 2020 March to June	June to November 2020 June 2021 to	Nov 2020 to Mar 2021	ARE WE OUT OF THE WOODS/VARIANTS YET ??
• • •	2021 Lockdown lifted March 21 Resumption of some flying Lack of coordination within EU & UK PCR test still costly and discouraging people to book	<ul> <li>EU &amp; Swiss AOCs full flying</li> <li>UK AOC 65 % of flying due to restrictive government bio-security measures</li> </ul>		Covid variants in Wales

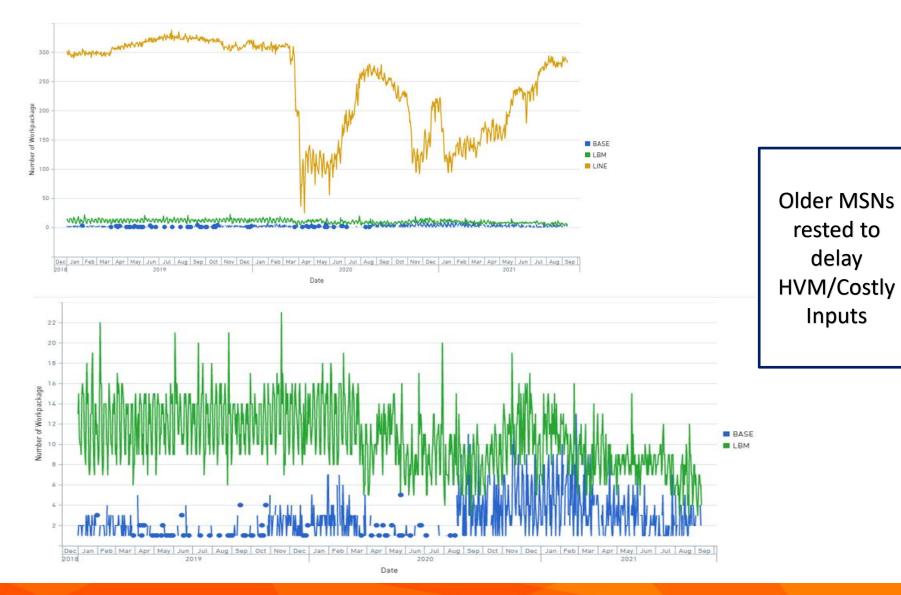


## Our airlines' operation



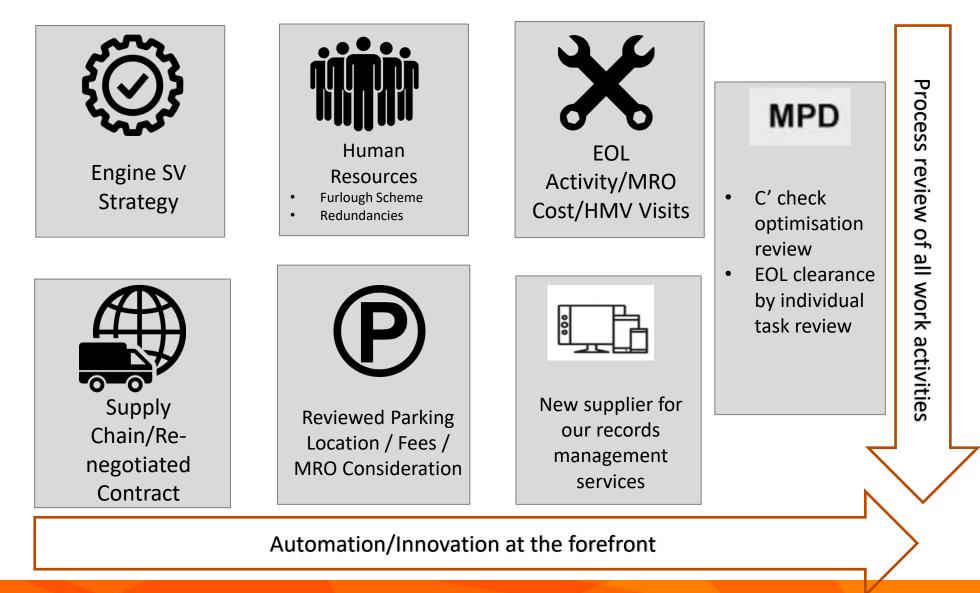


### **Our Maintenance activity**



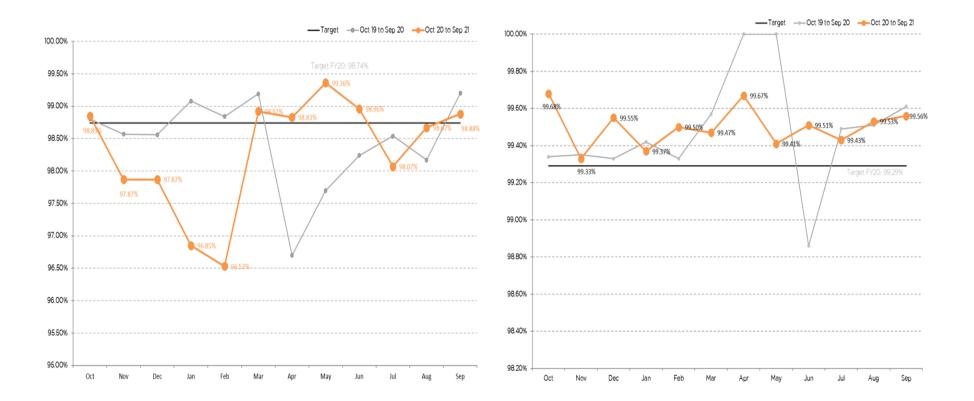


## **Our Cash Preservation strategies**





## Our Technical operations KPI





### The new normal









Evolution of Maintenance Philosophy ...



## Signs of Recovery??



#### NEWS

Miami Airport is first U.S. airport to pilot COVID-19 detector dogs



#### NEWS

IATA July passenger traffic report but remains below pre-COVID-19 levels



#### NEWS

Emirates accelerates digital innovation for passengers



#### NEWS

Mumbai Airport attains ACI Health Accreditation for second year running



#### NEWS

Latest EUROCONTROL data reveals aviation's COVID summer recovery



NEWS

EUROCONTROL data shows delays caused by passenger COVID forms



### Summary

- Embracing/Embedding the new normal
- View the crisis as an opportunity
- Show good leadership and take your people through this journey
- Learn the lessons, document them and store them safely for the future......(tell your grandchildren this story)





## THANKS!



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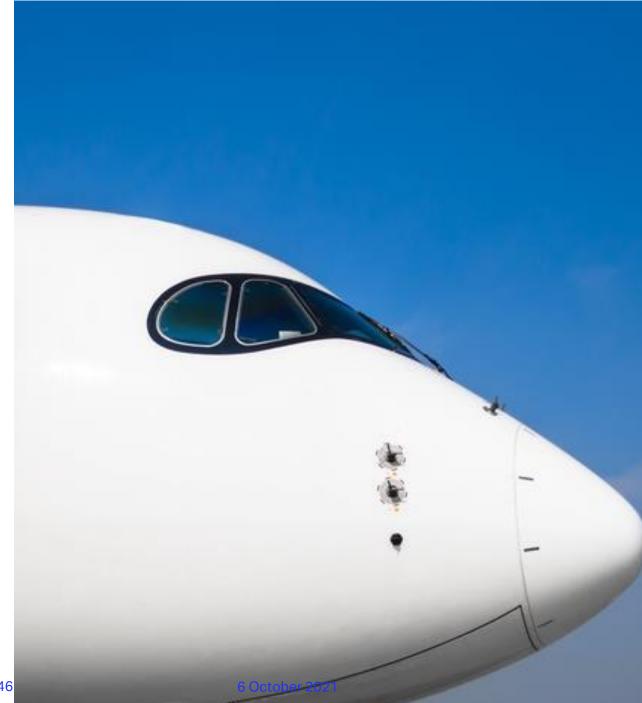


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- Technical Operations Working Group <u>www.iata.org/tog</u>
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