

## AerCap (NYSE: AER)

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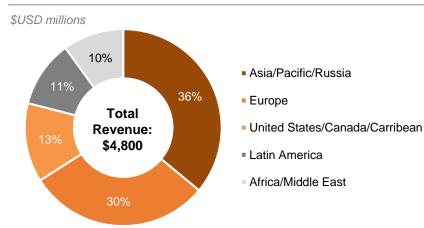


## COMPANY OVERVIEW AerCap Holdings NV (NYSE: AER)

#### **Business Description**

- AerCap Holdings NV (NYSE: AER) is the most active aircraft trader and largest independent aircraft leasing company in the world
- AerCap focuses on acquiring in-demand aircrafts, funding them, hedging interest rate risk, and using its platform to deploy these assets
  - On average, AerCap purchases, sells or leases an aircraft once every 24 hours
  - Portfolio consists of 1,421 aircrafts with an average age of 6.2 years

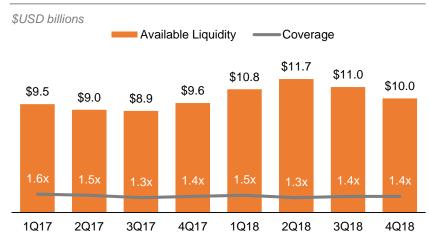
#### 2018 Geographically Segmented Revenue



#### Management Team



#### **Available Liquidity**



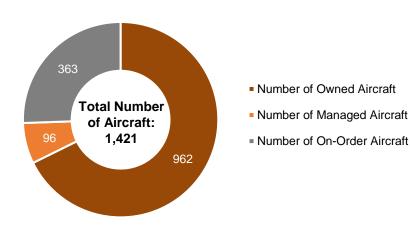


## COMPANY OVERVIEW Underlying Business Model

#### **Business Model**



#### AerCap Aircraft Portfolio



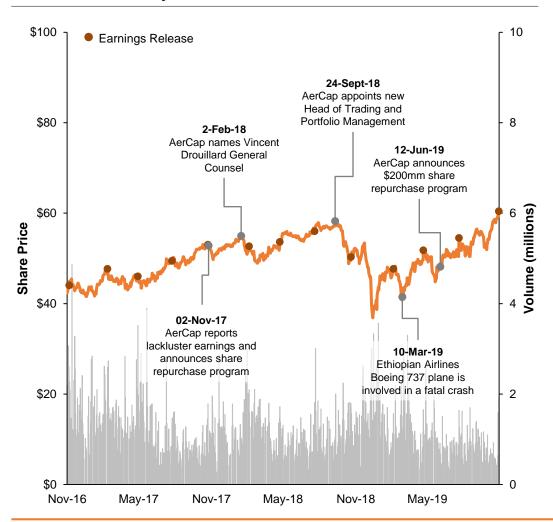
#### **Principal Customers**

Customer	% of 2018 Lease Revenue
American Airlines	7.1%
Air France	4.3%
China Southern Airlines	4.2%
Emirates	4.1%
LATAM Airlines	3.9%



## COMPANY OVERVIEW PV Chart and Capitalization Table

#### **Price-Volume Analysis**



#### **Market Data**

#### (\$USD millions)

Capitaliz	ation	
Share Price (18-Dec-2019)	(US\$)	\$59.89
Basic Shares Outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	(mm)	134.7
Diluted Securities	(mm)	23.8
Market Capitalization	(US\$ mm)	9,493
(-) Cash & Equivalents	(US\$ mm)	(1,047)
(+) Short-Term Debt	(US\$ mm)	116
(+) Long-Term Debt	(US\$ mm)	29,335
(+) Minority Interest	(US\$ mm)	65
Enterprise Value	(US\$ mm)	37,963

Trading Multiples			
P / 2018A BVPS	-	1.0x	
P / 2019E BVPS	-	0.9x	
P / 2020E BVPS	-	0.8x	
P / 2018A EPS	-	8.8x	
P / 2019E EPS	-	7.4x	
P / 2020E EPS	-	7.8x	

#### Market Data

52-Week High	(US\$)	\$62.86
% of 52-Week High	(%)	95.3%
52-Week Low	(US\$)	\$36.16
Beta <sup>(2)</sup>	-	1.10



Source(s): Capital IQ, Bloomberg, Press Releases, SEC Filings, CBC, CNN

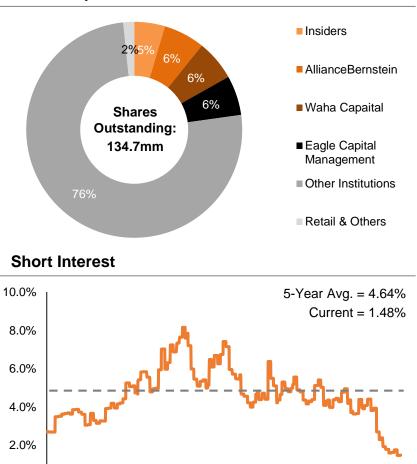
 Common Shares Outstanding derived from AerCap's 6-K Filing as of November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and includes unvested restricted stock

2. AerCap's beta is derived from Bloomberg's 2-year adjusted beta calculations

# COMPANY OVERVIEW Shareholder Overview

#### **Shareholder Summary**

(in millions)	# of Shares Held	% of Shares Outstanding
Insiders		
Kelly, Aengus Scruggs, Philip Gene Juhas, Peter Lawrence, James Arthur Other Insiders	3.3 0.2 0.2 0.1 2.4 <sup>(1)</sup>	2.4% 0.1% 0.1% 0.1% 1.8%
Total Insiders	6.2	4.6%
Institutions		
AllianceBernstein Waha Capaital Eagle Capital Management Wellington Management Group BlackRock FMR LLC Lyrical Asset Management Donald Smith & Co State Street Global Advisors GreenLight Capital Neuberger Berman BD LLC Cambiar Investors Other Institutions	8.3 8.2 8.0 7.4 6.3 6.0 5.9 5.7 3.7 3.5 3.2 3.0 57.1	6.2% 6.1% 5.9% 4.7% 4.5% 4.4% 4.2% 2.7% 2.6% 2.4% 2.2% 42.4%
Total Institutions	126.3	93.8%
Retail & Other Investors Public Float	2.2 128.5	1.6% 95.4%
Total Basic Shares Outstanding	134.7	100.0%



#### **Ownership Structure**



Source(s): Capital IQ, Bloomberg

1. Unvested restricted stock assigned to Other Insiders as not previously specified in SEC Filings

0.0%

2014

2015

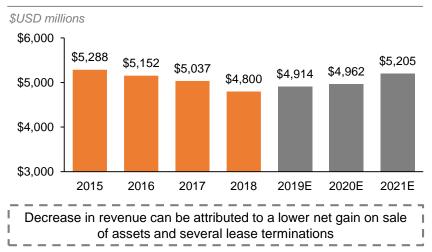
2016

2017

2018

2019

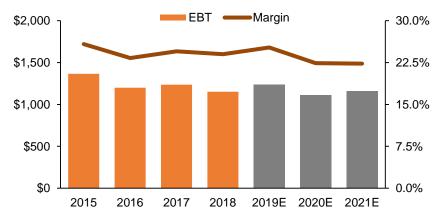
# COMPANY OVERVIEW Operating Metrics



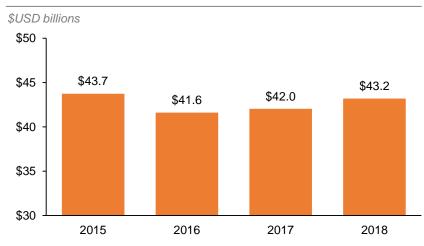
#### Revenue

#### **Pre-Tax Income**

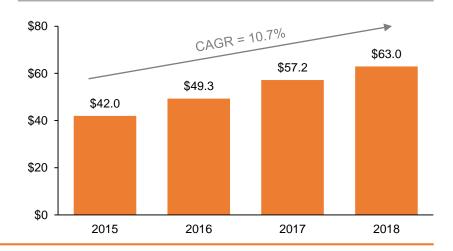
\$USD millions



#### **Total Assets**



#### **Book Value Per Share**







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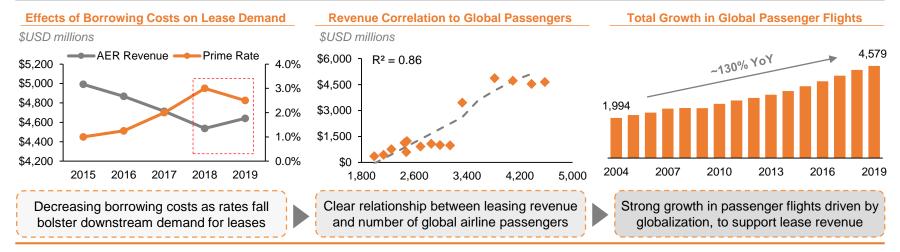
# INDUSTRY OVERVIEW The Economics of Commercial Leasing

#### **Commercial Leasing Demand**

- Commercial airlines are the primary market for major aircraft lessors such as AerCap
  - Increases in airline trips prompt carriers to rapidly expand and update fleets to accommodate new demand more flexibly
- Lease demand remains steady throughout economic cycles, allowing airlines to avoid massive capex and depreciation expenses
- Volatile energy prices incentivize carriers to maintain access to the newest, most fuel-efficient aircrafts without needing to purchase entire aircrafts

#### Macroeconomic Forces Driving Leasing Revenue







## INDUSTRY OVERVIEW Competitive Landscape

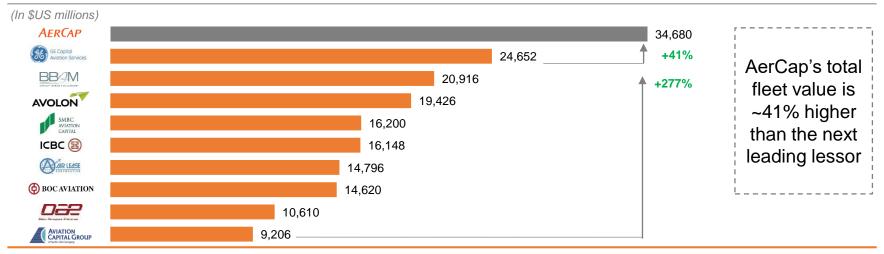
#### **Increasing Industry Consolidation**

- Substantial financial resources, high barriers to entry, and established customer networks favour high market share concentration among key players
- Growing number of acquisitions as larger players absorb smaller operators
  - i.e. AerCap's 2014 acquisition of ILFC
- Lessors with the largest selection of aircrafts act as "one-stop shops" for carriers – pushing weaker firms out of the market

#### **Substantial Barriers to Entry**

Barrier	Dynamics
Access to Credit	<ul> <li>Require favourable rates to finance fleet purchases</li> <li>– supporting those with existing large asset bases</li> </ul>
Service and Upkeep	<ul> <li>Servicing aircrafts requires large capital outlays to</li></ul>
Costs	ensure they align with regulatory standards
Stringent Regulatory	<ul> <li>Regulatory bodies such as the FAA<sup>1</sup> have stringent</li></ul>
Requirements	guidelines for regular aircraft maintenance
Established	<ul> <li>Due to high supplier switching-costs, lessors with</li></ul>
Customer Networks	existing networks fare the best in this industry
Ability to Maintain	<ul> <li>Technological changes, environmental concerns,</li></ul>
Up-to-Date Aircraft	and the demand for fuel-efficiency favour lessors
Fleets	that can adjust fleet composition the fastest

#### Fleet Value of Leading Aircraft Operating Lessors in 2018

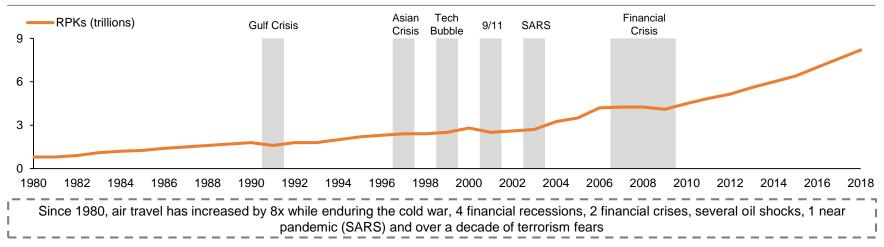




Source(s): Statista, IBIS World 1. Federal Aviation Administration

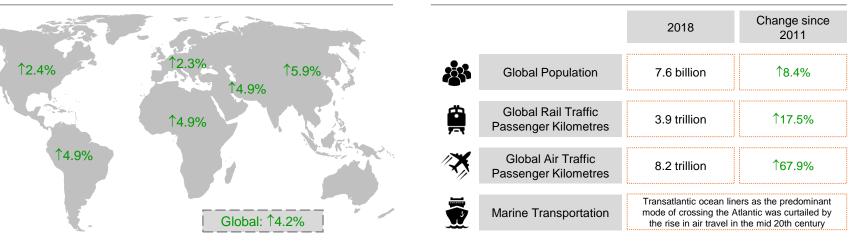
## INDUSTRY OVERVIEW Structural Growth in Air Traffic

#### **Resiliency of Air Travel**



#### Forecasted Passenger Volume CAGR by Region

#### Shift to Air Travel



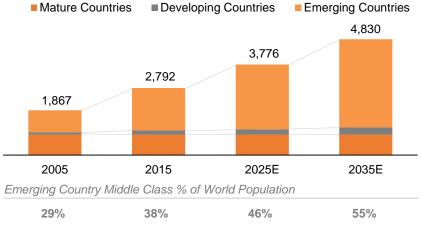


## INDUSTRY OVERVIEW Structural Growth in Air Traffic (Cont.)

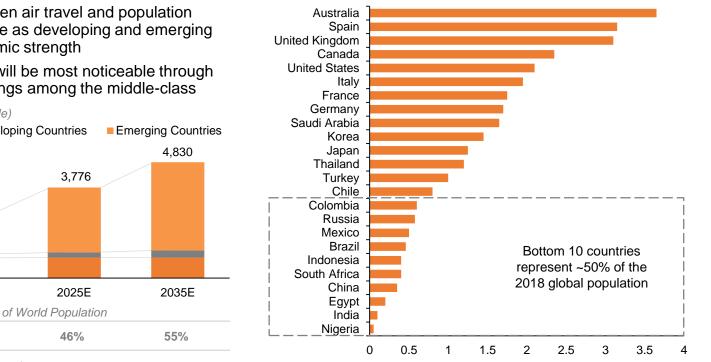
#### **Emerging Middle Class**

- A convergence between air travel and population should occur over time as developing and emerging countries gain economic strength
  - Phenomenon will be most noticeable through increased savings among the middle-class

Middle Class<sup>(1)</sup> (in millions of people)



### Propensity to Fly by Country<sup>(2)</sup>



#### Increasing Affordability of Travel

Budget airlines and sharing business are key factors that are increasing the ease and affordability of travel



- Middle class is defined as households with yearly income between US\$20,000 and US\$150,000 at PPP in constant 2015 prices
  - Propensity to fly is calculated by taking total passengers and dividing it by the total population 2.



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## INVESTMENT THESIS **Argument I: Unparalleled Global Platform**

#### Race To Market Aircraft Type Aircraft Position A319/A320/A321 1 st Narrowbody B737-700 Narrowbody 1 st B737-800 Narrowbody 1 st A330 1 st Widebody A340/B747/B767 Widebody 1 st Widebody B777 1 st AerCap has consistently been first to market with new aircraft

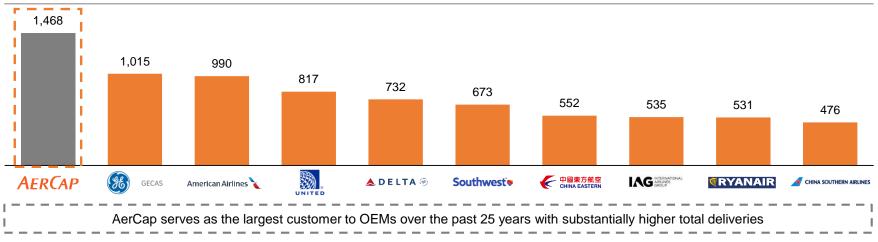
Market Maker Advantage

releases providing them with price setting abilities



#### Market Position Drives Favourable Leasing Terms

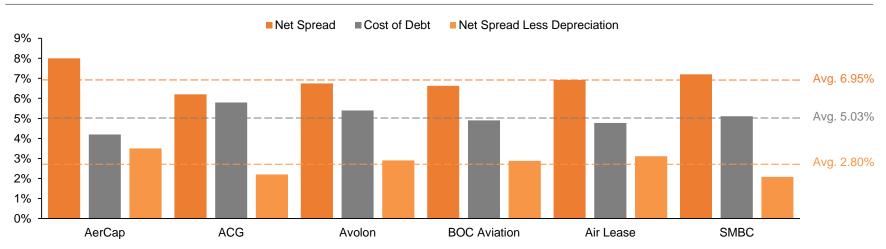
#### Superior OEM Relationships – Total Historical Deliveries (1994 – 2019)





## INVESTMENT THESIS Argument II: Significant Economies of Scale

#### **Industry Leading Margins**



#### Leading Market Position

Customer	Years of Relationship	Number of Aircraft	Lessor Market Position
American Airlines 🍾	32	86	#1
CHINA SOUTHERN AIRLINES	27	76	#1
<b>LATAM</b>	22	23	#1
◎ 川 航空 SICHUAN AIRLINES	24	30	#1
Southwest	31	37	#1
spirit	16	21	#1
virgin allantic <sup>47</sup>	31	13	#1

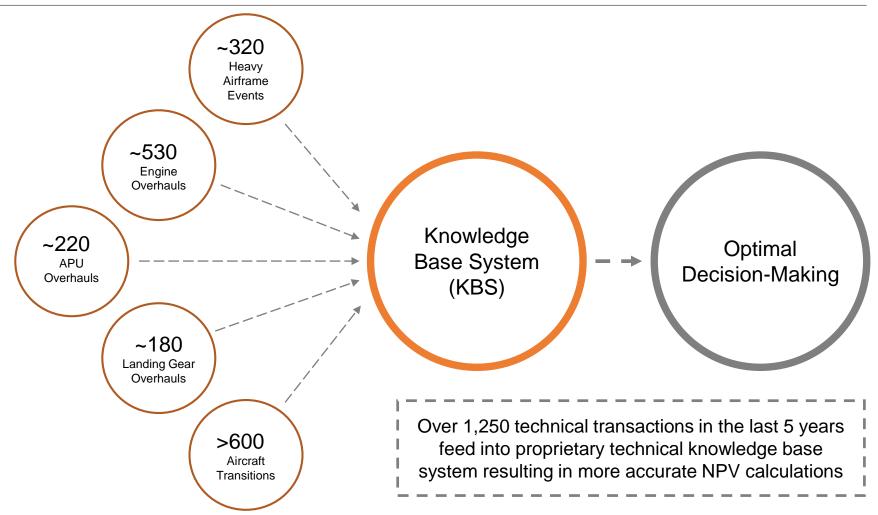
#### Access to Capital Markets

- AerCap remains one of few companies in the sector that has an investment grade credit rating
  - Offers more flexibility on financings
- Previously, leasing companies relied heavily of bank financing to manage their business
  - During the financial crisis, banks stopped lending and many industry players struggled to refinance their debt which resulted in bankruptcies



## INVESTMENT THESIS Argument II: Significant Economies of Scale (Cont'd)

#### **Industry Leading Technical Expertise**





## INVESTMENT THESIS Argument III: Development of a Positive Feedback Loop

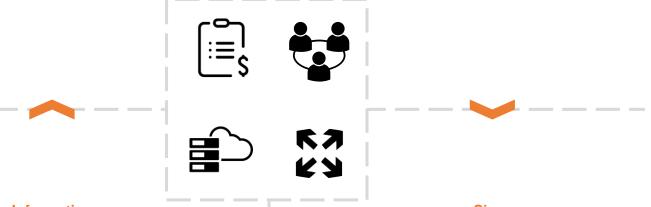
#### Each Aspect of the Feedback Loop Adds Tremendous Value to the Business

#### Transactions

- AerCap's size allows them to borrow capital at a cheaper rate; further improving ability to transact
- The more data AerCap receives, the better they will perform in negotiations with manufacturers and airlines

#### **Relationships**

- AerCap's strong ability to transact allows them to get invited to more deals and lends opportunity to build relationships
- AerCap's size allows them access to executives that few leasers can speak to



#### Information

- AerCap's larger size allows them access to more data than competitors
- Controlling more than 50% of global transactions, there are few deals that AerCap is unaware of in the marketplace

#### Size

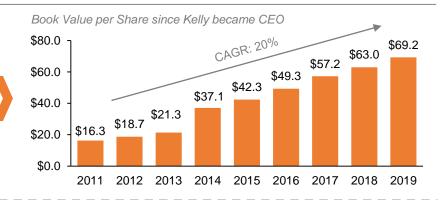
- Management of key relationships with manufacturers and airlines allows AerCap to grow their network
- Each transaction allows AerCap to grow in size through balance sheet, relationship or data



## INVESTMENT THESIS Argument IV: Superior Capital Allocation

#### **Prudent Management Team**

- Aegnus Kelly and the remainder of the C-suite hold a significant ownership in AerCap, aligning their decisions with those of shareholders
  - Market value of holdings are ~US\$250mm worth of common stock
  - No members of management has been disposing shares
- Aircraft utilization rate of 99.8% demonstrates the effective management of revenue-generating assets

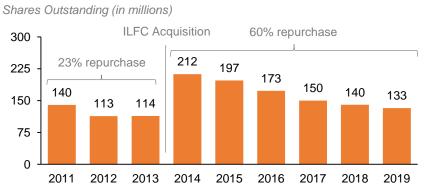


"We're reinvesting the revenue from these aircraft sales at a premium over their book value in order to fund a significant amount of share buybacks at a discount" – Aegnus Kelly, CEO AerCap

#### Acquisition of ILFC in 2014

- As part of AIG's urgent financial restructuring, AerCap was able to purchase International Lease Finance Corporation (ILFC) for US\$7.6n
  - Attractive purchase multiples of 0.5x P/BV and 0.85x EV/Fleet Value
- Quadrupling the size of AerCap's existing aircraft fleet and gave access to an order book with new technology aircrafts sought after by airlines
- AerCap's stock increased by 50% the day of announcement

#### Aggressive Stock Buyback Programs



 Share buybacks are funded through selling indemand mid-life aircrafts at premium to book value





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## VALUATION Research Analysts

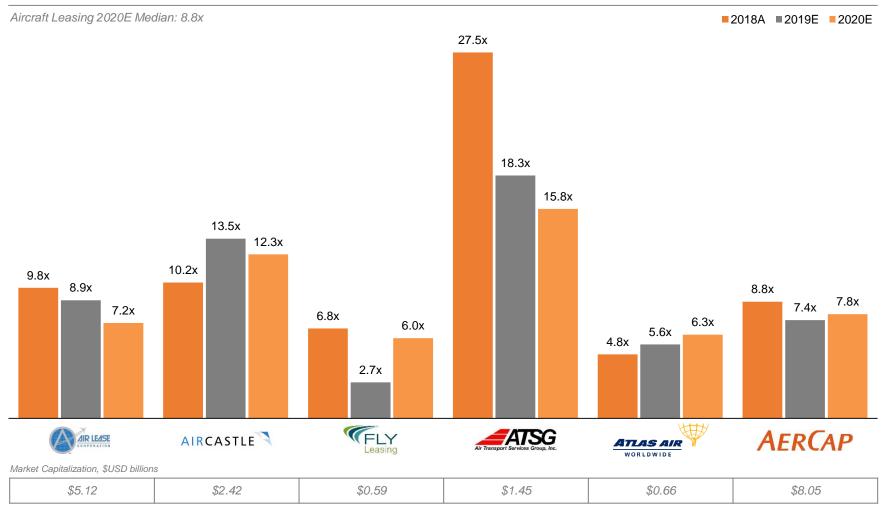
#### **Select Valuation Commentary**

Brokerage Coverage	Valuation Methodology	Commentary
CREDIT SUISSE	<ul> <li>2020E P/BV</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>"Our \$65 target price for AER is ~1x our 2Q20 tangible book estimate, in line with return on equity. We rate AER Outperform as we expect it to return more than its peers"</li> </ul>
Deutsche Bank	<ul><li>2020E EPS</li><li>P/BV</li></ul>	<ul> <li>"AER's equity continues to trade below book value. However, we now derive our PT by applying an ~11x P/E multiple to our 2020 GAAP EPS forecast as we roll our valuation analysis from our 2019 GAAP EPS forecast vs. AER's historical 10x – 11x range"</li> </ul>
J.P.Morgan	<ul><li>2020E P/E</li><li>2020E P/BV</li></ul>	<ul> <li>"Our Dec 2019 price target of \$77.00 is based on a weighted average of two valuation methodologies, P/E and P/B. Our target P/E multiple is 9.0x on our revised 2020 estimate. We have also ascribed a 1.1x P/B multiple to our estimate of FY 2020 book value"</li> </ul>
MACQUARIE	<ul> <li>Forward P/BV</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>"AER's forward P/B valuation of 0.72x versus our estimate is off of lows reached in December (0.57x) but still well below the 0.93x five-year average prior to last year's selloff. The 0.95x multiple that we apply to value shares is based on AER's improved portfolio composition, leverage profile, and growth outlook since acquiring ILFC assets"</li> </ul>
COWEN	<ul> <li>2020E P/BV</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>"Our price target is based on ~0.9x our projected year end 2019 book value per share"</li> </ul>



## VALUATION Comparable Analysis

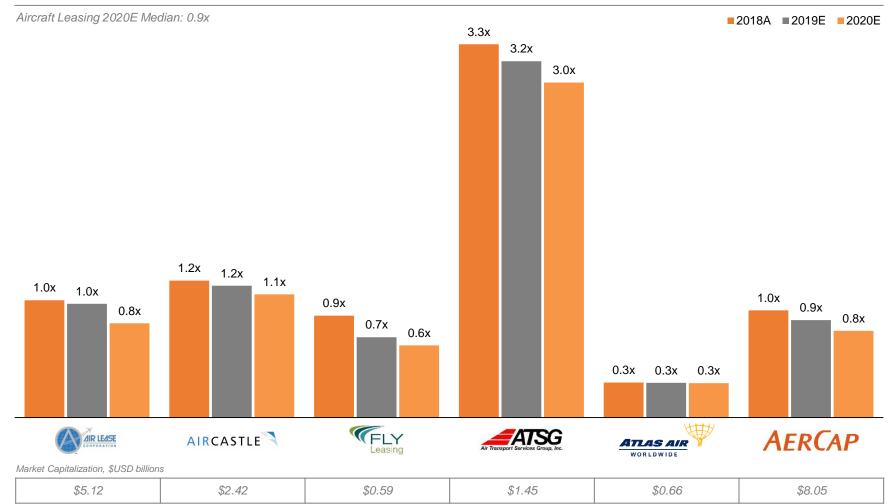
#### Price / Earnings Multiples for Comparable Universe





## VALUATION Comparable Analysis

#### Price / Book Value for Comparable Universe





# Abnormal Earnings Model

#### **Abnormal Earnings Summary**

					For	ecast Perio	d	
(USD millions)	2016A	2017A	2018A	2019E	2020E	2021E	2022E	2023E
Earnings per Share	\$5.52	\$6.43	\$6.83	\$7.81	\$7.60	\$8.10	\$8.26	\$8.43
% Growth	-	16.5%	6.2%	14.3%	(2.7%)	6.6%	2.0%	2.0%
Dividends per Share	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
% Growth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Book Value per Share	\$48.37	\$56.08	\$61.88	\$69.69	\$77.29	\$85.39	\$93.65	\$102.08
% Growth	-	15.9%	10.3%	12.6%	10.9%	10.5%	9.7%	9.0%
Return on Common Equity				12.6%	10.9%	10.5%	9.7%	9.0%
Abnormal Earnings				\$0.38	\$0.24	\$0.22	\$0.16	\$0.10
Stub Period				0.13	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Discount Period				0.06	0.63	1.63	2.63	3.63
Cost of Equity				7.8%	7.8%	7.8%	7.8%	7.8%
Discount Factor				100%	95%	89%	82%	76%
PV of Abnormal Earnings				\$0.05	\$0.23	\$0.19	\$0.13	\$0.08

Market Risk Premium: 5.4%

Cost of Equity: 7.8%

#### Perp. Growth Rate: 2.0%

#### FDSO: 158.5 million

#### **Valuation Summary**

Cumulative PV of Abnormal Earnings	<b>\$0.65</b>
% Value Contribution	0.9%
Continuing Value Continuing Value of Abnormal Earnings Perpetuity Growth Rate <b>PV of Continuing Value</b> % Value Contribution	\$1.83 2.0% <b>\$1.40</b> 2.0%
Q4-19 Book Value per Share	<b>\$69.24</b>
% Value Contribution	97.1%
Implied Share Price	<b>\$71.29</b>
Current Share Price	\$59.89
Premium to Current Share Price	<b>19.0%</b>
Basic Shares	134.7
(+) Diluted Securities	23.8
Fully Diluted Shares Outstanding	<b>158.5</b>
Implied Equity Value	11,300

#### **Valuation Takeaways**

- The Abnormal Earnings model yields an implied price of \$71.31 (+19.1%), with a range of \$73.96 (+23.5%) to \$69.24 (+16.0%).
- The base case uses a 7.8% Cost of Equity with a 2.0% perpetuity growth rate
- Analyst consensus is used to estimate forward EPS
- AerCap's dividend policy is kept constant





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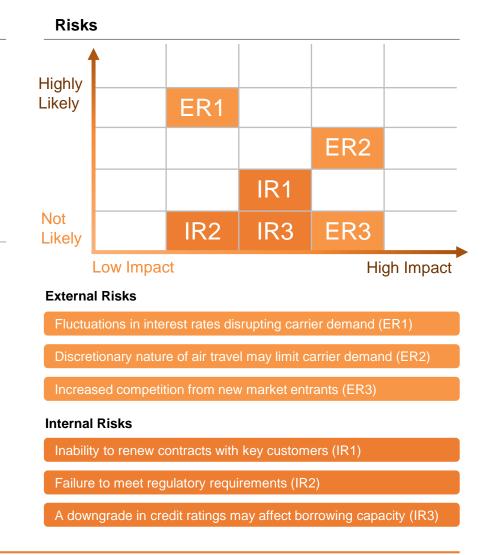
## CATALYSTS & RISKS Short-Term Tailwinds Won't Lead to Turbulence

#### **Near-Term Catalysts**

- Refocusing Portfolio Toward Fuel-Efficiency: By 2021 AerCap expects that new-generation, fuelefficient aircrafts will represent ~66% of the company's total fleet, helping drive new contracts
- Returning Excess Capital to Shareholders: AerCap authorized a \$200 million share repurchase program which will run through Q2 2020

#### Long-Term Catalysts

- Expansion of Existing Customer Networks: First-mover advantages in purchasing new airline technology expected to attract new air carriers to AerCap's flexible and diverse portfolio
- Increased Leasing Industry Consolidation: As more small players with the leasing space get absorbed or pushed out due to competitive pressures, AerCap will have a more favorable environment in which to compete
- Focus on Future M&A and Inorganic Growth: Indicated interest in eventually pursuing additional M&A opportunities, such as the previous ILFC purchase







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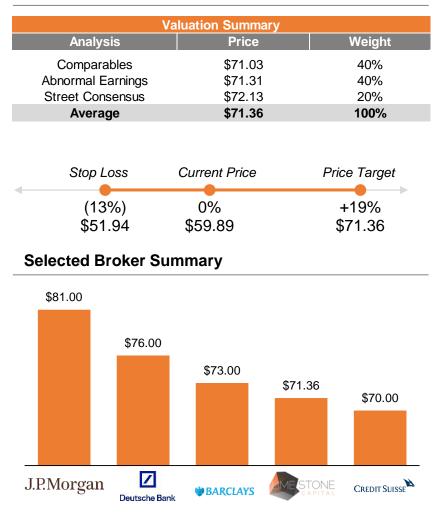


## RECOMMENDATION Buy With a Price Target of ~\$71 (+19%)



#### Indicative Valuation Range

Price Target



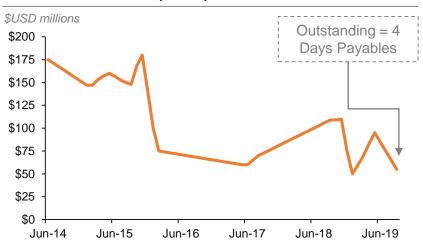




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## APPENDIX Credit Strength and Diversity

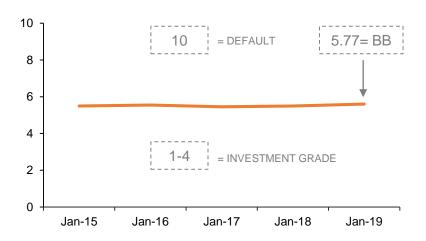


#### Trade Receivables (\$ mm)

#### **Customer Diversity**

#### Dominant Customer % Rent Position American Airlines 🍾 7.1 **`** AIRFRANCE / 4.3 $\checkmark$ CHINA SOUTHERN AIRLINES 4.2 ्र Emirates 4.1 **>** LATAM $\checkmark$ 3.9 AIRLINES

Strong Portfolio Credit Score



#### **Customer Geographic Diversity**

Country	% Rent	# of Carriers
*1	14.1	20
	11.6	8
_	7.3	12
	6.7	7
	4.7	8



## APPENDIX Aircrafts – Airbus

Airbus A320 Family		
A319	96 aircrafts	
A320	185 aircrafts	
A320neo Family	270 aircrafts	
A321	69 aircrafts	
581 Owned/On Order; 39 Total Managed		
Airbus A350		
A350	26 aircrafts	

26 Owned/On Order; 0 Total Managed

Airbus A330 Family		
A330-200	49 aircrafts	
A330-300	33 aircrafts	
71 Owned/On Order; 11 Total Managed		

#### Airbus A330 In Flight





### APPENDIX Aircrafts – Boeing

Boeing 737 NG/MAX		Boeing 777		
Boeing 737 NG	291 aircrafts	Boeing 777	50 aircrafts	
Boeing 737 MAX	104 aircrafts	44 Owned/On Ord	44 Owned/On Order; 6 Total Managed	
359 Owned/On Order; 36 Total Managed				

#### **Boeing 787 Dreamliner**

Boeing 787-8	22 aircrafts	
Boeing 787-9	95 aircrafts	
116 Owned/On Order; 1 Total Managed		

#### Boeing 777 In Flight





# Boeing 777 In Flight Aircrafts – Embraer

#### Embraer E190/195-E2

Embraer E2 50 aircrafts 50 Owned/On Order; 0 Total Managed

#### Embraer 195-E2 In Flight



