## Southwest's Investor Day

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#### Glossary of terms and acronyms

Item	Definition					
ASM	An available seat mile, or one seat (empty or full) flown one mile. Also referred to as "capacity," which is a measure of the space available to carry passengers in a given period					
Boeing	Refers to The Boeing Company					
CASM-X	The average cost to fly an aircraft seat (empty or full) one mile calculated as operating expenses, excluding fuel and oil expense, special items, and profitsharing expense, divided by available seat miles. Also referred to as "unit costs", which is a measure of cost efficiencies					
DOT	Refers to the Department of Transportation					
FAA	Refers to the Federal Aviation Administration					
Free cash flow	A non-GAAP financial measure calculated as operating cash flows less capital expenditures					
LCC airlines	Refers to Alaska Airlines and JetBlue					
Legacy airlines	Refers to American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, and United Airlines					
Leverage	A non-GAAP financial measure calculated as adjusted debt to invested capital					
Load factor	Revenue passenger miles divided by available seat miles					
NPS	Net Promoter Score					
O&D	Stands for origin and destination. A Passenger traveling from A to B, regardless of routing, nonstop, through, or connections represents a single O&D. Also referred to as revenue passengers carried					
Operating margin	A non-GAAP financial measure calculated as operating income divided by operating revenues, excluding special items					
RASM	A measure of operating revenue production based on the total available seat miles flown during a particular period calculated as operating revenue divided by available seat miles. Also referred to as "unit revenues"					
ROIC	After-tax return on invested capital					
ULCC airlines	Refers to Allegiant Air, Frontier Airlines, and Spirit Airlines					
WACC	Weighted average cost of capital					
Southwest fare options	Business Select®, Anytime, Wanna Get Away+® (WGA+), and Wanna Get Away® (WGA). Learn more by visiting Southwest.com					
Southwest policies	'Bags fly free®,' Points don't expire, Credits don't expire, Free same day standby, and no cancel / change fees. Learn more by visiting Southwest.com					
Cash + Points	Allows Rapid Rewards® Members to combine Rapid Rewards points with other eligible forms of payment to purchase flights. Learn more by visiting Southwest.com					

## Today's agenda

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Bob Jordan
President, Chief Executive Officer,
and Vice Chairman of the Board

Driving revenue and profitability by optimizing operations



Andrew Watterson Chief Operating Officer

Transforming our Customer value proposition



Ryan Green Executive Vice President Commercial Transformation

Transforming for sustainable profitability and **Shareholder returns** 



Tammy Romo
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Closing Remarks

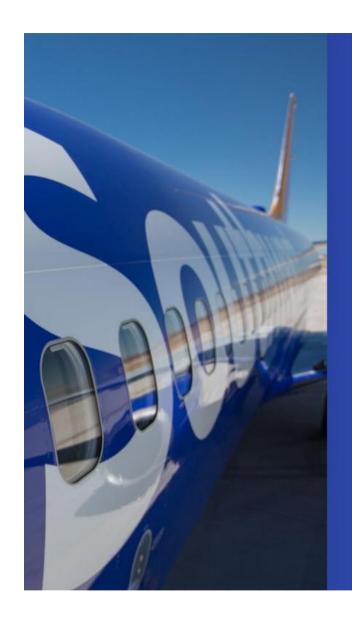
Q&A



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Bob Jordan
President, Chief Executive Officer,
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#### What you will hear from us today

- A transformational plan that builds on our foundation
- A portfolio of initiatives that delivers significant value
- A monetization of our Customer value proposition
- A unique capital efficient fleet strategy
- A bright future with a bold plan that achieves our longterm goal of ROIC well above WACC in 2027

#### Concrete actions to return to prosperity

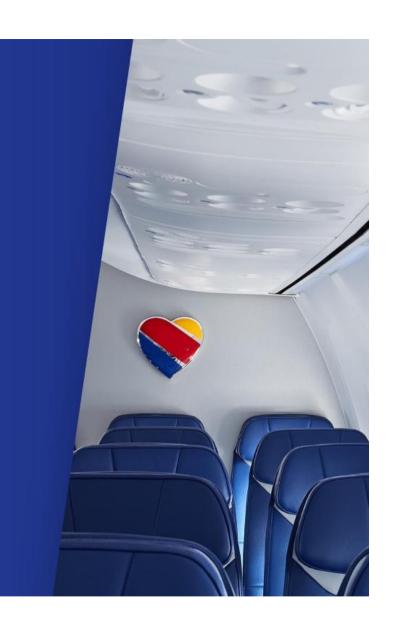
	We have mitigated future operational impacts with a moderated capacity plan and are pursuing a generational fleet opportunity to unlock value
Labor	We are reducing headcount through controlled hiring and attrition and labor cost certainty has been achieved
Travel patterns and preferences	We are adapting through network optimization and transformational initiatives
Operational disruption	We executed our operations reliability plan, and NPS has been restored
Revenue management	We implemented a multi-pronged tactical plan, and are already seeing benefits
Financial performance	We are executing a comprehensive plan to drive ROIC well above WACC



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#### Founded on a Culture that creates value for all Stakeholders



#### Our business model is time-tested and self-reinforcing

Invest in the business and People to grow and develop market leadership

Maximize returns for Shareholders



Drive Customer loyalty and grow share of wallet

Deliver an efficient operation with a highly-engaged workforce

Offer Customers low fares, convenient flights, and industry-leading Customer Service



#### Our model is supported by a unique set of strategic advantages

The approach continuously compounds our strategic advantages and propels the business

We have a primarily point-to-point network optimized for non-stop flights

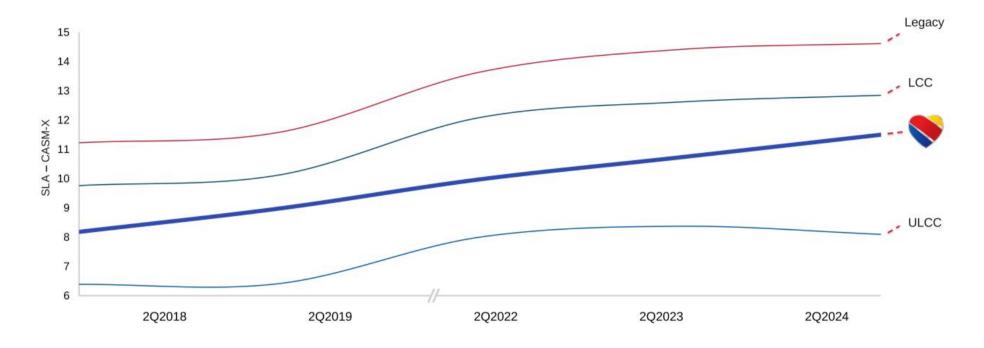
We utilize a single aircraft type to optimize fleet operations

We drive cost efficiency through high asset utilization

Our Customercentric sales approach is unique in the industry Our low-cost model allows us to offer the best value for an economy ticket Our People deliver unmatched Hospitality

#### Our model has allowed us to maintain our relative cost position

#### CASM-X, stage-length adjusted (SLA) performance<sup>1</sup>



 Stage-length adjusted to Southwest's 2Q2024 average stage length. Source: Carrier filings, Diio Schedule, and DOT T-100 data Note: Chart excludes 2020 and 2021 for comparative purposes

#### Our Customer-friendly policies build enduring loyalty

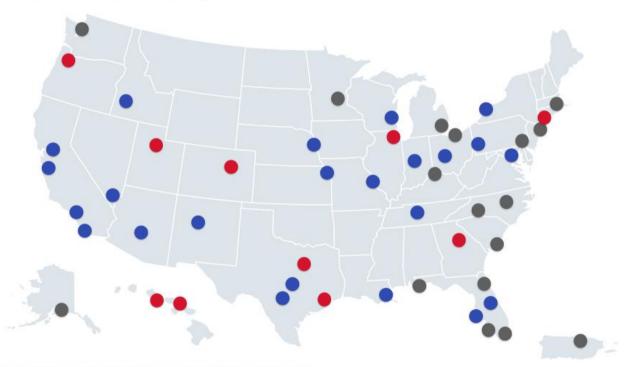
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Two bags fly free	<b>✓</b>					
No cancel or change fees	<b>~</b>	Basic economy \$99 fee	Basic economy \$99 fee	Basic economy \$99 fee	Basic economy excluded	Basic economy \$100 fee
Free same day standby	<b>~</b>		Basic economy & int'l excluded		Basic economy excluded	\$75 fee
Points don't expire	<b>~</b>	Expire after 24 months				
Credits don't expire	<b>✓</b>					
Cash + Points	<b>✓</b>					Basic economy excluded

#### Policies, combined with our network, drive market leadership

Our unique point-to-point network, low fares, and famous Hospitality have made Southwest the airline of choice in more cities across the country

Southwest is ranked #1 in 23 of the top 50 U.S. metro areas<sup>1</sup>

- Top 50 city where Southwest is #1 in Passengers carried
- Top 50 city where Southwest is #2 in Passengers carried
- Top 50 city where Southwest is outside of the top two in Passengers carried<sup>2</sup>



Source: U.S. DOT O&D Survey data for the twelve months ending 03/31/2024 based on domestic passengers boarded. Data accessed 09/20/2024 using Cirium Dijo Mi

2. ANC is only station Southwest does not serve of the top 50 U.S. metro areas

<sup>1.</sup> Top 50 metros include co-terminal regions; Bay (SFO OAK SJC), Boston (BOS MHT PVD), Buffalo (BUF IAG), Chicago (MDW ORD), Cincinnati (CVG DAY), Cleveland (CLE CAK), Columbus (CMH LCK), Dallas (DAL DFW), D.C. (BWI DCA IAD), Ft. Myers (PGD RSW), Houston (HOU IAH), LA (BUR LAX LGB ONT SNA), Miami (FLL MIA PBI), NYC (EWR JFK LGA), Northwest Florida (ECP PNS VPS), Orlando (MCO SFB), Philadelphia (PHL TTN), Phoenix (AZA PHX), Pittsburgh (LBE PIT), South Texas (BRO HRL MFE), St. Louis (BLV STL), Tampa (PIE TPA)

#### Our approach has resulted in an industry-leading balance sheet We have had an investment-grade rating for over 30 years

	Non-investment grade							Investment grade					
	CCC-/Caa3	CCC/Caa2	CCC+/Caa1	B-/B3	B/B2	B+/B1	BB-/Ba3	BB/Ba2	BB+Ba1	BBB-/Baa3	BBB/Baa2	BBB+/Baa1	A-/A3
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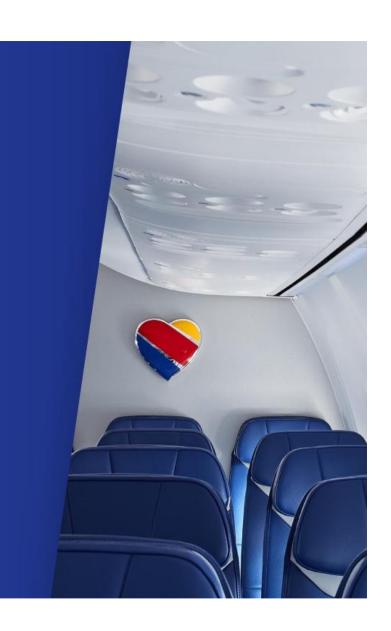
Note: As of 8/15/2024, Moody's Senior Unsecured rating used (if unavailable, Long Term Corporate Family or Long Term rating used); S&P's Long Term Issuer rating used; Fitch's Senior Unsecured rating used (if unavailable, Long-term Issuer rating used)



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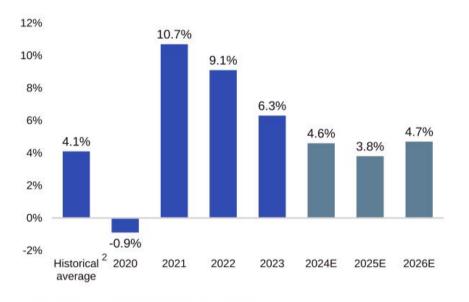


#### The U.S. economy has been resilient

Economic and consumer spending trends support a favorable outlook

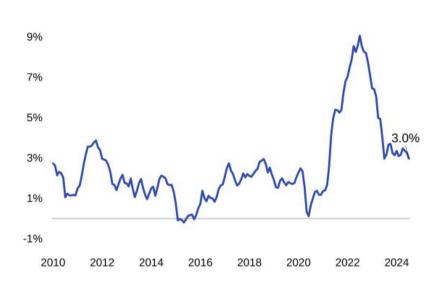
#### GDP continues to grow<sup>1</sup>

Year-over-year



#### Inflation is moderating

Year-over-year



Source: Capital IQ, as of 8/16/2024, BMI Fitch Solution

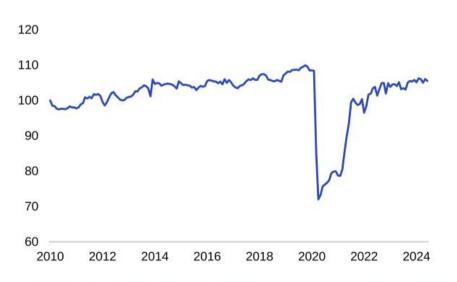
<sup>1,</sup> U.S. nominal GDP sourced from BMI Fitch Solutions

<sup>2.</sup> Historical average 2010-2019

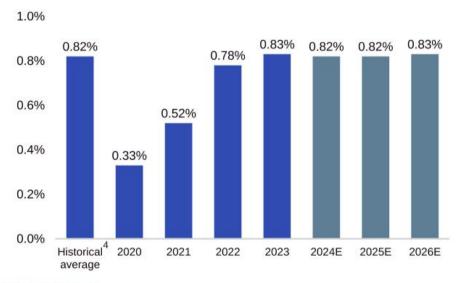
#### Air travel has normalized

Growing GDP combined with stabilized air travel trends support a positive outlook for industry revenue growth

### Travel as % of total consumer spend<sup>1</sup> Indexed to 2010



### Airline revenue<sup>2</sup> returning to long-term average as a % of GDP<sup>3</sup>



<sup>1.</sup> Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis; travel expenditure refers to consumer spend on transportation services; indexed to 2010

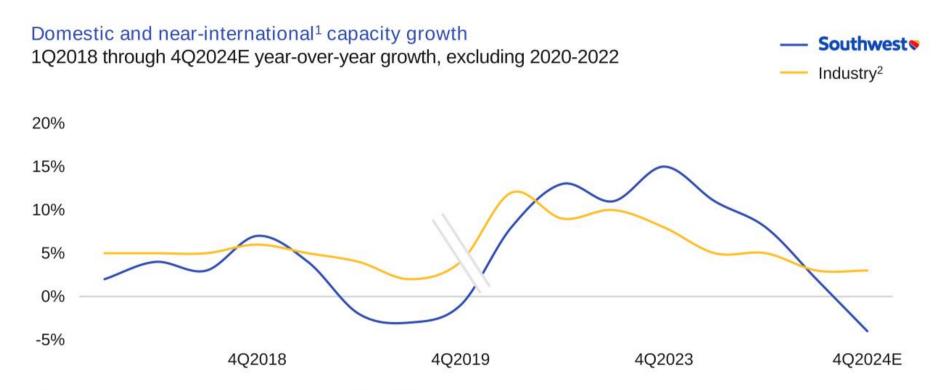
<sup>2.</sup> U.S. carriers industry revenue, including LUV, UAL, DAL, AAL, ALK, JBLU, SNCY, ALGT, SAVE, ULCC, HA

<sup>3.</sup> U.S. nominal GDP sourced from BMI Fitch Solutions

<sup>4.</sup> Historical average 2010-2019

#### Industry capacity growth has been moderating

Supplier issues and network rationalization suggest capacity will continue to be constrained



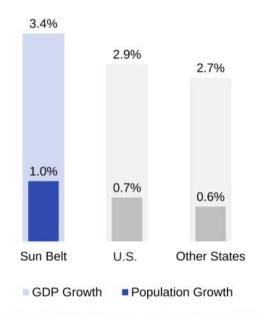
<sup>1.</sup> Near international includes Mexico, Canada, and the Caribbean. All data year-over-year growth rates

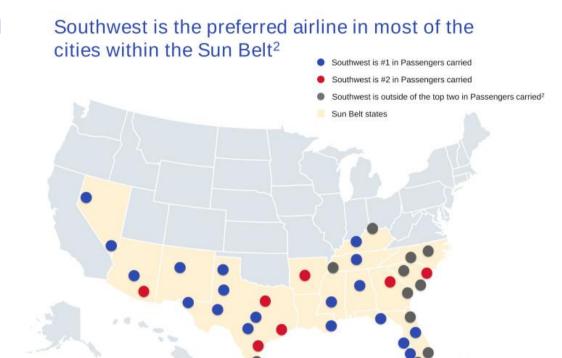
2. Inclusive of all marketing carriers serving domestic and near-international routes Source: Schedule data from Diio as of 9/04/2024

#### Growth in the Sun Belt overlaps our points of network strength

Allowing us to continue capitalizing on population and economic trends

Population is shifting to the Sun Belt, and economic growth is trending similarly<sup>1</sup>





<sup>1.</sup> Sun Belt includes AL, AR, AZ, FL, GA, KY, KA, MS, NC, NM, NV, SC, TN, TX; U.S. nominal GDP sourced from BMI Fitch Solutions

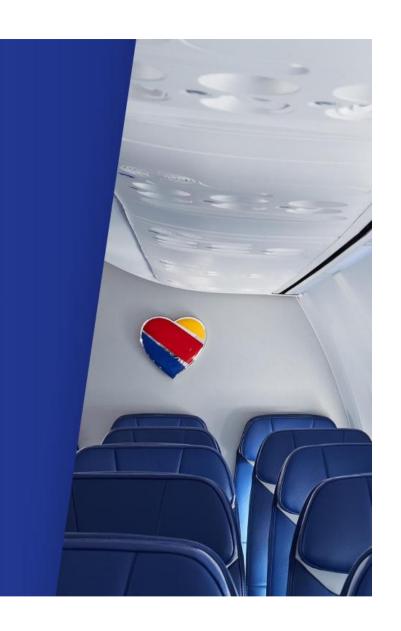
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#### Benefits of our actions are reflected in our updated 3Q2024 guidance

Item	Prior guidance	Revised guidance	Change
RASM, year-over-year	Flat to down 2%	Up 2% to 3%	<b>↑</b>
CASM-X, year-over-year	Up 11% to 13%	Up 11% to 13%	No change
Economic fuel costs per gallon <sup>1</sup>	\$2.60 to \$2.70	\$2.50 to \$2.60	<b>1</b>
ASMs, year-over-year	Up ~2%	Up ~2%	No change

<sup>1.</sup> Includes fuel taxes, fuel hedging premium expense of \$0.07 per gallon, and favorable cash settlements from fuel derivative contracts of \$0.02 per gallon. Based on the Company's existing fuel derivative contracts and market prices as of 09/20/2024.

#### Additionally, we are approaching our strategic plan thoughtfully



## Research and data-driven

With an eye towards future market trends, we are evolving



#### Customerfriendly

We are flexible, transparent, and offer next-level Hospitality



#### Financiallyoptimal

We are making investments to align our Customer and Shareholder value propositions



#### Strategyreinforcing

Initiatives reinforce each other and our unique business model strengths

#### The three pillars of our strategy to restore prosperity

We expect our strategic initiatives to be at maturity in 2027

## Monetize our Customer value proposition

Drive revenue and increase loyalty



### Increase efficiency & lower cost

Increase aircraft productivity and manage unit cost pressures



## Optimize capital allocation

Achieve long-term ROIC goal in 2027



## We are developing new product offerings that align with Customer preferences, improve the Customer Experience, and increase revenue

## Monetize our Customer value proposition

Drive revenue and increase loyalty

### Increase efficiency &

Increase aircraft productivity and manage unit cost pressures

#### Optimize capital allocation

Achieve long-term ROIC goal in 2027

Assigned seats

Extra legroom

Getaways by Southwest

Airline partnerships

We are enhancing the value of our core business by driving revenue and increasing Customer loyalty



#### Our decisions have been shaped by rigorous research

'Bags fly free' case study

## Monetize our value proposition

Drive revenue and increase loyalty

Increase efficiency & lower cost

Increase aircraft productivity and manage unit cost pressures Maximize capital allocation

Achieve long-term ROIC goal in 2027

Research confirmed that our 'bags fly free' policy generates market share gains in excess of potential lost revenue from bag fees



97% policy awareness



Share loss is estimated at ~\$1.8B per year



Potential bag fee revenue is estimated at most \$1B to \$1.5B per year

## We are increasing the efficiency of our operations to support our low-cost position

Monetize our Customer value proposition

Drive revenue and increase loyalty

Increase efficiency & lower cost

Increase aircraft productivity and manage unit cost pressures

Optimize capital allocation

Achieve long-term ROIC goal in 2027

Turn

24-hour operations

Service modernization

Cost initiative

We are increasing the efficiency of our operations, boosting aircraft productivity, and managing unit cost pressures



## We are focused on using our capital efficiently to achieve our ROIC goals in 2027

Monetize our Customer value proposition

Drive revenue and increase loyalty

Increase efficiency & lower cost

ncrease aircraft productivity and manage unit cost pressures

Optimize capital allocation

Achieve long-term ROIC goal in 2027

Capital discipline

Fleet strategy

Shareholder returns

We are optimizing the value of our assets to drive Shareholder returns



#### Strong execution will lead to improved financial performance

	Strategic initiatives					
Tactical initiatives	Monetize Customer value proposition	Increase efficiency & lower cost	Optimize capital allocation			
Address the base business	Drive revenue and increase loyalty	Increase aircraft productivity and manage unit cost pressures	Achieve long-term ROIC goal in 2027			
Continual network optimization & maturation	Assigned seating	Turn	Capital discipline			
Marketing and distribution evolution	Extra legroom	24-hour operations	Fleet strategy			
Revenue management maturation	Getaways by Southwest	Service modernization	Shareholder returns			
	Airline partnerships	Cost initiative				

Approximately \$4B in incremental EBIT and ROIC well above WACC in 2027

#### Our 2027 targets support strong Shareholder returns

Capacity <sup>1</sup>	Operating margin	Leverage		
1% to 2%	≥10%	Low to mid 30%		
Free cash flow	ROIC	Balance sheet		
>\$1 billion	≥15%	Investment-grade credit rating		

#### Key takeaways

- Strong foundation and proven business model
- Thoughtful transformation of our product as Customer preferences evolve
- An approach that is rooted in data and research
- Executing to drive Customer <u>and</u> Shareholder value
- Bold and achievable plan to deliver ROIC well in excess of WACC



# Driving revenue and profitability by optimizing operations



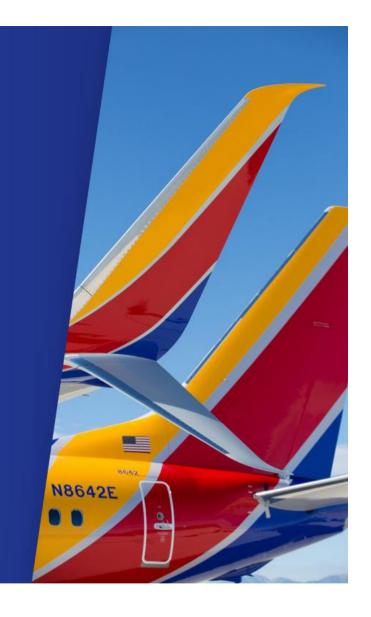
Andrew Watterson
Chief Operating Officer



**Changing Customer behaviors** 

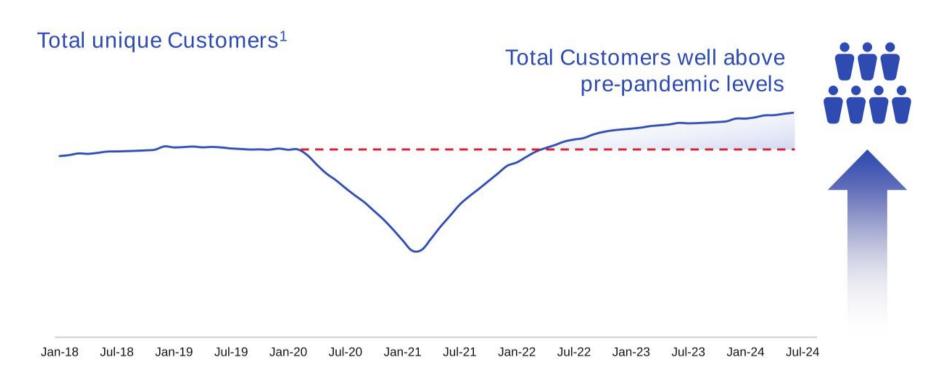
Tactical initiatives to drive yield and load factor

Actions to enhance operating efficiency



# We are serving more Customers than ever

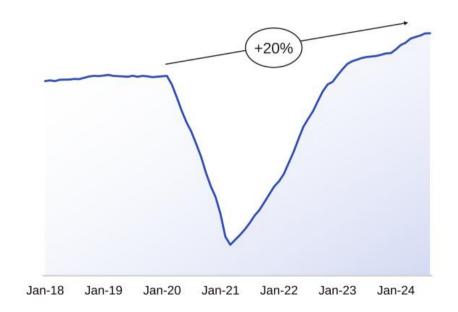
Southwest remains an attractive, relevant offering, and our core Customer population is larger than it was pre-pandemic



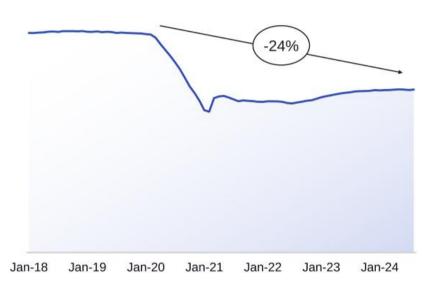
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# We have more business Customers, but they are taking fewer trips Customers are flying less frequently, due in large part to structural changes in business travel

### Monthly business unique travelers<sup>1</sup>



#### Managed business trips per traveler<sup>1</sup>



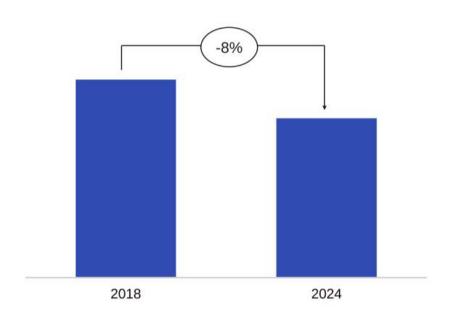
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# Business travel has structurally changed

Fewer trips per traveler results in a decrease in total business trips, despite more unique travelers

Managed business total trips have decreased<sup>1</sup>

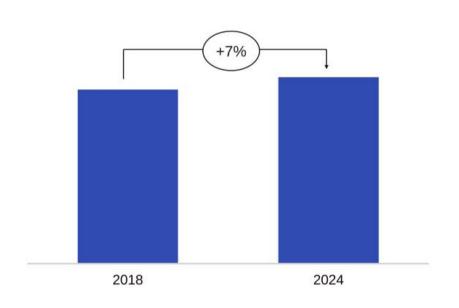




# Leisure travel remains strong and growing

Volume exceeds pre-pandemic levels as consumers continue to value experiences

## Total leisure trips have increased1









**Changing Customer behaviors** 

Tactical initiatives to drive yield and load factor

Actions to enhance operating efficiency



# Tactical initiatives support base business improvement and are expected to reach maturity in 2025

Continual network optimization & maturation

Adjusting schedules to match Customer travel patterns



Marketing and distribution evolution

Attracting new Customers to backfill lower business travel



Revenue management advancement

Enhance yield performance by optimizing the booking curve



# Continual network optimization to align capacity to Customer demand and support our focus on margin expansion

Continual network optimization & maturation	Marketing and distribution evolution			
Action		1H2024	2H2024	1H2025
Restructure the network to match post-pand	emic Customer travel patterns			
Cut short-haul trips and redeploy to long-haul				
Tuesday / Wednesday flying reductions				
Shoulder flying reductions				
Redeploy underperforming capacity to more	profitable flying			
City closures				
Realignment (FLL, ATL, ORD)				
Additional realignment (ATL, OAK, HI)				
BNA service expansion				
Improve the connectivity and efficiency of th	e network			
Small city redesigns				
Redeye flying and turn				

Note: Select examples only

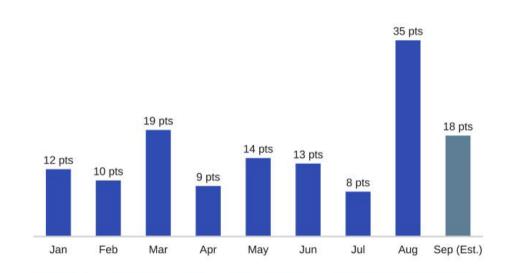
# Hawaii case study: We made changes, and they are working

Continual network optimization & maturation

Marketing and distribution

Revenue management advancement

#### Recent Hawaii RASM improvement versus system<sup>1</sup>





1. Represents 2024 year-over-year Hawaii RASM versus system RASM performance (% point difference)

# There are more improvements to come with a unique opportunity to refine the Hawaii connection profile

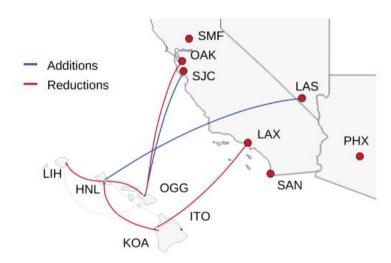
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Marketing and distribution evolution

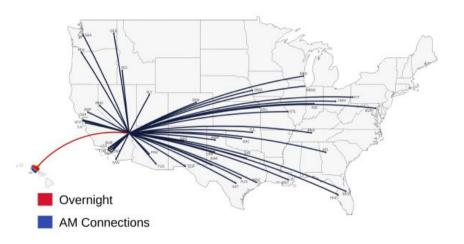
Revenue management advancement

#### Restructuring and redeye flying designed to enhance connectivity and performance

20% reduction in interisland flying



HNL → LAS redeye generates ~50% more itineraries



# We have deployed various marketing and distribution tactics

Attracting new Customers and engaging them in our loyalty program to drive revenue

Continual network optimization & maturation

Marketing and distribution evolution

Revenue management advancement











Highlighting our unique value proposition

Reaching new Customers through channel expansion Converting new
Customers to
loyal flyers

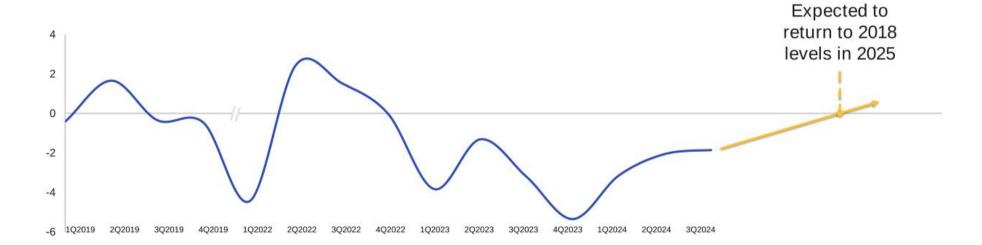
# Our plans support a return to historic load factor performance

Continual network optimization & maturation

Marketing and distribution evolution

Revenue management advancement

#### Load factor versus 2018



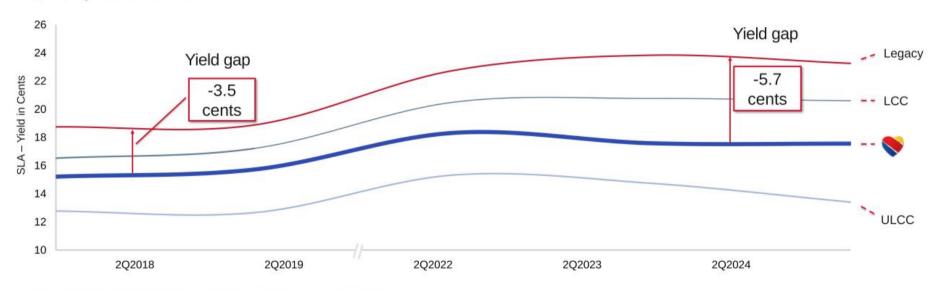
# Our yield has grown, but not as fast as our peers

Continual network optimization & maturation

Marketing and distribution evolution

Revenue management advancement

#### Stage-length adjusted yield performance<sup>1</sup> Economy class for 2024



Yields have been stage-length adjusted to Southwest's average 2Q2024 stage length
 Note: Graph excludes 2Q2020 and 2Q2021 data for comparative purposes
 Source: 2018-2024 carrier filings: 2018 data unavailable for Frontier.

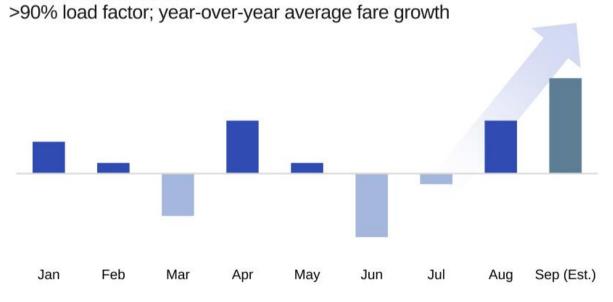
# Revenue management actions are already yielding improvements Opportunity exists for fare growth on our best flights

Continual network optimization & maturation

Marketing and distribution

Revenue management advancement

#### High demand flights



# A challenge and an opportunity

- Southwest non-premium fare gap has widened relative to the industry
- ~50% of all Southwest flights exceed 90% load factor

# A near-term roadmap to boost yields

Continual network optimization & maturation Marketing and distribution evolution

Revenue management advancement

#### Actions taken thus far



Recalibrated revenue management ("RM") system to maximize our best flights, and leveraged automation to free up Analyst capacity for strategic tasks



Reorganized our Team and processes against new RM system, and increased staffing and accelerated hiring process



Wrote new playbooks for managing with new RM system, overhauled New Hire and continuous training, and set up alerting systems to reinforce core strategies



Rewrote success criteria (KPIs) in line with updated role expectations and introduced decision-support dashboards, refreshed tooling



**Changing Customer behavior** 

Tactical initiatives to drive yield and load factor

Actions to enhance operating efficiency



# A focus on increasing efficiency and lowering cost

#### Turn

Save minutes to drive aircraft productivity



## 24-hour operations

Increase asset utilization and reduce overstaffing costs



#### Service modernization

Utilize artificial intelligence and digital to drive efficient Customer Service



# An industry-leading turn time

Turn

24-hour operations

Service modernization

#### Adjusted average turn minutes<sup>1</sup>

12 months ending May 2024; domestic and narrowbody aircraft only



<sup>1.</sup> All markets and fleet types for each marketing carrier; scheduled turn time calculated by turn minutes per seat brought to Southwest gauge in same Stations (including co-terminals). Source: masFlight; excludes international and widebody.

# Leveraging technology to improve our operational efficiency

Turn

24-hour operations

Service modernization

#### Paperless turn



Avio Flight / cabin / tech, e-fuel ticket, streamlined flight close

#### Passenger movement



Visual announcements, jet bridge experience

# Turn communication



Chat, quick replies / notifications, countdown timer

# Ramp information displays



Flight information, turn progress / countdown, key indicators

# Transfer operations



Loading procedures, hot / cold bag process & tools

## Reducing turn time drives aircraft productivity

By late-2025, the turn time initiative is expected to create the equivalent of ~16 free aircraft



# 24-hour operations increases asset utilization

Redeye flying is expected to create the equivalent of ~18 free aircraft in 2025

Turn

24-hour operations

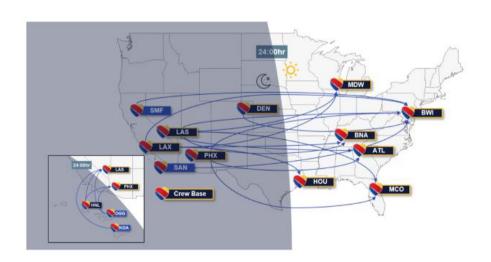
Service modernization

#### **Opportunities**

- · Drive revenue without additional aircraft or headcount
- Generate more value within existing network
- · Unlock Customer value, especially in markets like Hawaii

	2025	2026	2027
Volume Daily redeyes	5-33	19-50	38-50
Aircraft ASM equivalent	18	28	28

#### Redeye markets



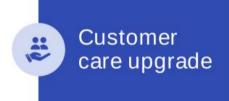
## Modernizing our contact center and airports

Driving operational efficiencies and improved experience for Employees and Customers

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24-hour operations

Service modernization



Build artificial intelligence capability to transition to a digitalfirst model for Customer care

- Reduce calls per Passenger
- · Decrease average handle time
- · Improve service levels
- · Increase workforce utilization



Leverage digital channels to modernize the airport experience

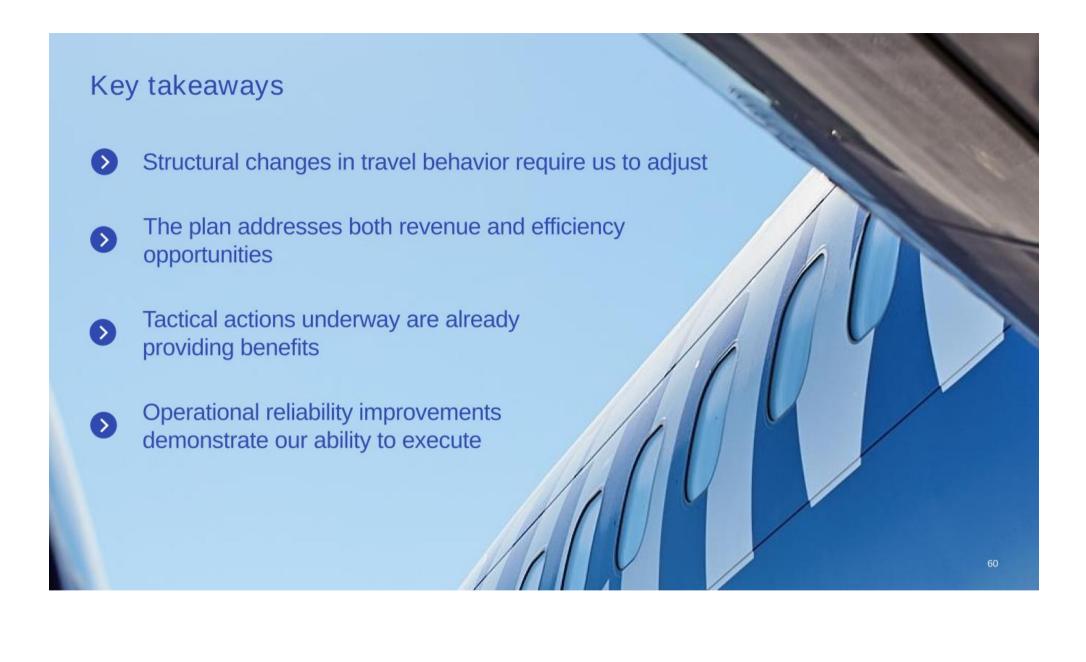
- · Increase lobby autonomy/self-service
- · Deflect gate transactions to digital
- · Improve overall staffing ratios
- · Increase airport satisfaction

# Improved operational reliability

Our investments have contributed to improvement in nearly every metric

	Completion factor Jan 1, 2024-Sep 18, 2024	Ontime performance (A14) Jan 1, 2024-Sep 18, 2024	Extreme delays (A45) Jan 1, 2024-Sep 18, 2024
1 <sup>st</sup>	Southwest	<b>▲</b> DELTA	Alaska.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>▲</b> DELTA	UNITED	<b>▲</b> DELTA
3 <sup>rd</sup>	American Airlines 🔪	Southwest	Southwest
4 <sup>th</sup>	jetBlue	Alaska.	UNITED
5 <sup>th</sup>	Alaska.	American Airlines 🔪	American Airlines 🔪
6 <sup>th</sup>	FRONTIER	spirit	spirit
7 <sup>th</sup>	spirit	jetBlue	jetBlue
8 <sup>th</sup>	UNITED	FRONTIER	FRONTIER

Note: Domestic only: U.S. marketing carriers only





# Transforming our Customer value proposition



Ryan Green

Executive Vice President

Commercial Transformation



Shaping our transformation

Reimagining our core product

Extending our value proposition beyond the core product

## We are passionate about our Customer Experience

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Dedication to the highest quality of Customer Service delivered with a sense of warmth, friendliness, individual pride, and Company Spirit"







## We will lean into our high-value Customer demographic Estimates show that more than 50% of our Customer base has incomes over \$100k per year

#### Customer household income

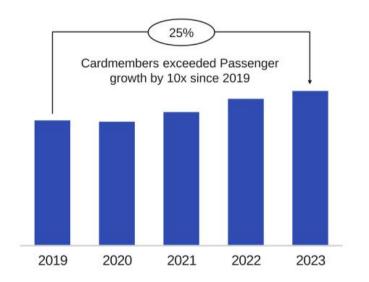


Note: Customers in this analysis are Visa US consumer cardholders who flew two or more times in 2023, with at least 50% of their flights on the same airline. Analysis is focused on the top 25 Southwest geographic markets. Household income is estimated. Legacy includes US legacy carriers and international carriers with US destinations. Source: Visa Consulting & Analytics and TransUnion; subset of Visa US Consumer Credit Cards for full year 2023

# We have momentum with our co-brand portfolio

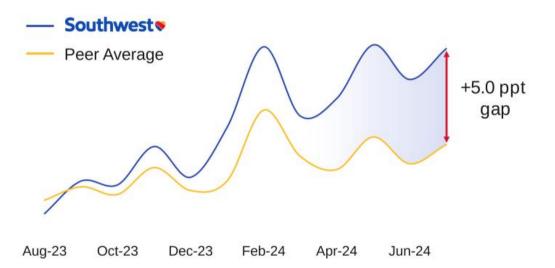
Our co-brand portfolio is growing and spend per card is growing faster than our peer set

# Total Southwest co-brand Cardmembers 2019-2023 year-end totals



#### Spend per active card1

Year-over-year growth, monthly



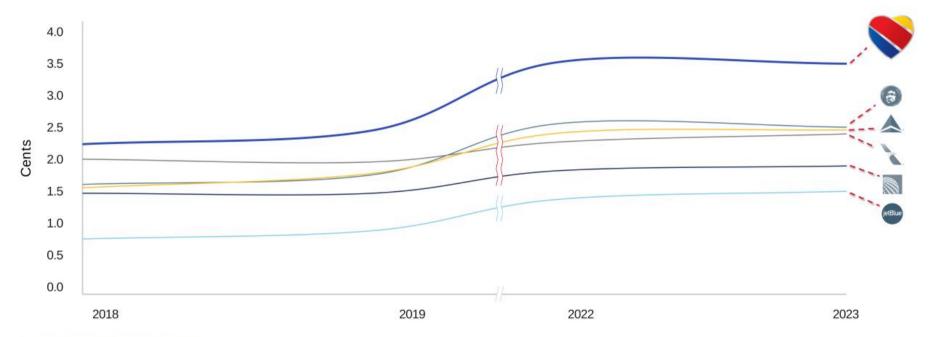
Peer set includes a mix of bank branded and co-branded Visa US consumer travel cards
 Source: Visa Consulting & Analytics; Subset of Visa U.S. travel consumer credit cards from August 2023 to July 202.

# We enjoy industry-leading loyalty revenue performance

Rapid Rewards produces significantly higher contributions to RASM than other airlines

#### Total unit loyalty revenue performance<sup>1</sup>

2018-2023 (excluding 2020 & 2021)



Loyalty revenue per available seat mile
 Source: Carrier filings

# Extensive research with Customers revealed three key preferences Our decisions are supported by data directly from our Customers

Over the past year we have conducted extensive Customer research...

+40K survey responses

1x1 interviews

Focus groups multiple rounds

#### ...revealing three key preferences

Assigned seating

Premium features

Product differentiation



Customers want to avoid the friction of open seating



Seats with extra legroom are desirable



The Southwest offer is different from basic economy

# Assigned seats is the largest opportunity to broaden appeal

Presents an opportunity to gain share and retain Customers

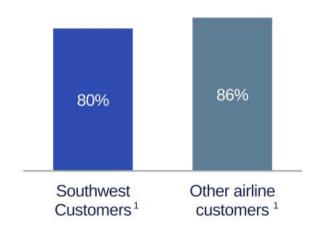
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Premium features

Product differentiation

#### Flyer seating preferences

Percent of Customers who prefer assigned seats





Cited by lapsed Customers is lack of assigned seating / the boarding process<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1.</sup> Southwest Customer research

Southwest Customer research. Lapsed travelers defined as travelers who have not flown with Southwest in the last 24 months but have flown before 24 months.

# Premium seating is highly desirable to Customers

Our most loyal Customers and those flying longer haul especially desire premium seating

Assigned seating

Premium features

Product differentiation

#### Customer desire for premium seating



#### Optionality

Premium seat offerings provide more optionality to Customers who desire a more elevated experience



#### A-List / A-List Preferred access

Our most loyal Members rank access to premium seats among their top three desired benefits



#### Long-haul flights

Access to premium seats is particularly important to Customers on long-haul flights, when comfort is more important



# Customer-friendly policies are key in driving differentiation

A reminder about Southwest's core Customer value proposition

Assigned seating

Premium features

Product differentiation

Two bags fly free

No cancel or change fees

Free same day standby

Points don't expire

Credits don't expire

Cash + Points

	American Airlines 🔪	<b>▲</b> DELTA	UNITED	Alaska.	jetBlue
<b>✓</b>					
<b>✓</b>	Basic economy \$99 fee	Basic economy \$99 fee	Basic economy \$99 fee	Basic economy excluded	Basic economy \$100 fee
~		Basic economy & int'l excluded		Basic economy excluded	\$75 fee
<b>~</b>	Expire after 24 months				
<b>~</b>					
<b>~</b>					Basic economy excluded

## Differentiation is an important factor in Customers' choice

'Bags fly free' is central to our Customers' purchase habits and brand value



## Eliminating the 'bags fly free' policy would destroy value



#### Premium features

#### Product differentiation

#### Impact analysis

Scenario > 0 free bags for WGA, 1 free bag for WGA+, 2 free bags for Anytime and Business Select



#### Financial impact

Annual EBIT loss estimated at ~\$300M

#### Customer impact

- Significant brand impact (including sharp drop in NPS)
- No longer perceived as 'Customer first'
- Loss of a primary differentiator

<sup>1.</sup> Lost market share is net of lower cost of carry from fewer Passengers Source: 2024 'bags fly free' Customer research and Business Case

## Meeting Customer preferences drives revenue and Shareholder value

# Assigned seating

Adding features that drive higher load factors and/or higher yields



More demand

# Premium seating

A guaranteed premium seat generates ancillary revenue per passenger



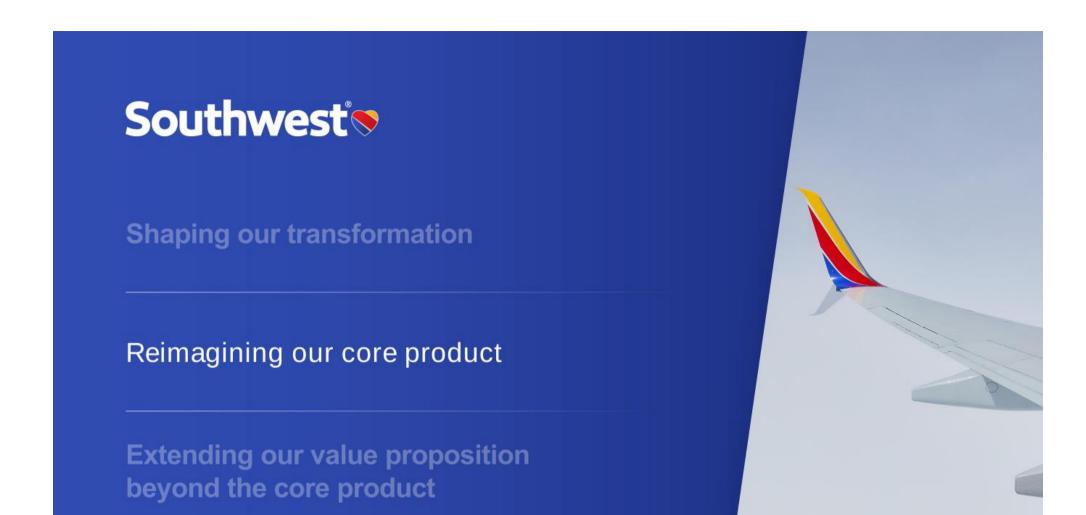
More revenue per Customer

# Product differentiation

Our differentiated product with Customer-friendly policies drives Customer choice



More market share



### Our core product offering will feature changes in three areas



Seat selection at booking



Ability to select standard or premium seats at booking



New seating configurations



Introduction of extra legroom seats

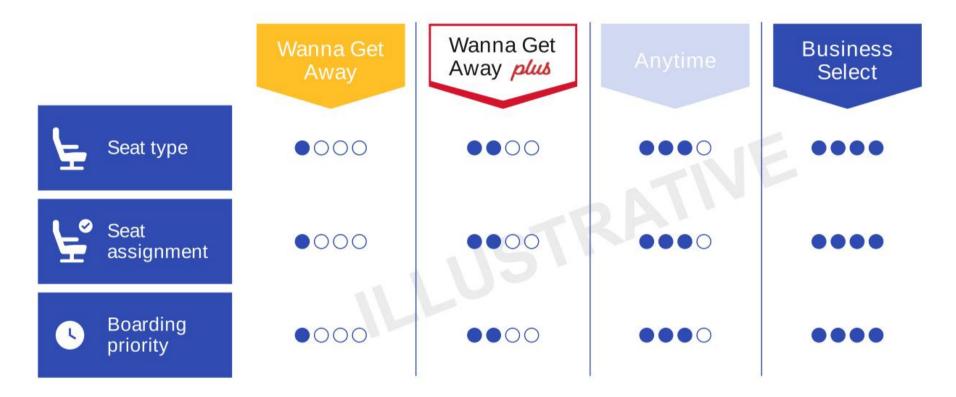


Modernized cabin



New seats, updated overhead bins, better WiFi, etc.

# Seating and boarding offerings increase with higher fare products Offerings will also generate revenue as ancillary products



## Introducing extra legroom seats

### Revenue uplift potential

Generates similar revenue potential to business class (2x2 seating) or blocked middle seat, with minimal seat loss

### Customer demand

Broadly appealing product designed for both business and leisure travelers

### Brand consistency

Supports our brand ethos; giving our Customers new options for extra space without dividing the cabin into haves and have-nots

### Speed to market

Utilizes our current seats and seamlessly integrates into our plans to install new seats, enabling faster retrofits without delays for new seat procurement



# Cabin layout maximizes seats that can be monetized with minimal impact to aircraft density – improving profitability per square foot

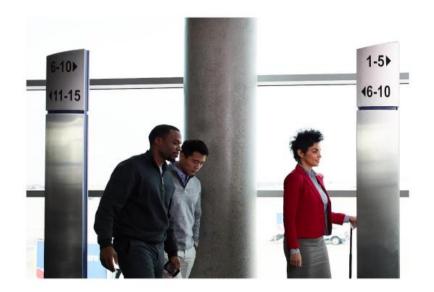
~30%+ of seats have extra legroom (ELR) and the rest have among the best-in-industry standard pitch

	ELR pitch <sup>1</sup>	Standard pitch <sup>1</sup>	Seats lost	ELR seats	Total seats	ELR %
737-8 / 737-800	34"	31"	0	68	175	39%
737-7	34"	31"	-2	48	148	32%
737-700	36"	31"	-6	40	137	29%

Pitch numbers are what is represented on the majority of seats in the section

# Preserving our unique and superior ordinal onboarding process

- The process will be very familiar, continuing to board using boarding positions and stanchions
- We are preserving our operational efficiency and providing a better Customer Experience



### Digital simulations

8.5M

Simulated flights

3.3M

Simulated boarding hours

### Live boarding simulations

20

Cameras

200+

Hours of video footage

- Real airport environment
- √ Real Passenger mix
- ✓ Real aircraft

## Capping off a purposeful plan to modernize the cabin

Translating Customer value into Shareholder value

### What's been done







Aircraft already equipped with larger bins, in-seat power, and improved WiFi have seen higher NPS scores when these features come together

- +5 ppts improvement in bin satisfaction and fewer gate checked bags
- Doubled WiFi bandwidth per user

### Capping off a purposeful plan to modernize the cabin

Translating Customer value into Shareholder value

#### What's to come



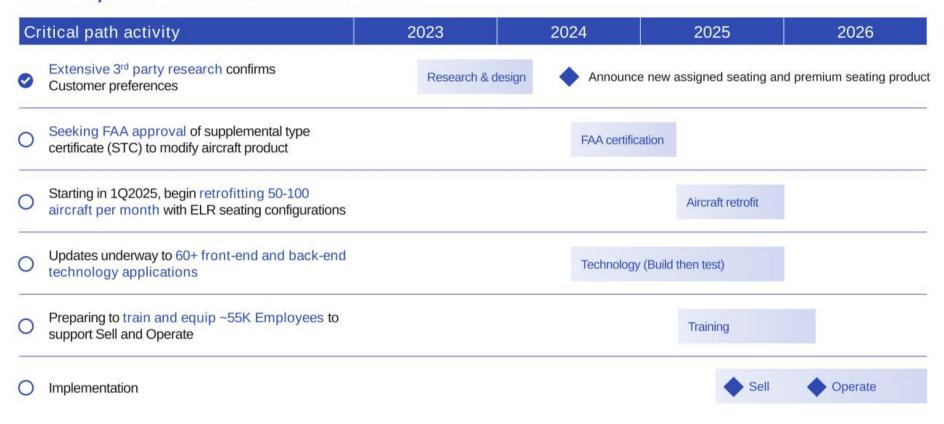




As we add new and extra legroom seats, the onboard experience will be even better

- Seat selection, with pitch among the best in the industry
- New RECARO seats are 400% more preferred than current
- New 6-way headrests, more cushioning for ergonomics, and personal electronic device holders
- New fresh look to promote comfort and relaxation

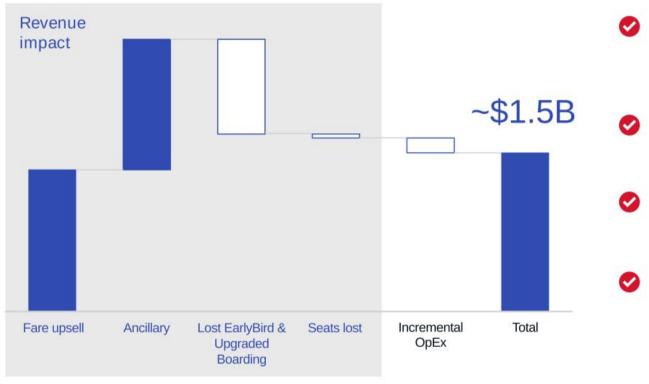
# Our assigned seat rollout plan balances managing executional risk with speed to market and value



## Multiple value drivers in our plan

We expect our new core product will generate ~\$1.5B in incremental EBIT in 2027

New seating products are expected to more than offset lost revenue



- ~30%+ of each aircraft will feature extended legroom seats, equating to >70M flown seats with extended legroom
- Selecting preferred seats in the front of the cabin is also expected to generate additional income
- All lost EarlyBird and Upgraded
  Boarding revenue is expected to be
  more than offset
- The 737-700 will lose a row and the -7 will lose two seats; all other aircraft maintain current seat counts

## Staying true to the Southwest promise to drive Shareholder value







### Customer-friendly policies

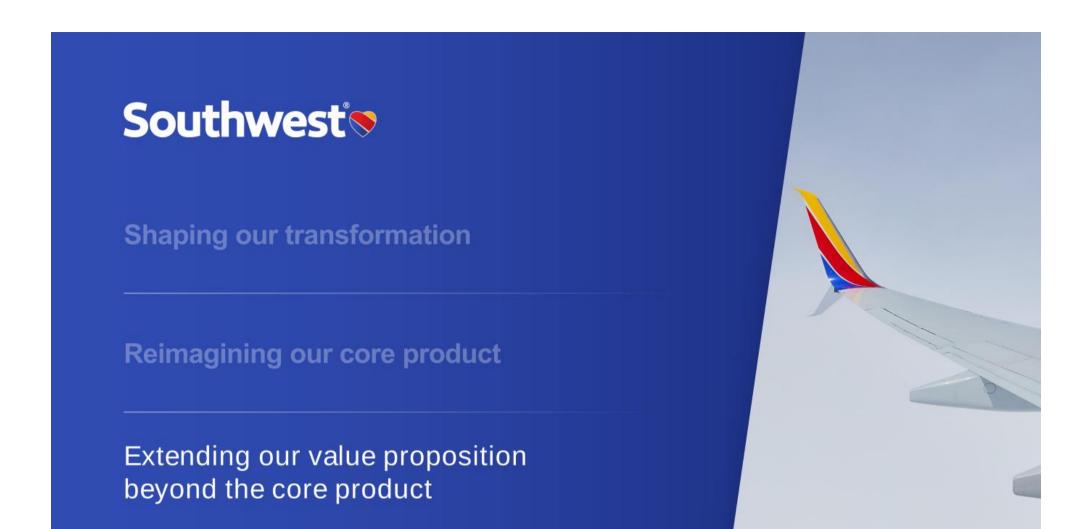
- · Bags fly free
- Industry-leading base product in Wanna Get Away
- Industry-leading Rapid Rewards Program

### Southwest Hospitality

- Fantastic Employees who provide great Customer Service
- Assigned seating unlocks new opportunities to provide Hospitality in the cabin

### Comfortable cabin

- Comfortable seat pitch
- Customer Experience improvements onboard



## We are building additional value drivers on top of our core product

### Airline partnerships

Partnerships expand the reach of Southwest and Rapid Rewards globally



# Enhanced vacations product

Product re-launch allows us to fully leverage our strengths in vacation packages market



### Loyalty and co-brand

Our new core product strengthens Rapid Rewards



## Airline partnerships expand our network across the globe

Airline partnerships

Enhanced vacations product

Loyalty and co-brand

### Why partnerships matter

- Drive incremental Passengers without adding aircraft
- Global expansion of our network
- Make Rapid Rewards and our co-brand program even more valuable to Customers

### What we will be doing

We will launch our first partner in early 2025 with transatlantic connectivity

We plan to add at least one more partner in 2025

We will eventually sell partners in our Southwest channels – with assigned seats

## Introducing Getaways by Southwest

A new vacations booking platform launching in mid-2025 to expand what Customers love about Southwest to their entire vacation experience

Airline partnerships

Enhanced vacations product

Loyalty and co-brand



### Value drivers

- Grow high-margin revenue with low CapEx and headcount investment
- Use direct channel strength and build on existing Customer base
- Drive leisure market growth

## Evolved product and expanded portfolio boost Rapid Rewards' value

Enhanced Rapid Rewards appeal drives more enrollments, increased Cardmember engagement

Airline partnerships

Enhanced vacations product

Loyalty and co-brand

Grow membership

- · Broadened appeal with better core product
- Additional ways to earn and redeem loyalty currency
  - ✓ Long-haul international trips via airline partnerships
  - √ Vacations products via Getaways by Southwest



New benefits to increase engagement

- Seat selection and extra legroom benefits for A-List Preferred / A-List
- · Enhanced co-brand benefits



Improved loyalty unit economics





# Transforming for sustainable profitability and Shareholder returns



Tammy Romo
Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer



Building on a strong financial foundation

**Executing our plan to drive** strong Shareholder returns

Supporting a path to sustainable prosperity



## We have an industry-leading balance sheet

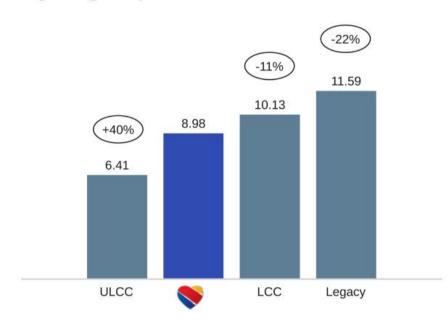


## Our relative unit cost advantage remains strong

Our relative unit cost advantage remains ~20% below the Legacy carriers

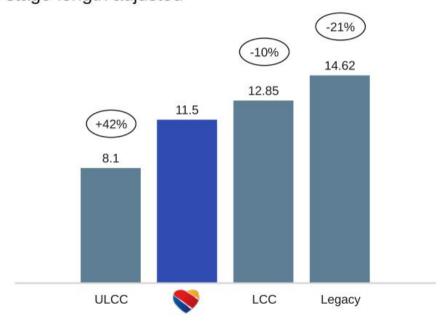
### Pre-pandemic unit costs

2Q2019, excluding fuel and profitsharing, stage-length adjusted<sup>1</sup>



### Current unit costs

2Q2024, excluding fuel and profitsharing, stage-length adjusted<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1.</sup> Stage-length adjusted to Southwest's 2Q2024 average stage length Source: Carrier filings. Dijo Schedule, and DOT T-100 data

# We have labor cost stability

We have contracts in place with all labor groups through 3Q2027

		i						
		American Airlines	<b>▲</b> DELTA	UNITED	Alaska.	jetBlue	spirit	FRONTIER
Pilots	~	~	~	~	×	×	×	×
Flight Attendants	~	~	N/A	×	×	~	~	×
Ramp	~	×	N/A	×	×	N/A	~	N/A
Customer Service	~	~	N/A	×	~	N/A	~	N/A
Mechanics	~	×	N/A	×	~	N/A	×	×
✓ Labor cost stability X Open contract in 2024/2025 N/A Non-contract								

Source: Carrier filings



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## Additional elements of our financial plan

# Disciplined cost initiative

Removing costs from the business through efficiency and optimization



# Strategic fleet management

Monetizing assets in a low growth environment to drive profits

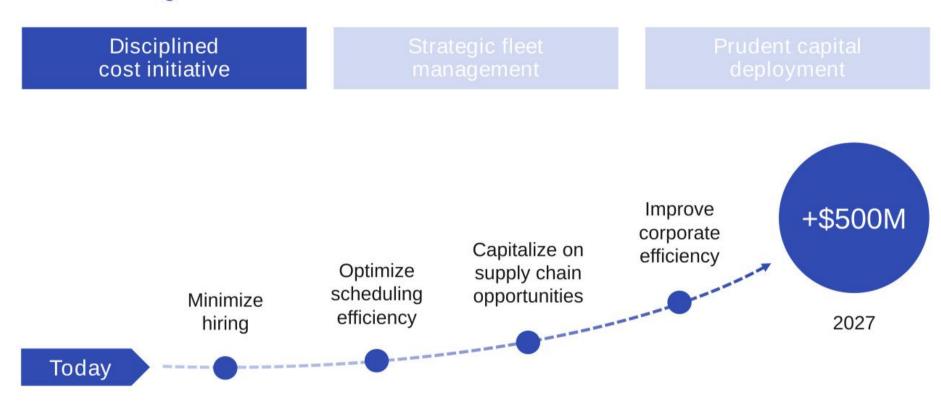


# Prudent capital deployment

Exercising discipline while managing toward long-term goals

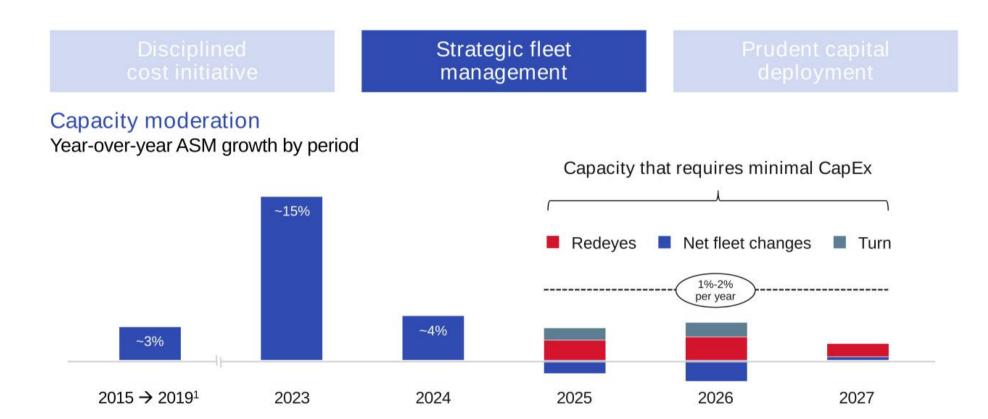


## Multi-year plan expected to deliver over \$500M<sup>1</sup> in cost savings Run rate savings in 2027



1. Excludes profitsharing

## Capacity moderation through turn, redeyes, and modernization



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1. Average year-over-year growth for 2015-2019

## Our fleet and order book have significant value

### We are actively pursuing opportunities to monetize the value of our all-Boeing 737 fleet

Current 737 Contractual Order Book as of September 26, 2024

The Boeing Company							
	-7 Firm orders		-8 Firm orders		-7 or -8 Options	Total	
2024	27		58		;— (	85	(c)
2025	44		21		8	73	
2026	59		_		27	86	
2027	19		46		25	90	
2028	15		50		25	90	
2029	38		34		18	90	
2030	45		_		45	90	
2031	45		-		45	90	
	288	(a)	209	(b)	197	694	

### Value of our order book

- Access to nearly 700 aircraft through 2031
- Significant flexibility, including options,
- deferral rights, and ability to change mix of -7s and -8s
- Value driver with a competitive pricing advantage
- Opportune market conditions to sell excess aircraft
- Selectively considering sale-leasebacks while maintaining leverage targets

<sup>(</sup>a) The delivery timing for the -7 is dependent on the FAA issuing required certifications and approvals to Boeing and the Company. The FAA will ultimately determine the timing of the -7 certification and entry into service, and the Company therefore offers no assurances that current estimations and timelines are correct.

<sup>(</sup>b) The Company has flexibility to designate firm orders or options as -7s or -8s, upon written advance notification as stated in the contract

<sup>(</sup>c) Includes 18 -8 deliveries received year-to-date through September 26, 2024. Given the Company's continued discussions with Boeing and expected aircraft delivery delays, the Company continues to plan for approximately 20 -8 aircraft deliveries in 2024.

# We have a generational fleet modernization opportunity

Our plan supports an all -7 / -8 fleet with an average age of five years in 2031

Disciplined cost initiative

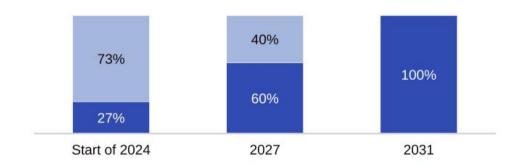
Strategic fleet management

Prudent capita deployment

### Fleet composition through 2031<sup>1</sup>

-7/-8

-700 / -800





On order (firm and options) or on backlog

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## Our capital allocation priorities

Thoughtful approach with emphasis on returning value to our Shareholders

Disciplined cost initiative Strategic flee management Prudent capital deployment

- Minimize fleet CapEx, leveraging the value in our existing assets
- Ontinue to invest in infrastructure to optimize our operations
- Manage our debt levels to retain investment-grade credit ratings
- Returns to Shareholders through dividends and share repurchases

## Fleet strategy helps moderate CapEx

Disciplined cost initiative

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### Average 2024-2027 net capital expenditures

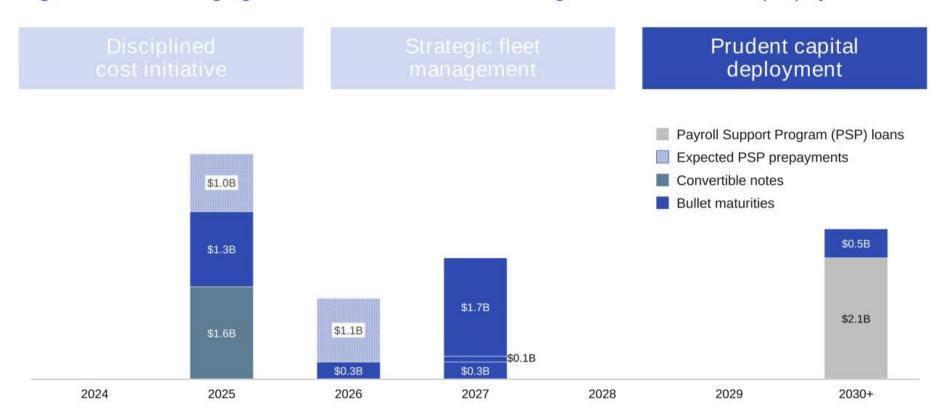


- Retain commitment to fleet modernization
- Offset CapEx with opportunistic fleet transactions
- Continue modernization efforts through technology and facilities investments

<sup>1.</sup> Based on the Company's contractual order book with Boeing as of September 26, 2024, contractual aircraft commitments by year are ~\$2.3B in 2024, ~\$1.8B in 2025, ~\$1.8B in 2026, and ~\$2.6B in 2027

## Preserving our investment-grade balance sheet

Significant deleveraging in 2025 based on our debt obligations and scenario prepayment



# Resuming share repurchase program with \$2.5B authorization Longstanding commitment to return value to Shareholders

Disciplined cost initiative

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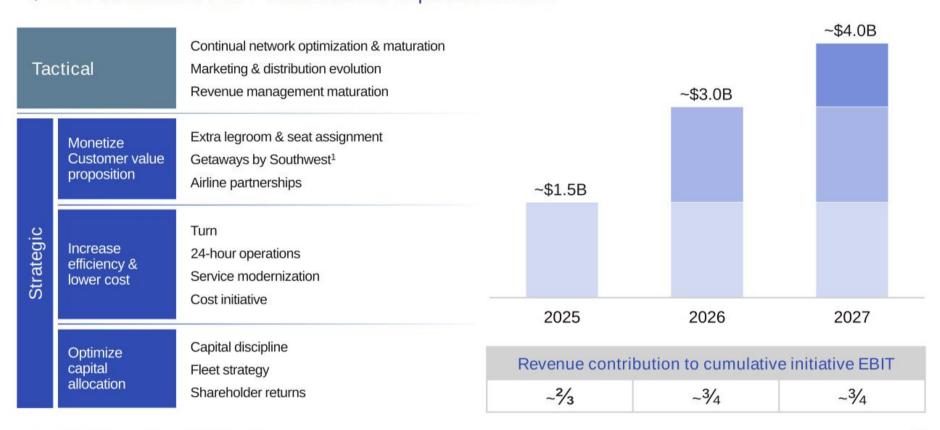
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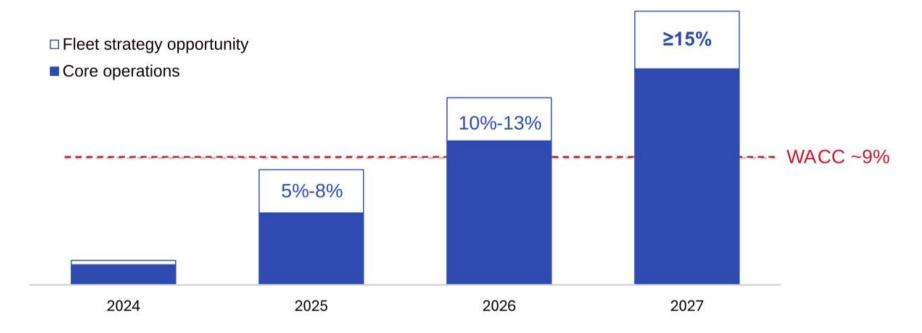
# Initiatives are well underway and expected to drive incremental EBIT ~\$4B in cumulative EBIT contributions expected in 2027



# Tactical and strategic initiatives provide a path to prosperity Our plan delivers ROIC well above WACC in 2027

#### **ROIC** contributions

After-tax ROIC

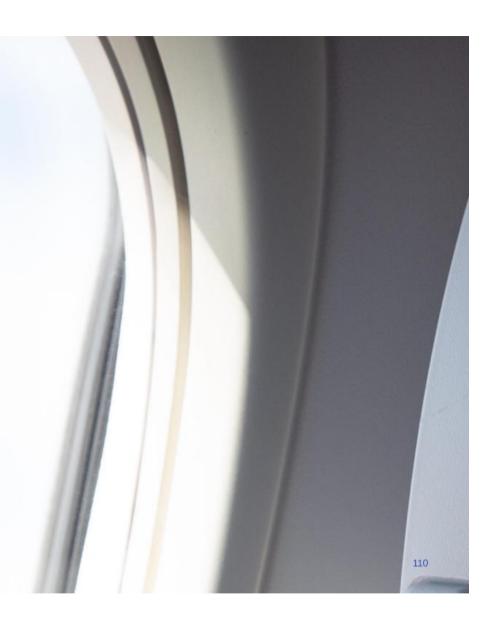


# Our 2027 targets support strong Shareholder returns

Capacity <sup>1</sup>	Operating margin	Leverage
1% to 2%	≥10%	Low to mid 30%
Free cash flow	ROIC	Balance sheet
>\$1 billion	≥15%	Investment-grade credit rating

# Key takeaways

- Industry-leading balance sheet and a strong foundation
- Transformational initiative portfolio for sustainable profitability
- Idiosyncratic opportunities to unlock additional value
- A clear path to achieve 2027 targets





# Southwest. Even Better.



Bob Jordan
President, Chief Executive Officer,
and Vice Chairman of the Board

## Southwest. Even Better.

- A strong foundation and industry-leading position
- Thoughtfully transforming our product as Customer preferences evolve
- An approach that is rooted in data and research
- Executing our plan to drive Customer and Shareholder value
- A comprehensive and measurable plan to deliver ROIC ≥15%

