

# **Aircastle Announces Third Quarter 2017 Results**

# Quarterly Dividend Increased 7.7% to \$0.28 per Common Share

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# **Key Financial Metrics**

- Total lease rental and finance and sales-type lease revenues were \$178.1 million, down 4.9%
- Total revenues were \$191.4 million, down 1.7%
- Net income was \$57.4 million, or \$0.73 per diluted common share versus net income of \$27.4 million, or \$0.35 per diluted common share in the third quarter of 2016
- Adjusted net income<sup>(1)</sup> was \$64.4 million, or \$0.82 per diluted common share versus adjusted net income of \$29.7 million, or \$0.38 per diluted common share in the third quarter of 2016
- Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup> was \$199.5 million, up 10.2%
- Cash ROE<sup>(1)</sup> was 15.2%; net cash interest margin<sup>(1)</sup> was 8.8%

# **Highlights**

- Acquired thirteen narrow-body aircraft for \$359 million during the third quarter, and 28 aircraft year-to-date for \$635 million
- Closed or committed to acquire 39 additional mid-age narrow-body aircraft in the fourth quarter of 2017 for \$860 million
- Sold fifteen aircraft during the third quarter and 29 aircraft year-to-date; sales included three wide-bodies, three freighters, and one classic aircraft; year-to-date gain on sale of \$35.9 million
- Declared our 46th consecutive quarterly dividend and increased it to \$0.28 from \$0.26, or 7.7%; This is our eighth dividend increase in seven years
- (1) Refer to the selected financial information accompanying this press release for a reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP numbers.

Aircastle Limited (the "Company" or "Aircastle") (NYSE: AYR) reported third quarter 2017 net income of \$57.4 million, or \$0.73 per diluted common share, and adjusted net income of \$64.4 million, or \$0.82 per diluted common share. The third quarter results included total revenues of \$191.4 million, a decrease of 1.7%, versus \$194.7 million in the third quarter of 2016.

Commenting on the results, Mike Inglese, Aircastle's CEO, stated, "During the third quarter, we continued to have success in a competitive market, sourcing profitable acquisitions while simultaneously optimizing our fleet mix and realizing substantial gains on sale. With our recently announced acquisition of 20 high-quality, mid-age, narrow-body aircraft, we expect to complete \$1.5 billion in aircraft investments during 2017. This will expand our owned and managed fleet to over 220 aircraft by year end, while maintaining our conservative balance sheet and limited long-term purchase commitments."

Mr. Inglese concluded, "We are pleased with the success we've had growing our business over time and establishing Aircastle's leading competitive position in the mid-life market segment. On this basis, we are increasing our quarterly dividend by 7.7% to \$0.28 per share, our eighth quarterly dividend increase in seven years. By executing our proven investment strategy, we will continue to grow profitably and responsibly in order to create long-term value for our investors."

# **Financial Results**

(In thousands, except share data)		Three Mo Septe	 	Nine Months Ended September 30,				
		2017	 2016	2017		2016		
Total revenues	\$	191,411	\$ 194,652	\$ 619,218	\$	568,305		
Lease rental and finance and sales-type lease revenues	\$	178,099	\$ 187,329	\$ 567,734	\$	550,696		
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	199,535	\$ 181,145	\$ 617,031	\$	547,460		
Net income	\$	57,431	\$ 27,437	\$ 92,754	\$	83,729		
Per common share - Diluted	\$	0.73	\$ 0.35	\$ 1.18	\$	1.06		
Adjusted net income <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	64,387	\$ 29,706	\$ 112,526	\$	98,002		
Per common share - Diluted	\$	0.82	\$ 0.38	\$ 1.43	\$	1.24		

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Total revenues were \$191.4 million, a decrease of \$3.2 million, or 1.7%, from the prior year. The decrease was due to a \$9.2 million decline in lease rental and finance and sales-type lease revenues, partially offset by a \$7.7 million increase in maintenance revenues primarily due to the transition of one narrow-body and one wide-body aircraft during the third quarter of 2017.

Lease rental and finance and sales-type lease revenues were \$178.1 million versus \$187.3 million the prior year. The 4.9% decrease reflects the net year-over-year impact from aircraft acquisitions, dispositions and lease extensions.

Net income was \$57.4 million, an improvement of \$30.0 million compared to net income of \$27.4 million in the previous year. Lower total revenues of \$3.2 million were offset by a \$21.7 million increase in gains from the sale of flight equipment and a \$10.5 million reduction in aircraft impairment charges.

Adjusted net income improved by \$34.7 million to \$64.4 million. Lower revenues of \$3.2 million were offset by a \$32.2 million combined increase in gains from the sale of flight equipment and lower aircraft impairment charges, and a \$4.1 million positive adjustment associated with deferred financing and loan termination fees that were recognized during the third guarter of 2017.

Adjusted EBITDA was \$199.5 million, up 10.2%, or \$18.4 million, versus the same quarter last year. This result is driven primarily by increases of \$21.7 million in gains from aircraft sales and \$7.7 million of higher maintenance revenue, partially offset by lower total lease revenue and finance and sales-type lease revenue of \$9.2 million.

# **Aviation Assets**

During the third quarter, we acquired thirteen aircraft for \$359 million. For the first nine months of 2017, we purchased 28 aircraft for \$635 million. The aircraft we've acquired year to date had a weighted average age of 9.9 years and a weighted average remaining lease term of 7.1 years. For the full year, we expect to complete \$1.5 billion in aircraft acquisitions.

During the third quarter of 2017, we sold fifteen aircraft, including two freighters, three wide-bodies and one classic aircraft, for total sales proceeds of \$527 million.

During the first three quarters of 2017, we sold 29 aircraft for proceeds of \$765 million and a net gain on sale of \$35.9 million. The average age of the aircraft sold was 11.8 years with an average remaining lease term of 5.2 years. We expect to record additional asset sales activity during the fourth quarter of 2017, including all five remaining classic aircraft that we own. For the full year, we expect total sales proceeds of almost \$900 million.

Our fleet utilization during the third quarter was 100%. As of September 30, 2017, Aircastle owned 192 aircraft having a net book value of \$6.0 billion. We also manage thirteen aircraft with a net book value of \$661 million dollars on behalf of our joint ventures with Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan and IBJ Leasing of Japan.

Owned Aircraft	Sep	As of tember 2017 <sup>(1)</sup>	30,	Se <sub>l</sub>	As of September 30 2016 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Net Book Value of Flight Equipment (\$ mils.)	\$	5,979		\$	6,270		
Net Book Value of Unencumbered Flight Equipment (\$ mils.)	\$	4,572		\$	4.343		
Number of Aircraft		192			175		
Number of Unencumbered Aircraft		163			139		
Weighted Average Fleet Age (years) <sup>(2)</sup>		8.7			7.6		
Weighted Average Remaining Lease Term (years) <sup>(2)</sup>		4.7			5.3		
Weighted Average Fleet Utilization for the quarter ended <sup>(3)</sup>		100.0	%		98.2	%	
Portfolio Yield for the quarter ended <sup>(2)(4)</sup>		12.3	%		12.4	%	
Net Cash Interest Margin <sup>(5)</sup>		8.8	%		8.7	%	
Managed Aircraft on behalf of Joint Ventures							
Net Book Value of Flight Equipment (\$ mils.)	\$	661		\$	629		
Number of Aircraft		13			11		

Calculated using net book value of flight equipment held for lease and net investment in finance leases at period end.

(3) Aircraft on-lease days as a percent of total days in period weighted by net book value.

# **Financing Activity**

Year-to-date, we've secured \$500 million of new financing. During the first quarter of 2017, we issued \$500 million in unsecured Senior Notes due 2024 bearing a coupon of 4.125%. On April 17, 2017 we repaid \$500 million of maturing,

<sup>(2)</sup> Weighted by net book value.

<sup>(4)</sup> Lease rental revenue and interest income and cash collections on finance and sales-type leases for the period as a percent of the average net book value of flight equipment held for lease and our investment in finance and sales-type leases for the period; quarterly information is annualized.

<sup>(5)</sup> Refer to the selected financial information accompanying this press release for a reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP numbers. The calculation of Net Cash Interest Margin has been revised in this presentation to include collections from finance and sales-type leases minus interest on borrowings.

unsecured Senior Notes bearing a coupon of 6.75%. The associated annual interest expense savings is approximately \$13.1 million.

#### **Common Dividend**

On October 31, 2017, Aircastle's Board of Directors declared a fourth quarter 2017 cash dividend on its common shares of \$0.28 per share, payable on December 15, 2017 to shareholders of record on November 30, 2017. This is our 46<sup>th</sup> consecutive dividend and represents a 7.7% increase over the previous quarter's cash dividend. Over the last seven years, Aircastle has increased its dividend eight times.

# **Conference Call**

In connection with this earnings release, management will host an earnings conference call on Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. Eastern time. All interested parties are welcome to participate on the live call. The conference call can be accessed by dialing (800) 239-9838 (from within the U.S. and Canada) or (323) 794-2551 (from outside of the U.S. and Canada) ten minutes prior to the scheduled start and referencing the passcode "4661189".

A simultaneous webcast of the conference call will be available to the public on a listen-only basis at <a href="www.aircastle.com">www.aircastle.com</a>. Please allow extra time prior to the call to visit the site and download the necessary software required to listen to the internet broadcast. In addition to this earnings release an accompanying power point presentation has been posted to the Investor Relations section of Aircastle's website.

For those who are not available to listen to the live call, a replay will be available until 1:00 P.M. Eastern time on Saturday, December 2, 2017 by dialing (888) 203-1112 (from within the U.S. and Canada) or (719) 457-0820 (from outside of the U.S. and Canada); please reference passcode "1757279".

# **About Aircastle Limited**

Aircastle Limited acquires, leases and sells commercial jet aircraft to airlines throughout the world. As of September 30, 2017, Aircastle owned and managed on behalf of its joint ventures 205 aircraft leased to 71 customers located in 38 countries.

# Safe Harbor

All statements in this press release, other than characterizations of historical fact, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws, including the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Examples of forwardlooking statements include, but are not necessarily limited to, statements relating to our proposed public offering of notes and our ability to acquire, sell, lease or finance aircraft, raise capital, pay dividends, and increase revenues, earnings, EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted Net Income, Cash Return on Equity and Net Cash Interest Margin and the global aviation industry and aircraft leasing sector. Words such as "anticipates," "expects," "intends," "plans," "projects," "believes," "may," "will," "would," "could," "should," "seeks," "estimates" and variations on these words and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These statements are based on our historical performance and that of our subsidiaries and on our current plans, estimates and expectations and are subject to a number of factors that could lead to actual results materially different from those described in the forward-looking statements; Aircastle can give no assurance that its expectations will be attained. Accordingly, you should not place undue reliance on any such forwardlooking statements which are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated as of the date of this press release. These risks or uncertainties include, but are not limited to, those described from time to time in Aircastle's filings with the SEC and previously disclosed under "Risk Factors" in Item 1A of Aircastle's 2016 Annual Report on Form 10- K. In addition, new risks and uncertainties emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for Aircastle to predict or assess the impact of every factor that may cause its actual results to differ from those contained in any forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this press release. Aircastle expressly disclaims any obligation to revise or update publicly any forward-looking statement to reflect future events or circumstances.

#### Aircastle Limited and Subsidiaries Consolidated Balance Sheets (Dollars in thousands, except share data)

	Septe	ember 30, 2017	December 31, 2016		
	(	Unaudited)			
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	662,649	\$	455,579	
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		20,536		53,238	
Accounts receivable		5,708		6,035	
Flight equipment held for lease, net of accumulated depreciation of \$1,168,064 and					
\$1,224,899, respectively		5,490,164		6,247,585	
Net investment in finance and sales-type leases		488,408		260,853	
Unconsolidated equity method investments		76,098		72,977	
Other assets		131,395		148,398	

Total assets	\$ 6,874,958	\$ 7,244,665
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
LIABILITIES		
Borrowings from secured financings, net of debt issuance costs	\$ 874,874	\$ 1,219,034
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Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	145,691	127,527
Lease rentals received in advance	51,937	62,225
Security deposits	120,320	122,597
Maintenance payments	 523,922	 591,757
Total liabilities	 5,002,984	 5,410,351
Commitments and Contingencies		
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Preference shares, \$0.01 par value, 50,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and		
outstanding	_	_
Common shares, \$0.01 par value, 250,000,000 shares authorized, 78,707,968 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2017; and 78,593,133 shares issued and		
outstanding at December 31, 2016	787	786
Additional paid-in capital	1,525,766	1,521,190
Retained earnings	347,248	315,890
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1,827)	(3,552)
Total shareholders' equity	1,871,974	1,834,314
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 6,874,958	\$ 7,244,665

# Aircastle Limited and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Income (Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,						\$ 537,670 13,026 (5,419) 20,603 565,880 2,425 568,305		
		2017		2016	 2017		-		
Revenues:									
Lease rental revenue	\$	171,687	\$	181,975	\$ 551,371	\$	537,670		
Finance and sales-type lease revenue		6,412		5,354	16,363		13,026		
Amortization of lease premiums, discounts and incentives		(2,388)		(521)	(8,780)		(5,419)		
Maintenance revenue		14,507		6,829	 55,738		20,603		
Total lease revenue		190,218		193,637	614,692		565,880		
Other revenue		1,193		1,015	 4,526		2,425		
Total revenues		191,411		194,652	619,218		568,305		
Operating expenses:									
Depreciation		70,018		76,201	227,446		227,918		
Interest, net		60,636		61,797	185,376		188,490		
Selling, general and administrative (including non-cash share-based payment expense of \$2,506 and \$2,059 for the three months ended, and \$10,636 and \$5,796 for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and									
2016, respectively)		17,137		15,985	55,491		46,883		
Impairment of flight equipment		_		10,462	80,430		27,185		
Maintenance and other costs		2,572		1,834	 7,846		5,504		
Total expenses		150,363		166,279	 556,589		495,980		
Other income (expense):									
Gain (loss) on sale of flight equipment		21,642		(73)	35,926		14,932		
Other		(360)		(210)	 (3,069)		(136)		
Total other income (expense)		21,282		(283)	 32,857		14,796		
Income from continuing operations before income taxes and earnings of									
unconsolidated equity method investments		62,330		28,090	95,486		87,121		
Income tax provision		6,195		2,458	8,536		8,782		
Earnings of unconsolidated equity method investments, net of tax		1,296		1,805	 5,804	- —	5,390		
Net income	\$	57,431	\$	27,437	\$ 92,754	\$	83,729		
Earnings per common share — Basic:									
Net income per share	\$	0.73	\$	0.35	\$ 1.18	\$	1.06		
Earnings per common share — Diluted:									
Net income per share	\$	0.73	\$	0.35	\$ 1.18	\$	1.06		
Dividends declared per share	\$	0.26	\$	0.24	\$ 0.78	\$	0.72		

# Aircastle Limited and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)

		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017 2016			
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net income	\$ 92,754	\$ 83,729			
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	,	, ,			
Depreciation	227,446	227,918			
Amortization of deferred financing costs	15,860	13,567			
Amortization of lease premiums, discounts and incentives	8,780	5,419			
Deferred income taxes	(1,369)	3,129			
Non-cash share-based payment expense	10,636	5,796			
Cash flow hedges reclassified into earnings	1,725	9,074			
Security deposits and maintenance payments included in earnings	(17,147)	(12,844)			
Gain on sale of flight equipment	(35,926)	(14,932)			
Impairment of flight equipment	80,430	27,185			
Other	2,078	(4,712)			
Changes in certain assets and liabilities:	2,0.0	( .,)			
Accounts receivable	415	1,699			
Other assets	(6,980)	3,815			
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	17,648	16,459			
Lease rentals received in advance	(2,892)	2,111			
	393,458	367,413			
Net cash and restricted cash provided by operating activities	393,430	307,413			
Cash flows from investing activities:	(252,402)	(702.270)			
Acquisition and improvement of flight equipment	(353,492)	(792,270)			
Proceeds from sale of flight equipment	764,984	488,749			
Net investment in finance and sales-type leases	(246,871)	(78,892)			
Collections on finance and sales-type leases	23,673	14,413			
Aircraft purchase deposits and progress payments, net of returned deposits and aircraft sales deposits	(14,068)	(14,035)			
Unconsolidated equity method investments and associated costs	(405)	(12,686)			
Other	(405)	(812)			
Net cash and restricted cash provided by (used in) investing activities	173,821	(395,533)			
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Repurchase of shares	(4,862)	(36,573)			
Proceeds from secured and unsecured debt financings	500,000	999,350			
Repayments of secured and unsecured debt financings	(852,451)	(489,134)			
Deferred financing costs	(8,540)	(17,273)			
Restricted secured liquidity facility collateral	_	65,000			
Liquidity facility	_	(65,000)			
Security deposits and maintenance payments received	138,813	123,767			
Security deposits and maintenance payments returned	(104,475)	(37,036)			
Dividends paid	(61,396)	(56,702)			
Other		(2,073)			
Net cash and restricted cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(392,911)	484,326			
Net increase in cash and restricted cash	174,368	456,206			
Cash and restricted cash at beginning of period	508,817	254,041			
Cash and restricted cash at end of period	\$ 683,185	\$ 710,247			

# Aircastle Limited and Subsidiaries Selected Financial Guidance Elements for the Fourth Quarter of 2017 (\$ in millions, except for percentages) (Unaudited)

Guidance Item	Q4:17
Lease rental revenue	\$172 - \$176
Finance lease revenue	\$8 - \$9
Maintenance revenue	\$0 - \$2
Amortization of net lease discounts and lease incentives	\$(2) - \$(3)

SG&A <sup>(1)</sup>	\$17 - \$18
Depreciation	\$71 - \$75
Interest, net	\$55 - \$57
Gain on sale	\$12 - \$20
Full year effective tax rate	9% - 10%

(1) Includes ~\$2.4M of non-cash share-based payment expense.

# Aircastle Limited and Subsidiaries Supplemental Financial Information (Amount in thousands, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

	Three Mo Septe	onths E				onths Ended ember 30,				
	2017	2016	2017			2016				
Revenues	\$ 191,411	\$	194,652	\$	619,218	\$	568,305			
EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 196,668	\$	168,414	\$	522,892	\$	514,338			
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 199,535	\$	181,145	\$	617,031	\$	547,460			
Net income	\$ 57,431	\$	27,437	\$	92,754	\$	83,729			
Net income allocable to common shares	\$ 57,016	\$	27,200	\$	92,083	\$	83,043			
Per common share - Basic	\$ 0.73	\$	0.35	\$	1.18	\$	1.06			
Per common share - Diluted	\$ 0.73	\$	0.35	\$	1.18	\$	1.06			
Adjusted net income <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 64,387	\$	29,706	\$	112,526	\$	98,002			
Adjusted net income allocable to common shares	\$ 63,922	\$	29,449	\$	111,712	\$	97,199			
Per common share - Basic	\$ 0.82	\$	0.38	\$	1.43	\$	1.24			
Per common share - Diluted	\$ 0.82	\$	0.38	\$	1.43	\$	1.24			
Basic common shares outstanding	78,237		77,990		78,197		78,230			
Diluted common shares outstanding <sup>(2)</sup>	78,375		78,022		78,366		78,266			

<sup>(1)</sup> Refer to the selected information accompanying this press release for a reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP information.

# Aircastle Limited and Subsidiaries Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Measures EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation (Dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)

		nths Ended mber 30,	Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2017	2016	2017	2016		
Net income	\$ 57,431	\$ 27,437	\$ 92,754	\$ 83,729		
Depreciation	70,018	76,201	227,446	227,918		
Amortization of lease premiums, discounts and incentives	2,388	521	8,780	5,419		
Interest, net	60,636	61,797	185,376	188,490		
Income tax provision	6,195	2,458	8,536	8,782		
EBITDA	196,668	168,414	522,892	514,338		
Adjustments:						
Impairment of flight equipment	_	10,462	80,430	27,185		
Non-cash share-based payment expense	2,506	2,059	10,636	5,796		
Loss on mark-to-market of interest rate derivative contracts	361	210	3,073	141		
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 199,535	\$ 181,145	\$ 617,031	\$ 547,460		

<sup>(2)</sup> For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, includes 137,810 and 169,053 dilutive shares, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, includes 32,235 and 35,804 dilutive shares, respectively.

We define EBITDA as income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes, interest expense, and depreciation and amortization. We use EBITDA to assess our consolidated financial and operating performance, and we believe this non-U.S. GAAP measure is helpful in identifying trends in our performance.

This measure provides an assessment of controllable expenses and affords management the ability to make decisions which are expected to facilitate meeting current financial goals as well as achieving optimal financial performance. It provides an indicator for management to determine if adjustments to current spending decisions are needed.

EBITDA provides us with a measure of operating performance because it assists us in comparing our operating performance on a consistent basis as it removes the impact of our capital structure (primarily interest charges on our outstanding debt) and asset base (primarily depreciation and amortization) from our operating results. Accordingly, this metric measures our financial performance based on operational factors that management can impact in the short-term, namely the cost structure, or expenses, of the organization. EBITDA is one of the metrics used by senior management and the Board of Directors to review the consolidated financial performance of our business.

We define Adjusted EBITDA as EBITDA (as defined above) further adjusted to give effect to adjustments required in calculating covenant ratios and compliance as that term is defined in the indenture governing our senior unsecured notes. Adjusted EBITDA is a material component of these covenants.

# Aircastle Limited and Subsidiaries Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Measures Adjusted Net Income Reconciliation (Dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)

	 Three Mo Septe	onths E mber 3		 Nine Mo Septe	nths End mber 30	
	2017		2016	2017		2016
Net income	\$ 57,431	\$	27,437	\$ 92,754	\$	83,729
Loan termination fee <sup>(1)</sup>	1,070		_	2,058		1,509
Loss on mark-to-market of interest rate derivative contracts <sup>(2)</sup>	361		210	3,073		141
Write-off of deferred financing fees <sup>(1)</sup>	3,019		_	4,005		1,972
Non-cash share-based payment expense <sup>(3)</sup>	2,506		2,059	10,636		5,796
Hedge loss amortization charges <sup>(1)</sup>	_		_	 		4,855
Adjusted net income	\$ 64,387	\$	29,706	\$ 112,526	\$	98,002

<sup>(1)</sup> Included in Interest, net.

Management believes that ANI, when viewed in conjunction with the Company's results under U.S. GAAP and the above reconciliation, provides useful information about operating and period-over-period performance and additional information that is useful for evaluating the underlying operating performance of our business without regard to periodic reporting elements related to interest rate derivative accounting, changes related to refinancing activity and non-cash share-based payment expense.

# Aircastle Limited and Subsidiaries Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Measures Cash Return on Equity Calculation (Dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)

Period	CFFO	Finance Lease ollections	Gain on Sale of Flt. Eqt.	Deprec.	i (I	stributions n excess ess than) Equity Earnings	Cash Earnings	S	Average Shareholders Equity	Trail 12 Mor Cas RO	2 nth sh
2011	\$ 359,377	\$ _	\$ 39,092	\$ 242,103	\$	_	\$ 156,366	\$	1,370,513	11.4	%
2012	\$ 427,277	\$ 3,852	\$ 5,747	\$ 269,920	\$	_	\$ 166,956	\$	1,425,658	11.7	%
2013	\$ 424,037	\$ 9,508	\$ 37,220	\$ 284,924	\$	_	\$ 185,841	\$	1,513,156	12.3	%
2014	\$ 458,786	\$ 10,312	\$ 23,146	\$ 299,365	\$	667	\$ 193,546	\$	1,661,228	11.7	%
2015	\$ 526,285	\$ 9,559	\$ 58,017	\$ 318,783	\$	(530)	\$ 274,548	\$	1,759,871	15.6	%
2016	\$ 468,092	\$ 19,413	\$ 39,126	\$ 305,216	\$	(1,782)	\$ 219,633	\$	1,789,256	12.3	%
LTM Q3:17	\$ 494,137	\$ 28,673	\$ 60,120	\$ 304,744	\$	575	\$ 278,761	\$	1,836,511	15.2	%

Note: LTM Average Shareholders' Equity is the average of the most recent five quarters period end Shareholders' Equity. Management believes that the cash return on equity

<sup>(2)</sup> Included in Other income (expense).

<sup>(3)</sup> Included in Selling, general and administrative expenses.

metric ("Cash ROE") when viewed in conjunction with the Company's results under U.S. GAAP and the above reconciliation, provide useful information about operating and period-over-period performance, and provide additional information that is useful for evaluating the underlying operating performance of our business without regard to periodic reporting impacts related to non-cash revenue and expense items and interest rate derivative accounting, while recognizing the depreciating nature of our assets.

#### Aircastle Limited and Subsidiaries Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Measures Net Cash Interest Margin Calculation (Dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)

# Annualized Net Cash Interest Margin

Q1:12       \$ 4,388,008       \$ 152,242       \$ 44,969       9.8 %         Q2:12       \$ 4,542,477       \$ 156,057       \$ 48,798       9.4 %         Q3:12       \$ 4,697,802       \$ 163,630       \$ 41,373       10.4 %         Q4:12       \$ 4,726,457       \$ 163,820       \$ 43,461       10.2 %	
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Q1:13 \$ 4,740,161 \$ 162,319 \$ 48,591 9.6 %	
Q2:13 \$ 4,840,396 \$ 164,239 \$ 44,915 9.9 %	
Q3:13 \$ 4,863,444 \$ 167,876 \$ 47,682 9.9 %	
Q4:13 \$ 5,118,601 \$ 176,168 \$ 49,080 9.9 %	
Q1:14 \$ 5,312,651 \$ 181,095 \$ 51,685 9.7 %	
Q2:14 \$ 5,721,521 \$ 190,574 \$ 48,172 10.0 %	
Q3:14 \$ 5,483,958 \$ 182,227 \$ 44,820 10.0 %	
Q4:14 \$ 5,468,637 \$ 181,977 \$ 44,459 10.1 %	
Q1:15 \$ 5,743,035 \$ 181,027 \$ 50,235 9.1 %	
Q2:15 \$ 5,967,898 \$ 189,238 \$ 51,413 9.2 %	
Q3:15 \$ 6,048,330 \$ 191,878 \$ 51,428 9.3 %	
Q4:15 \$ 5,962,874 \$ 188,491 \$ 51,250 9.2 %	
Q1:16 \$ 5,988,076 \$ 186,730 \$ 51,815 9.0 %	
Q2:16 \$ 5,920,030 \$ 184,469 \$ 55,779 8.7 %	
Q3:16 \$ 6,265,175 \$ 193,909 \$ 57,589 8.7 %	
Q4:16 \$ 6,346,361 \$ 196,714 \$ 58,631 8.7 %	
Q1:17 \$ 6,505,355 \$ 200,273 \$ 58,839 8.7 %	
Q2:17 \$ 6,512,100 \$ 199,522 \$ 55,871 8.8 %	
Q3:17 \$ 5,985,908 \$ 184,588 \$ 53,457 8.8 %	

<sup>(1)</sup> Management's Use of Net Cash Interest Margin: Beginning with this earnings release for the three months ended September 30, 2016, based on the growing level of finance and sales-type lease revenue, management revised the calculation of net cash interest margin to include our net investment in finance and sales-type leases in the average net book value and to include the interest income and cash collections on our net investment in finance and sales-type lease in lease rentals. The calculation of net cash interest margin for all prior periods presented is revised to be comparable with the current period presentation.

We define net cash interest margin as lease rentals from operating leases, interest income and cash collections from finance and sales-type leases minus interest on borrowings, net settlements on interest rate derivatives and other liabilities adjusted for loan termination payments divided by the average net book of flight equipment (which includes net investment on finance and sales-type leases) for the period calculated on a quarterly and annualized basis.

Management believes that net cash interest margin, when viewed in conjunction with the Company's results under U.S. GAAP and the above reconciliation, provides useful information about the effective deployment of our capital in the context of the yield on our aircraft assets, the utilization of those assets by our lessees, and our ability to borrow efficiently.

Aircastle Limited and Subsidiaries
Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Measures
Reconciliation of Net Income Allocable to Common Shares
(In thousands)
(Unaudited)

Three Months Ended September 30, 2017 Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017

<sup>(2)</sup> Excludes loan termination payments of \$3.0 million in the second quarter of 2013, \$1.5 million and \$3.5 million in the first quarter and fourth quarter of 2016, respectively, and loan termination payments of \$1.0 million in both the second and third quarters of 2017.

Weighted-average shares:	Shares		Shares		Shares Percent		Shares		Percent		
Common shares outstanding - Basic		78,237	99.28	%	78,197		99.28	%			
Unvested restricted common shares		570	0.72	%	569		0.72	%			
Total weighted-average shares outstanding		78,807	100.00	%	 78,767		100.00	%			
Common shares outstanding - Basic		78,237	99.82	%	78,197		99.78	%			
Effect of dilutive shares <sup>(1)</sup>		138	0.18	<u>%</u>	 169		0.22	<u>%_</u>			
Common shares outstanding - Diluted		78,375	100.00	%	 78,366		100.00	%			
Net income allocation											
Net income	\$	57,431	100.00	%	\$ 92,754		100.00	%			
Distributed and undistributed earnings allocated to unvested restricted shares <sup>(2)</sup>		(415)	(0.72)	%	(671)		(0.72)	%			
Earnings available to common shares	\$	57,016	99.28	%	\$ 92,083		99.28	%			
Adjusted net income allocation											
Adjusted net income	\$	64,387	100.00	%	\$ 112,526		100.00	%			
Amounts allocated to unvested restricted shares		(465)	(0.72)	%	(814)		(0.72)	%			
Amounts allocated to common shares - Basic and Diluted	\$	63,922	99.28	%	\$ 111,712	_ =	99.28	%			

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, distributed and undistributed earnings to restricted shares were 0.72% of net income and adjusted (1) net income. The amount of restricted share forfeitures for all periods present is immaterial to the allocation of distributed and undistributed earnings.

#### Aircastle Limited and Subsidiaries Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Measures Reconciliation of Net Income Allocable to Common Shares (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2016				Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016					
Weighted-average shares:		Shares	Percent		Shares		Percent			
Common shares outstanding - Basic		77,990	99.14	%		78,230	99.18	%		
Unvested restricted common shares		680	0.86	%		646	0.82	%		
Total weighted-average shares outstanding		78,670	100.00	%		78,876	100.00	%		
Common shares outstanding - Basic		77,990	99.96	%		78,230	99.95	%		
Effect of dilutive shares <sup>(1)</sup>		32	0.04	<u>%</u> _		36	0.05	%		
Common shares outstanding - Diluted		78,022	100.00	%		78,266	100.00	%		
Net income allocation										
Net income Distributed and undistributed earnings allocated to unvested restricted	\$	27,437	100.00	%	\$	83,729	100.00	%		
shares <sup>(2)</sup>		(237)	(0.86)%			(686)	(0.82)%			
Earnings available to common shares	\$	27,200	99.14	%	\$	83,043	99.18	%		
Adjusted net income allocation										
Adjusted net income	\$	29,706	100.00	%	\$	98,002	100.00	%		
Amounts allocated to unvested restricted shares		(257)	(0.86)%			(803)	(0.82)%			
Amounts allocated to common shares - Basic and Diluted	\$	29,449	99.14	%	\$	97,199	99.18	%		

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, distributed and undistributed earnings to restricted shares were 0.86% and 0.82%, respectively, of net income and adjusted net income. The amount of restricted share forfeitures for all periods present is immaterial to the allocation of distributed and undistributed earnings.

For all periods presented, dilutive shares represented contingently issuable shares.

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