





## **INVESTOR PRESENTATION**

December 2024

### PROFITABLE GROWTH OFFSETS ONGOING SECTOR-WIDE COST PRESSURES



## Strong demand from growing aviation markets

- Robust load factor and RASK
- EBITDAR and margin growth higher than prior year
- Passenger growth of 12.6% in 9M balanced against cost efficiency
- Particularly high demand in domestic market and Asia/Middle East



#### **Proactive cost management**

- Continued RASK expansion narrows the gap to CASK in Q3
- Success of P&W mitigation plan optimizes capacity during peak season
- Installation of third ACT on the A321LR



#### Initiatives to deliver growth strategy

- Fleet development ahead of plan
- Seven additional Airbus A321neo
   LR the largest ever single order
- FlyArystan ticket sales launched under separate IATA code
- Code sharing agreement with Japan Airlines (JAL)
- APEX Five Star Major Airlines
   Award for the fifth time

Positive booking curve for Q4; on track and well-positioned to meet our medium-term targets



## Q3 2024 KEY OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



ASK: **5.9bn** 

8.4% YoY growth (vs Q3 2023)



Passengers: 2.8m

9.9% YoY growth



Load Factor: 87.0%

85.9% Q3 2023

- Total revenue of US \$410m +10.4% YoY excluding nonrecurring items\*
- **EBITDAR** of US \$128.8m **+12.6%** YoY\*
- **EBITDAR margin** of 31.4% **+0.6** pp YoY\*
- RASK of 6.95 US\$ cents, +1.8% YoY\*
- CASK of 5.65 US\$ cents, +2.8% YoY\* (4.08 US\$ cents and
   4.2% excluding fuel\*)



## **9M 2024 KEY OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**



ASK: **14.6bn** 

10.4% YoY growth (vs. 9M 2023)



Passengers: **6.8m** 

12.6% YoY growth



Load Factor: 84.0%

84.0% 9M 2023



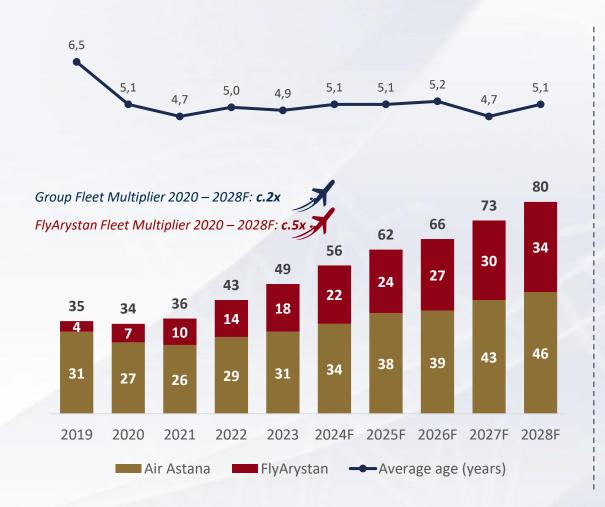
Aircraft in fleet: 56
As at end of 9M 2024

+9 19.1% YoY

- Total revenue of US \$996.2m +11.9% YoY excluding nonrecurring items\*
- **EBITDAR** of US \$267.4m **+11.1%** YoY\*
- EBITDAR margin of 26.8%
- RASK of 6.82 US\$ cents, +1.3% YoY\*
- CASK of 5.98 US\$ cents, +2.7% YoY\* (4.38 US\$ cents and 3.1% excluding fuel\*)
- Strong balance sheet with cash to sales ratio of 37.3%
   (26.5% in 9M 2023); leverage ratio 1.3x Net Debt/EBITDAR

## FLEET DEVELOPMENT AHEAD OF PLAN

## Initial fleet expansion plan to support growth trajectory



		2023	Net add	9M 2024
Boeing 767	- Balt astana	3	-	3
Airbus A321		17	+1	18
Airbus A320		24	+8	32
Embraer E190-E2	A Difference of the second	5	-2	3
<b>Total Fleet Size</b>		49	7	56*



<sup>\* 57</sup> as of 5 November 2024

# BENEFITTING FROM SUCCESFUL EXECUTION OF PRATT & WHITNEY MITIGATION PLAN – AHEAD OF INDUSTRY

#### Successful execution resulted in accelerated EBITDAR growth during Q3 peak season

- In March, an agreement was reached with Pratt & Whitney for compensation and other support in recognition of the impact to the Group's operations arising from GTF neo engine availability issues
- Air Astana Group management took proactive mitigating actions at an early stage, ahead of the wider industry:
  - Successful implementation of engine resting programme allowed high fleet utilisation during peak season
  - Three additional A320ceo family aircraft delivered this year, and two expected in Q1 2025
  - 10 spare PW1100 engines 7 purchased and 3 leased, ahead of plan
- Engine off-wing time assumption remains 18 months. Pratt & Whitney is fast tracking selected engines for repair under a quick turnaround programme



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Operational	9M 2024	9M 2023	% YoY	Q3 2024	Q3 2023	% YoY
ASKs (bn)	4.6	3.9	18.4%	I 2.0	1.7	14.2%
Aircraft – average – fleet	20.4	14	46% I	23	16	43.8%
RPKs (bn)	4	3.5	15.4%	1.8	1.5	14.5%
Passenger load factor	87.4%	89.7%	(2.3)pp	90.9%	90.7%	0.2pp
RASK <sup>(1,3)</sup> (US\$ cents)	5.65	5.52	2.4%	5.88	5.74	2.3%
CASK <sup>(2)</sup> (US\$ cents)	5.08	4.78	6.4%	4.60	4.46	3.1%
CASK ex fuel <sup>(2)</sup> (US\$ cents)	3.65	3.43	6.3%	3.20	3.10	3.0%
Financial (US\$ m)	9M 2024	9M 2023	% YoY	Q3 2024	Q3 2023	% YoY
Revenue and other income excluding I intergroup revenue	259	214	21.2%	l 115 l	98	16.9%
EBITDAR excluding Intragroup revenue (1,2,3)	70	61	14.2%	39	33	17.2%
EBITDAR margin excluding I intragroup revenue (1,2,3)	26.8%	28.5%	(1.7)pp	34.0%	34.0%	0.1pp

## 9M 2024 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS – ASK AND CAPACITY UTILISATION



Successful execution of Pratt & Whitney mitigation plan, paired with agile capacity allocation leveraging geographical advantage in favour of higher margin routes, stimulated RASK<sup>(1)</sup> growth

- Addition of 9 aircraft in 9M 2024, from 49 aircraft (end 2023) to 56 aircraft end
   9M 2024
- Two E2s redelivered since beginning of the year
- As of 5 November 2024, 57 aircraft in fleet (ahead of initial YE plan of 56)\*
- Group RPK increased 10.4% YoY to 12.3bn
- Successful execution of fleet expansion strategy drove 10.4% Group ASK growth
- Domestic ASK grew 15.7% vs international +6.4%
- FlyArystan LCC model continued stimulation of air traffic demand in domestic market: high 27.8% domestic ASK growth
- Group's high load factor further improved to 87% (+1.1 point on Q3 2023) along with 8.4% capacity growth. In Q3 load factor for Air Astana was 85% and 90.9% for FlyArystan, for 9M for Air Astana 82.5% and for FlyArystan 87.4%



<sup>\*</sup>One aircraft was delivered in October 2024

#### 9M 2024 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS – UNIT REVENUE PERFORMANCE



#### Proactive capacity allocation and management supports continued RASK expansion

RASK<sup>(1)</sup> growth sustained with 1.8% increase in Q3 2024 (+1.4% statutory, despite absence of extraordinary revenue impacts that had benefitted **RASK in 2023)** 

#### FlyArystan RASK<sup>(1)</sup> 2.3% growth in Q3 2024; +2.4% in 9M 2024

RASK growth reflects agile capacity allocation, leading to growth in higher-**RASK** markets

#### Air Astana RASK (1) 2.2% growth in Q3 2024; +1.7% in 9M 2024

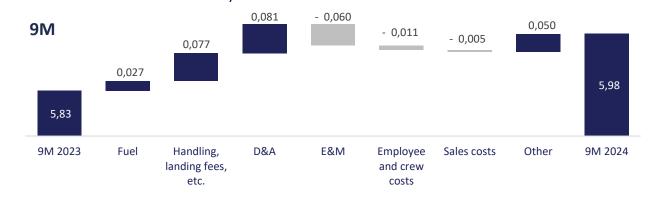
- Continued optimisation of premium airline offering to drive RASK growth
- 4.6% CAGR RASK growth since 9M 2019 or 25% cumulative growth
- Revenue now at 118% of 9M 2019 levels (excluding intragroup revenue)

### 9M 2024 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS – ROBUST UNIT COST PERFORMANCE



#### Intense focus on mitigating cost headwinds impacting airlines around the world

- Continued focus on operational cost efficiency limited increase of Group CASK<sup>(1)</sup> to
   2.7% (YoY) despite industry-wide cost pressures
- Proactive capacity management accelerated RASK growth while mitigating increase in CASK
- D&A CASK grew 9.1% which was largely offset by a reduction in engineering and maintenance costs
- Full year effect of pilot salary adjustment in May 2023 eliminated as of mid Q2 2024
- CASK of Handling, landing fees, etc. increased 6.6% driven by industry-wide cost inflation, higher airport rates, the Company's continued investment into customer experience
- Fuel component of CASK increased by 1.7% (in Q3 2024 there was a reduction by 0.5%)
- Sales CASK reduced by 2.4%



### ROBUST BALANCE SHEET AND LEVERAGE RATIO

USD millions (Unaudited)			9M 2023	9M 2024	
Net Debt Reconci	liation:				
Loans			0.5	0.1	
Lease Liabilities			697.0	863.9	
Less					
Cash and Bank Ba	lances		314.4	473.9	
NET DEBT			383.1	390.1	
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	2.5x	1.7x	1.5x	1.3x	

#### Strong cash position

- o Group cash position stood at USD 473.9M (9M 2023: USD 314.4M)
- Cash to sales ratio of 37.3% (9M 2023: 26.5%) not including provision for available credit facilities (13% of revenue).

#### Comfortable net debt position at the end of 9M 2024

- o Group Net Debt / Adjusted EBITDAR declined from 1.5x (2023) to 1.3x (9M 2024) driven by organic cash generation and IPO proceeds
- Comfortably within targeted mid-term goal of less than 3.0x Net Debt / Adjusted EBITDAR

#### Lease liabilities grew in 9M 2024 due to fleet size

- Driven by addition of 11 aircraft in fleet during LTM\*
- Voluntary early repayment of finance leases



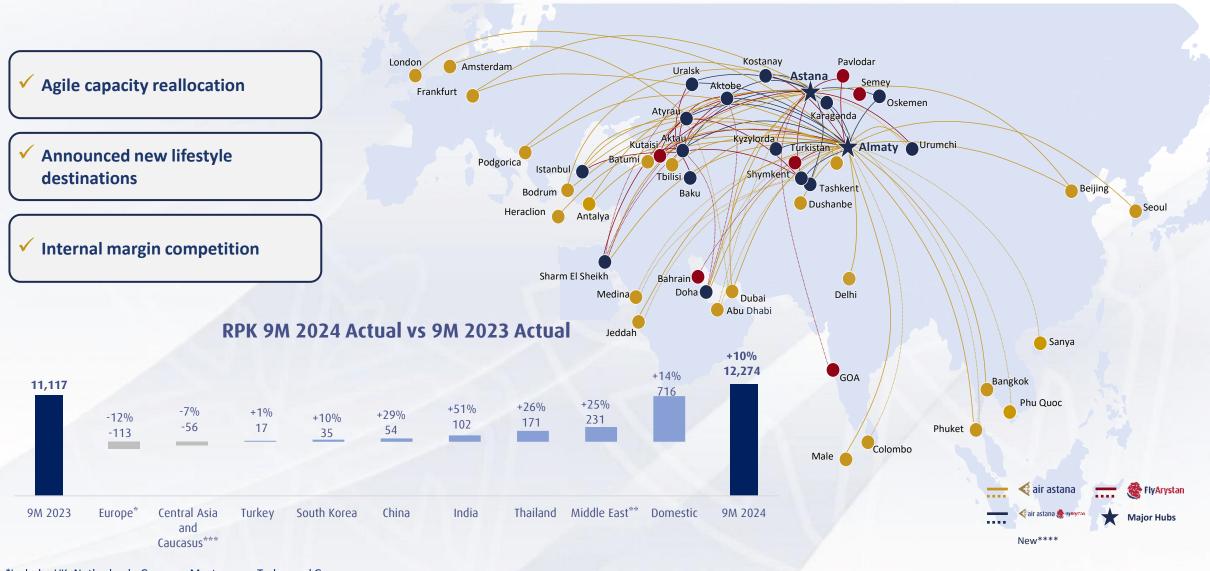
## **NEW INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL AT ALMATY AIRPORT INCREASING CAPACITY**

- New terminal at Almaty Airport opened in June
- Resolving the **capacity bottleneck** at our main base and provides future capacity for the further growth of the Group
- First airline to perform flights on the opening day
- Smooth transfer of all international flights by mid June
- Total area expanded from 25k m<sup>2</sup> to **79k m<sup>2</sup>** allowing capacity to increase from 8 to 14 m pax/year

- Exclusive **Shanyraq lounges** accessible to Business Class passengers, Nomad Club Diamond, and Gold members in Almaty and Astana airports
- Astana Shanyraq lounge was reopened in July after renovation
- Exclusive **Almaty Shanyraq** lounge will be opened in November 2024



## DIFFERENTIATED FROM THE INDUSTRY BY OUR UNIQUE GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION



<sup>\*</sup>Includes UK, Netherlands, Germany, Montenegro, Turkey and Greece



<sup>\*\*</sup>Includes Maldives, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Egypt and Sri Lanka

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Includes Tajikistan, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia and Uzbekistan

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>Routes opened after September 2024 and announced by the end of the year

## CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

#### **Advanced Technical Centre**

- Continued performance of in-house C checks on Airbus fleet
- In-house technical facility for aircraft maintenance up to the highest industry standards
- Seven in-house C checks performed in 9M 2024 (32 in total)
- First in-house C12 check completed in Q3 2024
- Aircraft maintenance for third parties 49 airlines

#### **Industry-leading Training Programme**

- Sole Full Flight Simulator of its kind in Kazakhstan, already 97% utilisation. Second simulator to be in service in Nov 2025
- New cabin emergency evacuation training system and real firefighting trainer simulators for Cabin Safety and Evacuation training
- Four new Skill Development Modules launched
- **Extension** of the existing **Flight Training Center** in Astana launched. New building to be ready for use in September 2025
- Volunteer Scheme for the busy summer season launched



#### **Operational efficiency**

- Reimplementation of fuel-tankering programme allowing for fuel savings
- Trial of OptiClimb solution for reduction in fuel consumption and carbon emissions
- Reduced contingency fuel for fuel economy and carbon emission reduction
- System implementation for crew rostering & pairing optimizers in progress
- Construction of **de-icing warehouse** at Astana completed. Delivery of additional de-icing trucks
- 10-year record high in **ab-initio programme** 30 cadets currently in training



## CAPITALISING ON THE GROUP'S COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES

- Differentiated from the industry by our unique geographical location:
  - Kazakhstan is the fastest-growing country in Central Asia, the leading region in Asia for traffic growth (IATA)
  - Highly underserved market with low but growing propensity to travel
  - Access to nearby mega-markets with proximity to the Middle East and Europe
  - Ability for dynamic reallocation of capacity between geographies according to demand/margin
- Accelerated fleet expansion (despite industry constraints) 57 as of today with target of 80 by the end of 2028
- Excellent cost management with highly competitive CASK
- Operational efficiency supported by young, modern, fuel-efficient fleet and advanced technical and training facilities
  - In-house technical facility for aircraft maintenance
  - Kazakhstan's only full flight simulator launched in 2023; second unit ordered
  - Ab-Initio programme
  - Fuel sourcing without middle-man markup
- Demonstrable commitment to ESG targets, strong management team and governance practices

### **OUR NEAR-TERM STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

## Fleet Expansion

- Successful execution of Pratt & Whitney mitigation plan
- Continued implementation of fleet expansion and simplification strategy: agreement for A321LR delivery; introduction of ACT enabling increased non-stop long-haul flights
- Expansion of route network in domestic, near-home and adjacent international markets; increase density on existing high-demand routes

## Strong Profitability

- Leverage unique geographical location to reallocate capacity to growing markets
- Maintain high load factors, maximise revenue across both brands
- Continue RASK performance
- Internal margin competition across brands
- Analysis of enhanced strategic partnerships (CESPs)
- Strong Q4 booking curve

#### Cost Leadership

- Effectively manage costs in inflationary environment, optimise unit revenues; expand training capacity with second simulator unit
- Airbus maintenance now all in-house, including 12Y C check; expand internal maintenance capability with investment in second hangars at Almaty and Astana Airports
- International fuel uplift fully hedged for 2024 and Q1 2025, and partly for Q2 2025 at levels of \$75-85 with call options, no downside risk

## Operational Excellence

- Lobby for Jet-A1 production in Kazakhstan and conversion of key airports
- · New Almaty Terminal doubles capacity for future growth
- · Further develop customer experience and operational efficiency; continue Ab-Initio Programme
- Implement fuel consumption and carbon emission reduction solution; implement crew rostering and pairing optimisers

## MID-TERM GUIDANCE: DELIVERING WORLD-CLASS GROWTH AND MARGINS

## **OUR STRATEGIC PILLARS EXCELLENCE GROWTH EFFICIENCY**

#### **UNDERPINNING OUR MEDIUM-TERM TARGETS...**

#### **Robust Growth**

- 80 aircraft by 2028
- 10 20% ASK mid-term CAGR for Air Astana
- 15 25% ASK mid-term CAGR for FlyArystan

#### **Sustainable Profitability**

Group Adjusted EBITDAR margin in the midto-high 20% range in the mid-term notwithstanding expected cost inflation outpacing growth in unit revenue in YE2024

#### **Prudent Capital Structure**

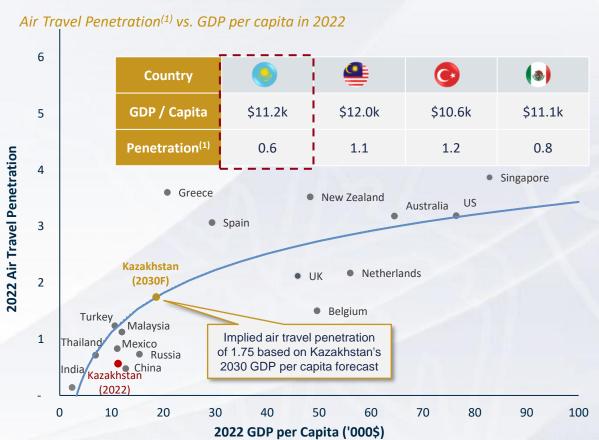
- Greater than 25% year-end cash to revenue ratio over the medium-term
- Less than 3.0x Net Debt / Adjusted **EBITDAR** over the medium-term



### UNTAPPED POTENTIAL FOR AIR TRAVEL IN KAZAKHSTAN

#### A clear leader in home market, well positioned for untapped growth opportunities

Highly underserved market with low propensity to fly, and significant opportunity for growth...



#### Compelling growth historically, with strong rebound post pandemic...

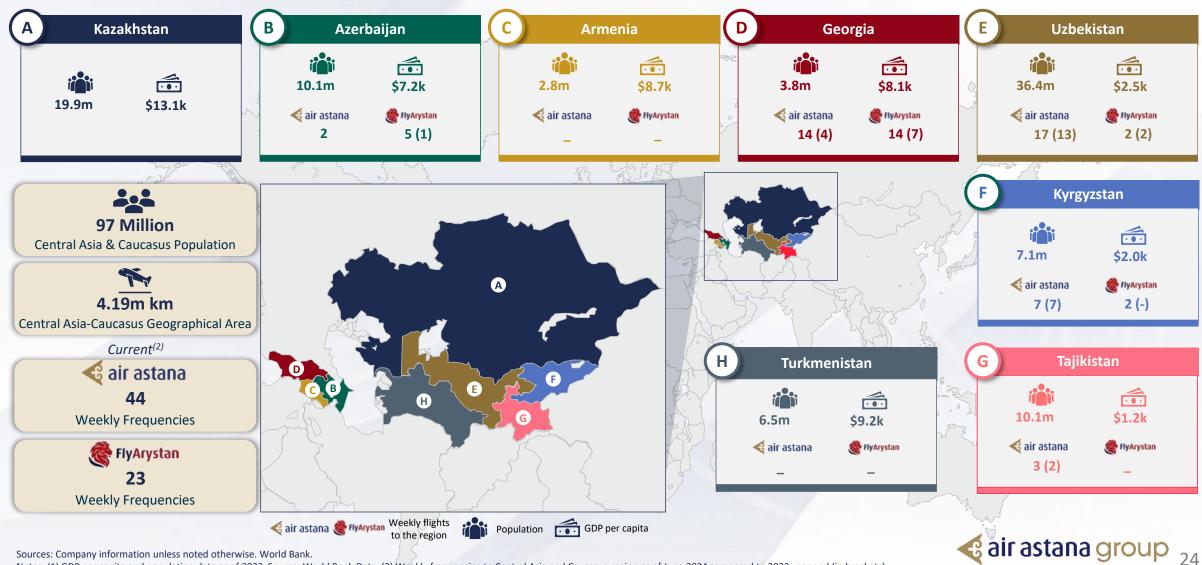


Sources: Company information, EIU, Ministry of the National Economy, Kazakhstan Civil Aviation Committee, Kazakhstan IATA Direct Data Solutions, Bureau of national statistics of the Agency for strategic planning and reforms of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Notes: Trend curve corresponds to exponential regression.



## OPPORTUNITY IN CENTRAL ASIA AND CAUCASUS REGION<sup>(1)</sup>

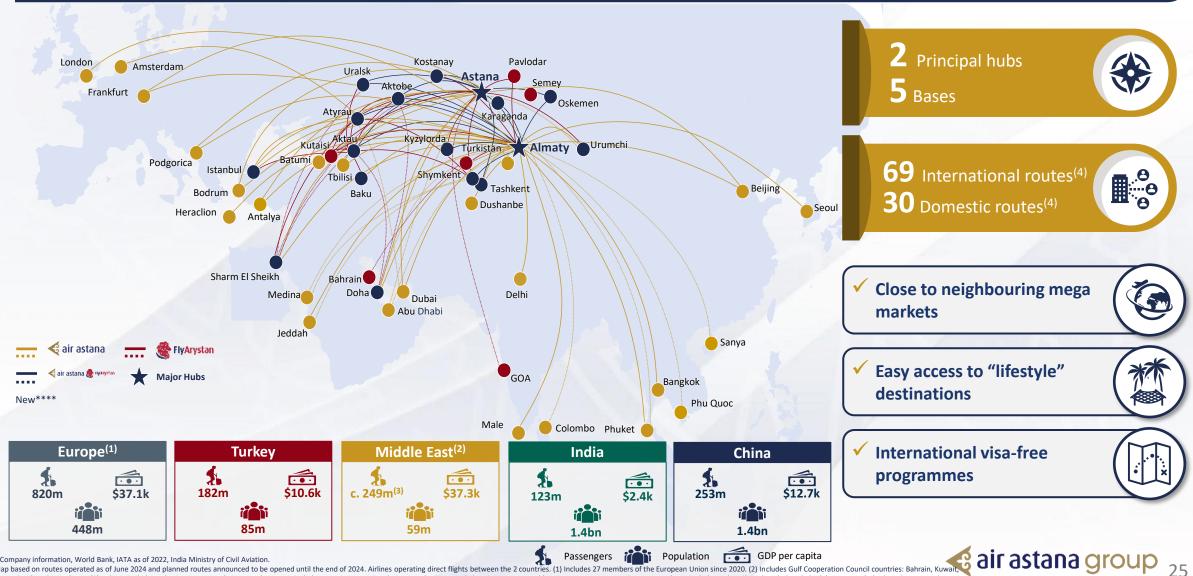
#### Significantly underserved market in Central Asia and Caucasus region where the Air Astana Group can help improve air travel connectivity



Notes: (1) GDP per capita and population data as of 2023. Source: World Bank Data. (2) Weekly frequencies to Central Asia and Caucasus region as of June 2024 compared to 2023 year end (in brackets).

## SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH INTERNATIONAL EXPANSION

Kazakhstan is strategically located within easy access to two of the largest aviation markets in the world, India and China, and with proximity to the Middle East and Europe



## **VISA-FREE PROGRAMMES SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL EXPANSION**

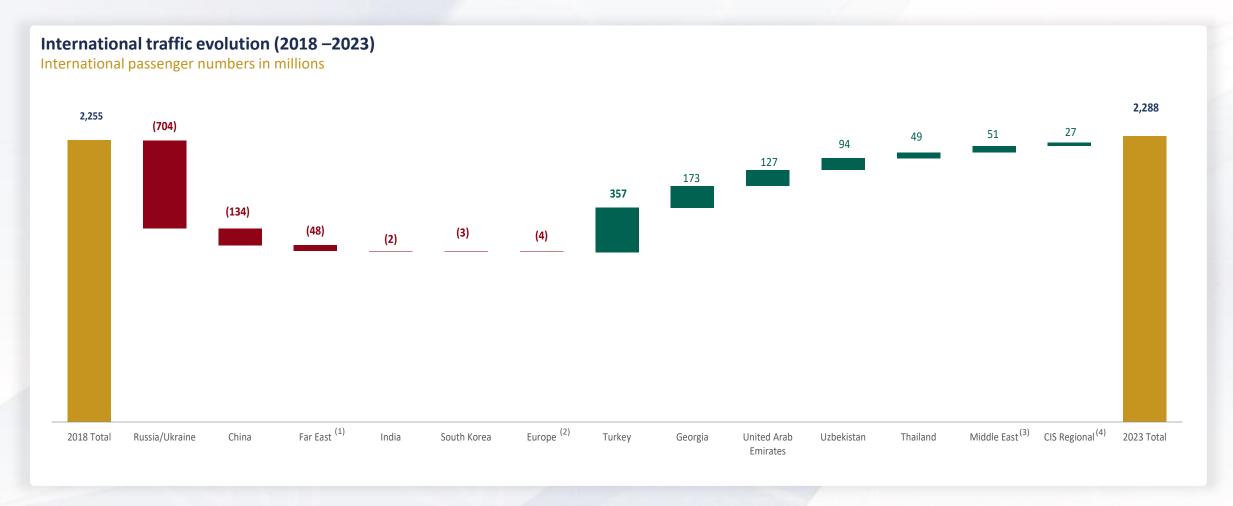
Kazakhstan began its visa-free programme in 2014 with only 19 countries. The initial visa liberalisation drove ~50% increase in visitor numbers (1).

Visa free programmes continue to expand post the pandemic, exceeding 100 countries by YE23. E-visas are offered for another 100 countries



### PROACTIVE NETWORK REDEPLOYMENT AMID DOUBLE CRISIS

The Air Astana Group's international passenger base has evolved significantly in recent years, with both Air Astana and FlyArystan exiting the Russian/Ukrainian markets and expanding their networks to other international destinations

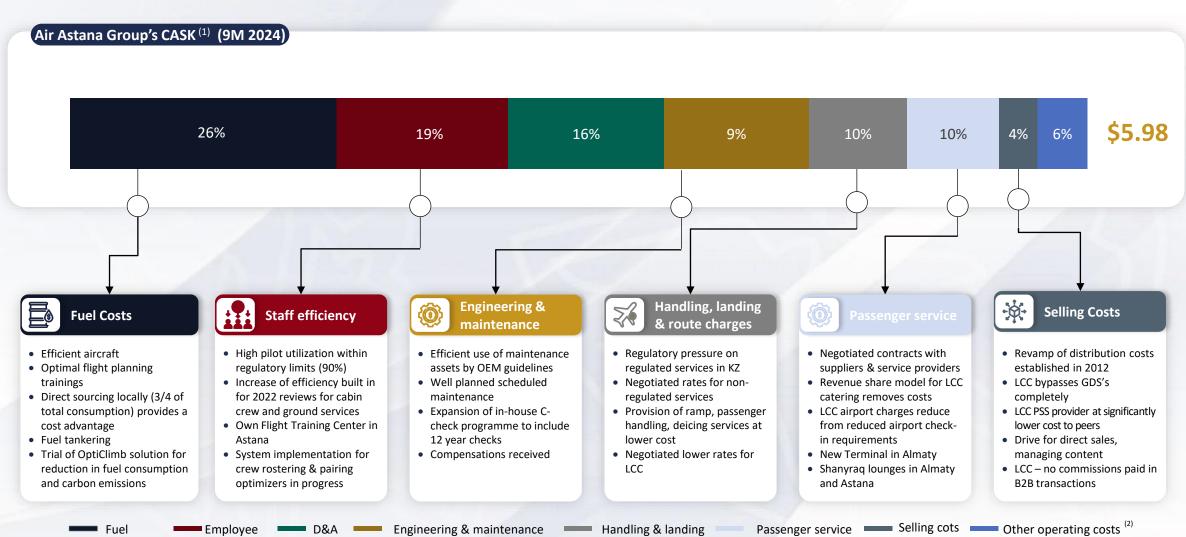


Source: Company Information

Notes: (1) Includes Malaysia and Vietnam. (2) Includes France, UK, Netherlands, Germany, Montenegro, Greece and Spain. (3) Includes Iran, Maldives, Qatar, Saudi Arabi, Egypt and Israel. (4) Includes Tajikistan, Azerbaijan, Armenia and Kyrgyzstan.

#### **COST REDUCTION MATERIALISED**

#### Strong cost control and efficiency for each element cost item providing competitive advantages



Source: Company information.

Notes: (1) CASK excluding NRIs (IPO related expenses and donation in connection with the flood situation in the regions of Kazakhstan) (2) Other Operating Costs includes insurance, IT and communication, professional services, taxes, aircraft lease cost and property and office costs.

#### **ADVANTAGEOUS FUEL SOURCING & SUPPLY ASSURANCE**

Effective fuel management with ability to source fuel more economically locally and to hedge international purchases at the right time



#### 293k

metric tons of jet fuel for 9M 2024



**65-75%** 

Sourced from local refineries



26%

fuel cost as a percentage of Group's operating costs



Up to 100%

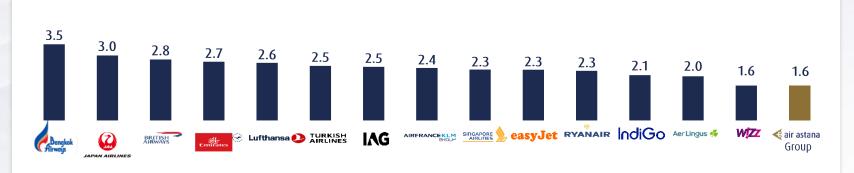
hedging policy of international purchases

#### **Fuel sourcing strategy**

- 65% to 75% of total jet fuel obtained from within Kazakhstan, remaining fuel needs are sourced internationally at market prices
- Kazakhstan airlines, including Air Astana and FlyArystan, are able to source fuel from local refineries through direct negotiations
- **Direct sourcing allows Air Astana Group to avoid mark-ups from airports**, fuel prices sourced domestically are typically \$300-350 per ton lower than the global market price
- Regulated price does not move along with international market prices as the impact is indirect and fluctuations are diluted over time, which effectively provides a more stable price (equivalent to a natural hedge).
- Group directly manages the transportation of fuel to the airports across the country, ensuring additional efficiency.
- Local price considerations apply to outbound of all flights (from domestic origins) and inbound of flights of up to 3-3.5 hours
- For international purchases, the Group has a **hedging policy in place**, and has hedged price risk for 2024, Q1 2025, and partly for Q2 2025

#### Competitive unit fuel cost (1)

Fuel cost per ASK in US\$ cents (9M 2024)

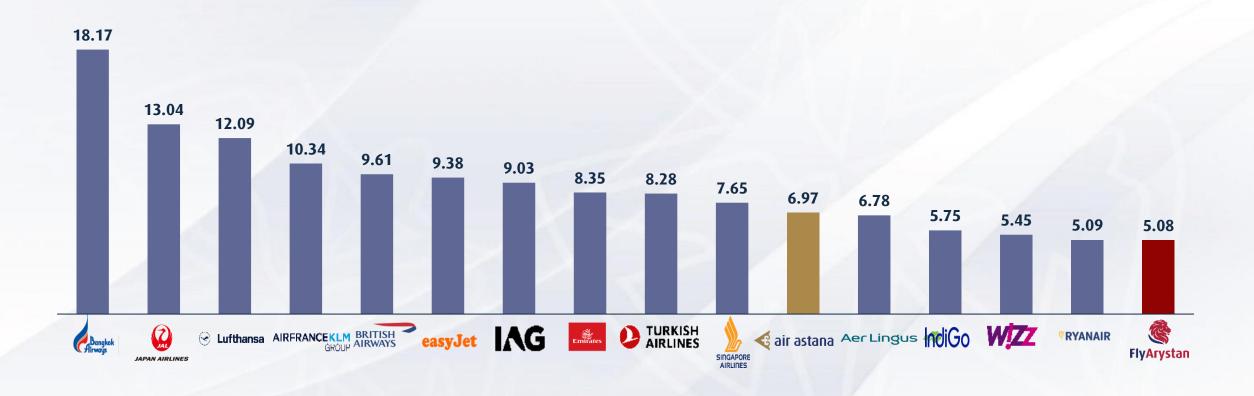


Source: Airfinance Global

Notes: (1) Emirates, Ryanair: April 2023 – June 2024; Singapore Airlines - April 2024 - September 2024; Aer Lingus - January 2023 - December 2023; British Airways - January 2024 - June 2024; Air Astana Group, Air France-KLM, IndiGo, IAG, Japan Airlines, Lufthansa Group, Turkish Airlines, Wizz Air - January 2024 - September 2024; easyJet - October 2023 - March 2024



## **COMPETITIVE COST PER ASK, US\$ CENTS**

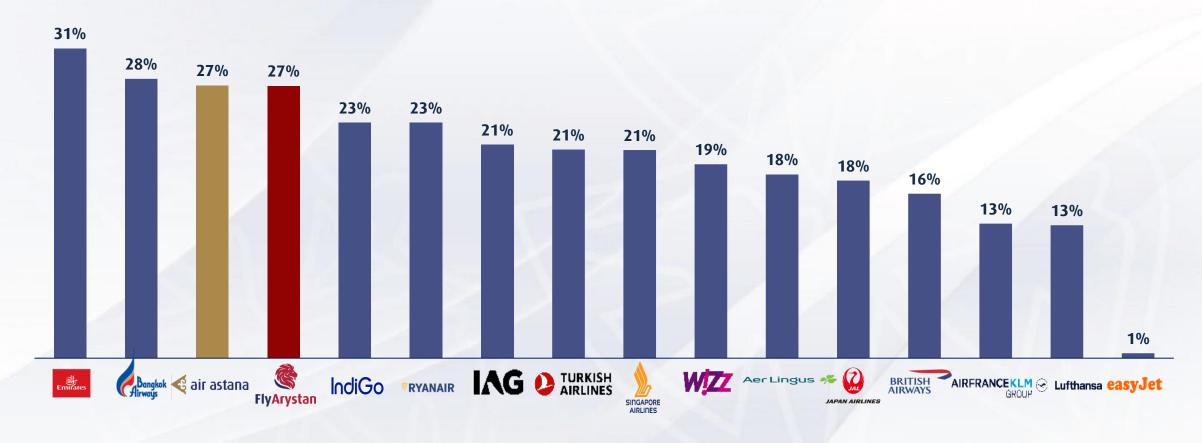


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## **EBITDAR MARGIN, %**



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