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### **UNITED STATES** SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 **FORM 10-Q**

#### þ **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934** For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2011

or

#### TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES 0 **EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to

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Commission File number 001-32959 **AIRCASTLE LIMITED** 

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

### c/o Aircastle Advisor LLC 300 First Stamford Place, 5th Floor, Stamford, CT

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (203) 504-1020

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES b NO o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). YES b NO o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer o	Accelerated filer þ	Non-accelerated filer o	Smaller reporting
		(Do not check if a smaller	company o
		reporting company)	

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). YES o NO b

As of July 29, 2011, there were 74,915,769 outstanding shares of the registrant s common shares, par value \$0.01 per share.

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98-0444035 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

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### Item 1. Financial Statements.

### PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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

	December 31, 2010	June 30, 2011 (Unaudited)
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 239,957	\$ 184,017
Accounts receivable	1,815	2,665
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	191,052	185,245
Restricted liquidity facility collateral	75,000	112,000
Flight equipment held for lease, net of accumulated depreciation of \$785,490		
and \$891,810	4,065,780	4,099,641
Aircraft purchase deposits and progress payments	219,898	188,599
Other assets	65,557	74,529
Total assets	\$ 4,859,059	\$ 4,846,696

# LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY LIABILITIES

Borrowings from secured and unsecured financings (including borrowings of		
ACS Ireland VIEs of \$314,877 and \$306,040, respectively)	\$ 2,707,958	\$ 2,685,632
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	76,470	80,899
Dividends payable	7,964	9,364
Lease rentals received in advance	43,790	39,066
Liquidity facility	75,000	112,000
Security deposits	83,241	78,959
Maintenance payments	342,333	320,696
Fair value of derivative liabilities	179,585	154,655
Total liabilities	3,516,341	3,481,271
Total liabilities	3,516,341	3,481,271

Commitments and Contingencies

### SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY

Preference shares, \$.01 par value, 50,000,000 shares authorized, no shares		
issued and outstanding		
Common shares, \$.01 par value, 250,000,000 shares authorized, 79,640,285		
shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2010; and 74,915,769 shares		
issued and outstanding at June 30, 2011	796	749
Additional paid-in capital	1,485,841	1,427,558
Retained earnings	104,301	153,066
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(248,220)	(215,948)

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Total shareholders equity	1,342,718	1,365,425			
Total liabilities and shareholders equity	\$ 4,859,059	\$ 4,846,696			
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited consolidated financial statements.					

### Aircastle Limited and Subsidiaries

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

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Mont June	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
Revenues:				
Lease rental revenue	\$128,133	\$ 143,355	\$258,255	\$284,471
Amortization of net lease discounts and lease			(a = - 1)	
incentives	(4,909)	(3,030)	(9,754)	(6,132)
Maintenance revenue	6,836	8,162	12,090	25,006
Total lease rentals	130,060	148,487	260,591	303,345
Other revenue	124	351	154	3,407
Total revenues	130,184	148,838	260,745	306,752
Expenses:				
Depreciation	54,424	58,576	108,569	118,167
Interest, net	40,166	55,893	81,125	101,512
Selling, general and administrative (including non-cash share based payment expense of \$1,929 and \$1,178 for the three months ended, and \$3,711 and \$3,073 for the six months ended, June 30, 2010 and		22,072	0.,	101,012
2011, respectively)	11,036	11,578	22,709	24,109
Impairment of aircraft		5,200		5,200
Maintenance and other costs	3,437	3,369	5,637	6,899
Total expenses	109,063	134,616	218,040	255,887
Other income (expense):				
Gain (loss) on sale of flight equipment	(1,291)	10,299	(1,291)	19,961
Other	(176)	323	(546)	(36)
Total other income (expense)	(1,467)	10,622	(1,837)	19,925
Income from continuing operations before income				
taxes	19,654	24,844	40,868	70,790
Income tax provision	1,515	1,535	3,850	4,804
Net income	\$ 18,139	\$ 23,309	\$ 37,018	\$ 65,986

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Earnings per common share	Basic	\$	0.23	\$	0.30	\$	0.46	\$	0.84
Earnings per common share	Diluted	\$	0.23	\$	0.30	\$	0.46	\$	0.84
Dividends declared per share		\$	0.10	\$	0.125	\$	0.20	\$	0.225
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited consolidated financial statements.									

### Aircastle Limited and Subsidiaries

### Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)

	Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2010	2011	
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income	\$ 37,018	\$ 65,986	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation	108,569	118,167	
Amortization of deferred financing costs	5,760	9,417	
Amortization of net lease discounts and lease incentives	9,754	6,132	
Deferred income taxes	2,537	2,712	
Non-cash share based payment expense	3,711	3,073	
Cash flow hedges reclassified into earnings	4,074	8,226	
Ineffective portion of cash flow hedges	1,769	(598)	
Security deposits and maintenance payments included in earnings	(9,978)	(25,282)	
(Gain) loss on sale of flight equipment	1,291	(19,961)	
Impairment of aircraft		5,200	
Other	546	566	
Changes in certain assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable	(662)	(1,366)	
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	12,436	5,807	
Other assets	655	(1,276)	
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	(5,445)	(11,861)	
Lease rentals received in advance	(1,343)	(5,231)	
Net cash provided by operating activities	170,692	159,711	
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Acquisition and improvement of flight equipment and lease incentives	(55,353)	(196,132)	
Proceeds from sale of flight equipment	17,707	151,577	
Restricted cash and cash equivalents related to sale of flight equipment	(17,707)	- )	
Aircraft purchase deposits and progress payments, net of aircraft sale deposits	(74,666)	(76,897)	
Other	(16)	(10)	
	(10)	(10)	
Net cash used in investing activities	(130,035)	(121,462)	
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Repurchase of shares	(1,663)	(61,403)	
Proceeds from term debt financings	57,089	230,333	
Securitization and term debt financing repayments	(88,341)	(252,912)	
Deferred financing costs	(2,023)	(11,253)	
Restricted secured liquidity facility collateral	2,000	(37,000)	
resulted sooned inquidity fuelity condition	2,000	(37,000)	

Secured liquidity facility collateral		(2,000)		37,000
Security deposits received		3,917		10,317
Security deposits returned		(8,760)		(7,764)
Maintenance payments received		57,762		57,571
Maintenance payments returned		(35,702)		(43,257)
Dividends paid		(15,906)		(15,821)
Net cash used in financing activities		(33,627)		(94,189)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		7,030		(55,940)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		142,666		239,957
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	149,696	\$	184,017
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:				
Cash paid for interest, net of capitalized interest	\$	70,216	\$	83,754
Cash paid for income taxes	\$	2,595	\$	1,525
Supplemental disclosures of non-cash investing activities:				
Security deposits, maintenance liabilities and other liabilities settled in sale of flight				
equipment	\$		\$	9,566
Supplemental disclosures of non-cash financing activities:				
Advance lease rentals converted to maintenance reserves	\$	1,750	\$	
Security deposits converted to advance lease rentals	\$		\$	546
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited consolidate	d fin	ancial staten	ients	

### Aircastle Limited and Subsidiaries Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements (Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts) June 30, 2011

### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies Organization

Aircastle Limited (Aircastle, the Company, we, us or our) is a Bermuda exempted company that was incorpor on October 29, 2004 by Fortress Investment Group LLC and certain of its affiliates (together, the Fortress Shareholders or Fortress) under the provisions of Section 14 of the Companies Act of 1981 of Bermuda. Aircastle s business is investing in aviation assets, including leasing, managing and selling commercial jet aircraft to airlines throughout the world and investing in aircraft related debt investments.

### **Basis of Presentation**

Aircastle is a holding company that conducts its business through subsidiaries. Aircastle directly or indirectly owns all of the outstanding common shares of its subsidiaries. The consolidated financial statements presented are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (US GAAP). We operate in a single segment.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements are unaudited and have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) for interim financial reporting and, in our opinion, reflect all adjustments, including normal recurring items, which are necessary to present fairly the results for interim periods. Operating results for the periods presented are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the entire year. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with US GAAP have been omitted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC; however, we believe that the disclosures are adequate to make information presented not misleading. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.

The Company s management has reviewed and evaluated all events or transactions for potential recognition and/or disclosure since the balance sheet date of June 30, 2011 through the date on which the consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-Q were issued.

### **Principles of Consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Aircastle and all of its subsidiaries. Aircastle consolidates seven Variable Interest Entities (VIEs) of which Aircastle is the primary beneficiary. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

We consolidate VIEs in which we have determined that we are the primary beneficiary. We use judgment when deciding (a) whether an entity is subject to consolidation as a VIE, (b) who the variable interest holders are, (c) the potential expected losses and residual returns of the variable interest holders, and (d) which variable interest holder is the primary beneficiary. When determining which enterprise is the primary beneficiary, we consider (1) the entity s purpose and design, (2) which variable interest holder has the power to direct the activities that most significantly impact the entity s economic performance, and (3) the obligation to absorb losses of the entity or the right to receive benefits from the entity that could potentially be significant to the VIE. When certain events occur, we reconsider whether we are the primary beneficiary of VIEs. We do not reconsider whether we are a primary beneficiary solely because of operating losses incurred by an entity.

### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In August 2010, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued an exposure draft, Leases (the Lease ED), which would replace the existing guidance in the Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 840 (ASC 840), *Leases*. Under the Lease ED, a lessor would be required to adopt a right-of-use model where the lessor would apply one of two approaches to each lease based on whether the lessor

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retains exposure to significant risks or benefits associated with the underlying asset. In July 2011, the FASB tentatively decided on a new model for lessor accounting that would require a single approach for all leases, with a few exceptions. Under the new model, a lease receivable would be recognized for the lessor s right to receive lease payments, a portion of the carrying amount of the underlying asset would be allocated between the right of use granted to the lessee and the lessor s residual value and profit or loss would only be recognized at commencement if it is reasonably assured. Even though the FASB has not completed all of its deliberations, the decisions made to date were sufficiently different from those published in the Lease ED to warrant re-exposure of the revised proposal. The FASB intends to complete its deliberations during the third quarter of 2011 with a view to publishing a revised proposed leases standard shortly thereafter. A final standard may have an effective date no earlier than 2015. When and if the proposed guidance becomes effective, it may have a significant impact on the Company s consolidated financial statements. Although we believe the presentation of our financial statements, and those of our lessees could change, we do not believe the accounting pronouncement will change the fundamental economic reasons for which the airlines lease aircraft. Therefore, we do not believe it will have a material impact on our business.

In May 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-04 ( ASU 2011-04 ), *Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820): Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurements and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs*, to improve the comparability of fair value measurements presented and disclosed in financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP and IFRS. The amendments in this update change the wording used to describe the requirements in U.S. GAAP for measuring fair value and for disclosing information about fair value measurements which include (1) those that clarify the FASB s intent about the application of existing fair value measurement and disclosure requirements, and (2) those that change a particular principle or requirement for measuring fair value or for disclosing information about fair value measurement. ASU 2011-04 is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2011. The adoption of ASU 2011-04 will not have a material impact on the Company s consolidated financial statements.

In June 2011, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ( ASU ) 2011-05 ( ASU 2011-05 ), *Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Presentation of Comprehensive Income*, which gives the option to present the total of comprehensive income either in a single continuous statement of comprehensive net income or in two separate but consecutive statements. In either option, an entity is required to present each component of net income along with total net income, each component of other comprehensive income along with a total for other comprehensive income. If a two statement approach is used, the statement of other comprehensive income as part of the statement of changes in shareholders equity. It also requires the presentation on the face of the financial statements reclassification adjustments for items that are reclassified from other comprehensive income are presented. ASU 2011-05 is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2011 and should be applied retrospectively. The adoption of ASU 2011-05 will not have a material impact on the Company is consolidated financial statements.

#### Note 2. Fair Value Measurements

Fair value measurements and disclosures require the use of valuation techniques to measure fair value that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize use of unobservable inputs. These inputs are prioritized as follows:

Level 1: Observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable, either directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities or market corroborated inputs. Level 3: Unobservable inputs for which there is little or no market data and which require us to develop our own assumptions about how market participants price the asset or liability.

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The valuation techniques that may be used to measure fair value are as follows:

Market approach Uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or liabilities.

Income approach Uses valuation techniques to convert future amounts to a single present amount based on current market expectation about those future amounts.

Cost approach Based on the amount that currently would be required to replace the service capacity of an asset (replacement cost).

The following tables set forth our financial assets and liabilities as of December 31, 2010 and June 30, 2011 that we measured at fair value on a recurring basis by level within the fair value hierarchy. Assets and liabilities measured at fair value are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to their fair value measurement.

	Fair Value as of December 31, 2010		Fair Value U	J <b>sing F</b>	rements 'air Valu vel 2	,	
Assets:		_010		20		Level 3	
Cash and cash equivalents Restricted cash and cash equivalents Derivative assets	\$	239,957 191,052 374	\$239,957 191,052	\$	374	\$	Market Market Income
Total	\$	431,383	\$431,009	\$	374	\$	
<b>Liabilities:</b> Derivative liabilities	\$	179,585	\$	\$ 12	4,404	\$ 55,181	Income

	Fa	ur Value as of	Fair Value Measurements at June 30, 2011 Using Fair Value Hierarchy						
	J	une 30, 2011	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Valuation Technique			
Assets: Cash and cash equivalents Restricted cash and cash equivalents	\$	184,017 185,245	\$ 184,017 185,245	\$	\$	Market Market			
Total	\$	369,262	\$ 369,262	\$	\$				
Liabilities: Derivative liabilities	\$	154,655	\$	\$ 100,129	\$ 54,526	Income			

Our cash and cash equivalents, along with our restricted cash and cash equivalents balances, consist largely of money market securities that are considered to be highly liquid and easily tradable. These securities are valued using inputs observable in active markets for identical securities and are therefore classified as Level 1 within our fair value

hierarchy. Our interest rate derivatives included in Level 2 consist of United States dollar denominated interest rate derivatives, and their fair values are determined by applying standard modeling techniques under the income approach to relevant market interest rates (cash rates, futures rates, swap rates) in effect at the period close to determine appropriate reset and discount rates and incorporates an assessment of the risk of non-performance by the interest rate

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derivative counterparty in valuing derivative assets and an evaluation of the Company s credit risk in valuing derivative liabilities.

Our interest rate derivatives included in Level 3 consist of United States dollar denominated interest rate swaps on Term Financing No. 1 with a guaranteed notional balance. The guaranteed notional balance has an upper notional band that matches the hedged debt and a lower notional band. The notional balance is guaranteed to match the hedged debt balance decreases within the upper and lower notional band. During the year ended December 31, 2010, the notional balance was adjusted to match the debt balance of Term Financing No. 1 as a result of various changes to Term Financing No. 1 including supplemental principal payments and debt payoff related to an aircraft sale. The fair value of the interest rate derivative is determined based on the adjusted upper notional band using cash flows discounted at the relevant market interest rate derivative counterparty in valuing derivative assets and an evaluation of the Company s credit risk in valuing derivative liabilities. The range of the guaranteed notional between the upper and lower band represents an option that may not be exercised independently of the debt notional and is therefore valued based on unobservable market inputs.

The following tables reflect the activity for the classes of our assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2011:

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2010 Derivati	Jun	x Months Ended ae 30, 2010 bilities
Balance at beginning of period	\$ (45,040)	\$	(38,907)
Total gains/(losses), net:			
Included in other income (expense)	(136)		(275)
Included in interest expense	(71)		(122)
Included in other comprehensive income	(14,169)		(20,112)
Balance at end of period	\$ (59,416)	\$	(59,416)
	Three Months Ended		x Months Ended

	June 30,		
	2011	Jun	e 30, 2011
	Derivativ	ve Lial	bilities
Balance at beginning of period	\$ (48,764)	\$	(55,181)
Total gains/(losses), net:			
Included in other income (expense)	(119)		(242)
Included in interest expense	(45)		(39)
Included in other comprehensive income	(5,598)		936

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Balance at end of period

\$ (54,526) \$ (54,526)

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2011, we had no transfers into or out of Level 3 and we had no purchases, issuances, sales or settlements of Level 3 items.

We measure the fair value of certain assets and liabilities on a non-recurring basis, when US GAAP requires the application of fair value, including events or changes in circumstances that indicate that the carrying amounts of assets may not be recoverable. Assets subject to these measurements include aircraft. We record aircraft at fair value when we determine the carrying value may not be recoverable. Fair value measurements for aircraft impaired are based on an

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income approach that uses Level 3 inputs, which include our assumptions and appraisal data as to future cash proceeds from leasing and selling aircraft.

In the three and six months ended June 30, 2011, we recognized an impairment of \$5,200 related to a Boeing Model 737-400 aircraft triggered by the early termination of the lease and the change to estimated future cash flows. In the three and six months ended June 30, 2011, we recorded \$2,267 related to maintenance revenue and \$878 reversal of lease incentives related to the former lessee of this aircraft.

Our financial instruments, other than cash, consist principally of cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, amounts borrowed under financings and interest rate derivatives. The fair value of cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable approximates the carrying value of these financial instruments because of their short term nature.

The fair values of our securitizations which contain third-party credit enhancements are estimated using a discounted cash flow analysis, based on our current incremental borrowing rates of borrowing arrangements that do not contain third-party credit enhancements. The fair values of our term debt financings are estimated using a discounted cash flow analysis, based on our current incremental borrowing rates for similar types of borrowing arrangements.

The carrying amounts and fair values of our financial instruments at December 31, 2010 and June 30, 2011 are as follows:

	December	31, 2010	June 30	, 2011	
	Carrying		Carrying		
	Amount	Fair Value	Amount	Fair Value	
	of Asset	of Asset	of Asset	of Asset	
	(Liability)	(Liability)	(Liability)	(Liability)	
Securitizations and term debt financings	\$(2,056,012)	\$(1,829,277)	\$(1,956,378)	\$(1,772,625)	
ECA term financings	(267,311)	(273,203)	(412,872)	(408,463)	
A330 PDP Facility	(88,487)	(88,487)	(19,981)	(19,981)	
2010-1 Notes	(296,148)	(328,500)	(296,401)	(331,875)	
	(2)0,140)	(520,500)	(290,401)	(551,075)	

### Note 3. Lease Rental Revenues and Flight Equipment Held for Lease

Minimum future annual lease rentals contracted to be received under our existing operating leases of flight equipment at June 30, 2011 were as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Amount
Remainder of 2011	\$ 278,490
2012	503,146
2013	401,683
2014	315,740
2015	263,791
2016	233,962
Thereafter	409,988
Total	\$ 2,406,800

### Aircastle Limited and Subsidiaries Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements (Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts) June 30, 2011

Geographic concentration of lease rental revenue earned from flight equipment held for lease was as follows:

	Three M	lonths			
	Ended			Six Months Ended	
	June	June 30,			
Region	2010	2011	2010	2011	
Europe	45%	45%	45%	46%	
Asia	19%	23%	20%	23%	
North America	16%	13%	16%	13%	
Latin America	10%	9%	9%	9%	
Middle East and Africa	10%	10%	10%	9%	
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	

The classification of regions in the tables above and the table and discussion below is determined based on the principal location of the lessee of each aircraft.

For the three months ended June 30, 2010, one customer accounted for 11% of lease rental revenue and three additional customers accounted for a combined 22% of lease rental revenue. No other customer accounted for more than 5% of lease rental revenue. For the three months ended June 30, 2011, one customer accounted for 10% of lease rental revenue and three additional customers accounted for a combined 18% of lease rental revenue. No other customer accounted for more than 5% of lease rental revenue.

For the six months ended June 30, 2010, one customer accounted for 11% of lease rental revenue and three additional customers accounted for a combined 21% of lease rental revenue. No other customer accounted for more than 5% of lease rental revenue. For the six months ended June 30, 2011, one customer accounted for 10% of lease rental revenue and three additional customers accounted for a combined 18% of lease rental revenue. No other customer accounted for more than 5% of lease rental revenue.

The following tables set forth revenue attributable to individual countries representing at least 10% of total revenue based on each lessee s principal place of business:

	Three Months Ended June 30,					
		2010			2011	
		Percent of	Number			Number
					Percent of	
		Total	of		Total	of
Country	Revenue	Revenue	Lessees	Revenue	Revenue	Lessees
United States	\$16,754	13%	4	\$16,683	11%	4
China	14,037	11%	5	16,128	11%	4
Netherlands <sup>(1)</sup>	14,015	11%	3		%	

(1) Total revenue attributable to the Netherlands was less than 10% for the three months ended June 30, 2011.

### Six Months Ended June 30,

		Percent of	Number		Percent of	Number
Country	Revenue	Total Revenue	of Lessees	Revenue	Total Revenue	of Lessees
United States	\$ 33,399	13%	4	\$ 33,418	11%	4
China	27,843	11%	5	32,401	11%	5
Netherlands <sup>(1)</sup>	28,027	11%	3		%	

(1) Total revenue attributable to the Netherlands was less than 10% for the six months ended June 30, 2011.

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Geographic concentration of net book value of flight equipment held for lease was as follows:

	December 31, 2010			0, 2011
	Number		Number	
		Net		Net
	of	Book	of	Book
Region	Aircraft	Value %	Aircraft	Value %
Europe	66	46%	64	44%
Asia	35	26%	32	24%
North America	14	10%	14	10%
Latin America	11	8%	10	6%
Middle East and Africa	10	10%	8	14%
Off-lease		%	8(1)	2%
Total	136	100%	136	100%

(1) Includes one Boeing Model 747-400 aircraft being converted from passenger to freighter configuration and for which we have a letter of intent for lease upon completion of the conversion with a customer in North America; four Airbus Model A320-200 aircraft, three of which we have leased or are subject to lease commitments with customers in Asia and Europe and one of which is being marketed for lease or sale; and three Boeing Model 737 classic aircraft, one of which we have leased to a customer in Asia, one of which was sold in August 2011 and one of which is being marketed for lease or sale.

The following table sets forth net book value of flight equipment attributable to individual countries representing at least 10% of total assets based on each lessee s principal place of business as of:

	December 31, 2010					
		Net Book	Number of		Net Book	Number of
	Net Book	Value		Net Book	Value	
Country	Value	%	Lessees	Value	%	Lessees
China	\$518,545	13%	5	\$457,017	11%	4
Netherlands	410,086	10%	3	397,307	10%	3

At December 31, 2010 and June 30, 2011, the amounts of lease incentive liabilities recorded in maintenance payments on the consolidated balance sheets were \$26,536 and \$27,828, respectively.

At December 31, 2010 and June 30, 2011, the amounts of prepaid lease incentives and lease premiums, net of amortization, recorded in other assets on the consolidated balance sheets were \$9,115 and \$11,087 respectively. **Note 4. Variable Interest Entities** 

Aircastle consolidates seven VIEs of which it is the primary beneficiary. The operating activities of these VIEs are limited to acquiring, owning, leasing, maintaining, operating and, under certain circumstances, selling the nineteen aircraft discussed below.

### Securitizations and Term Financing

In connection with Securitization No. 1, two of our subsidiaries, ACS Aircraft Finance Ireland plc ( ACS Ireland ) and ACS Aircraft Finance Bermuda Limited ( ACS Bermuda ) issued Class A-1 notes and each has fully and unconditionally guaranteed the other s obligations under the notes. In connection with Securitization No. 2, two of our

subsidiaries, ACS Aircraft Finance Ireland 2 Limited (ACS Ireland 2) and ACS 2007-1 Limited (ACS Bermuda 2) issued Class A-1 notes and each has fully and unconditionally guaranteed the other s obligations under the notes. In connection with Term Financing No. 1, two of our subsidiaries, ACS Ireland 3 Limited (ACS Ireland 3) and ACS 2008-1 Limited (ACS Bermuda 3) entered into a seven year term debt facility and each has fully and unconditionally guaranteed the other s obligations under the term debt facility. ACS Bermuda 2 and ACS Bermuda 3

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are collectively referred to as the ACS Bermuda Group . At June 30, 2011, the assets of the three VIEs include fifteen aircraft transferred into the VIEs at historical cost basis in connection with Securitization No. 1, Securitization No. 2 and Term Financing No. 1.

Aircastle is the primary beneficiary of ACS Ireland, ACS Ireland 2 and ACS Ireland 3 (collectively, the ACS Ireland VIEs ) as we have both the power to direct the activities of the VIEs that most significantly impact the economic performance of such VIEs and we bear the significant risk of loss and participate in gains through Class E-1 Securities. Although Aircastle has not guaranteed the ACS Ireland VIEs debt, Aircastle wholly owns the ACS Bermuda Group which has fully and unconditionally guaranteed the ACS Ireland VIEs obligations. The activity that most significantly impacts the economic performance is the leasing of aircraft. Aircastle Advisor (Ireland) Limited (Aircastle s wholly owned subsidiary) is the Remarketing Servicer and is responsible for the leasing of the aircraft. An Irish charitable trust owns 95% of the common shares of the ACS Ireland VIEs. The Irish charitable trust s risk is limited to its annual dividend of \$2 per VIE.

The combined assets of the ACS Ireland VIEs as of June 30, 2011 are \$469,632. The combined liabilities of the ACS Ireland VIEs, net of \$96,016 Class E-1 Securities held by the Company which is eliminated in consolidation, as of June 30, 2011 are \$421,394.

### ECA Term Financings

Aircastle, through various subsidiaries, each of which is owned by a charitable trust (such entities, collectively the Air Knight VIEs ), entered into seven different twelve-year term loans, which are supported by guarantees from Compagnie Francaise d Assurance pour le Commerce Exterieur, ( COFACE ), the French government sponsored export credit agency ( ECA ). These loans provided for the financing for seven new Airbus Model A330 aircraft. In June 2011, we repaid one of these loans from the proceeds of the sale of the related aircraft. At June 30, 2011, Aircastle had six outstanding term loans with guarantees from COFACE. We refer to these COFACE-supported financings as ECA Term Financings .

Aircastle is the primary beneficiary of the Air Knight VIEs as we have the power to direct the activities of the VIEs that most significantly impact the economic performance of such VIEs and we bear the significant risk of loss and participate in gains through a finance lease. The activity that most significantly impacts the economic performance is the leasing of aircraft of which our wholly owned subsidiary is the Servicer and is responsible for managing the relevant aircraft. There is a cross collateralization guarantee between the Air Knight VIEs. In addition, Aircastle guarantees the debt of the Air Knight VIEs.

The only assets that the Air Knight VIEs have on their books are financing leases that are eliminated in the consolidated financial statements, and deferred financing costs. The related aircraft, with a net book value as of June 30, 2011 were \$501,160, are included in our flight equipment held for lease. The consolidated debt outstanding of the Air Knight VIEs as of June 30, 2011 is \$412,872.

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### Note 5. Securitizations and Term Debt Financings

The outstanding amounts of our secured and unsecured term debt financings were as follows:

	At December 31,			
	2010		At June 30, 20	
	Outstanding	Outstanding	<b>T</b> / /	<b>Final Stated</b>
Dakt Obligation	Doumouring	Damarulu aa	Interest	Madaren: (2)
Debt Obligation	Borrowings	Borrowings	Rate <sup>(1)</sup>	Maturity <sup>(2)</sup>
Secured Debt Financings:	ф <u>415</u> 100	ф. 404.001	0.460	(100/01
Securitization No. 1	\$ 415,103		0.46%	6/20/31
Securitization No. 2	997,713	,	0.45%	6/14/37
Term Financing No. 1	643,196	618,951	1.94%	05/02/15
			2.65% to	12/03/21 to
ECA Term Financings	267,311	412,872	3.96%	5/03/23
A330 PDP Facility	88,487	19,981	2.69%	12/01/11 <sup>(3)</sup>
Total secured debt financings	2,411,810	2,389,231		
Unsecured Debt Financings:	206 149	206 401	0.750	09/01/19
2010-1 Notes 2010 Revolving Credit Facility	296,148	296,401	9.75% N/A	08/01/18 09/28/13
<u> </u>				
Total unsecured debt financings	296,148	296,401		
Total secured and unsecured debt financings	\$2,707,958	\$2,685,632		

- (1) Reflects floating rate in effect at the applicable reset date except for the ECA Term Financings and the 2010-1 Notes, which are fixed rate.
- (2) Effective June 2011 for Securitization No. 1, all cash flows available after expenses and interest will be applied to debt amortization. For Securitization No. 2 and Term Financing No. 1, all cash flows available after expenses and interest will be applied to debt amortization, if the debt is not refinanced by June 2012, and May 2013, respectively.
- (3) Reflects the last scheduled delivery month for the six relevant new Airbus A330-200 delivery positions. The final maturity date is the earlier of the aircraft delivery date or nine months after the scheduled delivery month for the last scheduled delivery position.

The following securitizations and term debt financing structures include liquidity facility commitments described in the table below:

	Available Liquidity				
		December			Interest
		31,	June 30,	Unused	Rate
	Liquidity Facility				on any
Facility	Provider	2010	2011	Fee	Advances
	Crédit Agricole Corporate				1M Libor
Securitization No. 1	and Investment Bank <sup>(1)</sup>	\$42,000	\$42,000	0.45%	+ 1.00%
					1M Libor
Securitization No. 2	HSH Nordbank AG <sup>(2)</sup>	74,828	69,990	0.50%	+ 0.75%
	Crédit Agricole Corporate				1M Libor
Term Financing No. 1	and Investment Bank <sup>(3)</sup>	12,864	12,379	0.60%	+ 1.20%

- (1) Following a ratings downgrade with respect to the liquidity facility provider in June 2011, the liquidity facility was drawn and the proceeds, or permitted investments thereof, remain available to provide liquidity if required. Amounts drawn following a ratings downgrade with respect to the liquidity facility provider do not bear interest; however, net investment earnings will be paid to the liquidity facility provider and the unused fee continues to apply.
- (2) Following a ratings downgrade with respect to the liquidity facility provider in May 2009, the liquidity facility was drawn and the proceeds, or permitted investments thereof, remain available to provide liquidity if required. Amounts drawn following a ratings downgrade with respect to the liquidity facility provider do not bear interest; however, net investment earnings will be paid to the liquidity facility provider and the unused fee continues to apply.
- (3) The ratings threshold for the liquidity facility provider under Term Financing No. 1 is lower than the ratings threshold under Securitization No. 1 and, accordingly, the ratings change referred to in footnote (1) above did not trigger a liquidity facility drawing in relation to Term Financing No. 1.

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### Secured Debt Financings:

Term Financing No. 1

In March 2011, we completed the annual maintenance-adjusted appraisal for the Term Financing No. 1 Portfolio and determined that we are in compliance with the loan to value ratio on the July 2011 payment date. *ECA Term Financings* 

During 2011, we entered into three twelve-year term loans which are supported by guarantees from COFACE, for the financing of new Airbus Model A330-200 aircraft totaling \$218,914, and we repaid in full the outstanding principal balance of one of our ECA term financings in the amount of \$61,571.

The obligations outstanding under the ECA Term Financings are secured by, among other things, a mortgage over the aircraft and a pledge of our ownership interest in our subsidiary company that leases the aircraft to the operator. The ECA Term Financings documents contain a \$500,000 minimum net worth covenant for Aircastle Limited, as well as a material adverse change default and cross default to any other recourse obligation of Aircastle Limited, and other terms and conditions customary for ECA-supported financings being completed at this time. In addition, Aircastle Limited has guaranteed the repayment of the ECA Term Financings.

### Note 6. Dividends

The following table sets forth the quarterly dividends declared by our Board of Directors for the periods covered in this report:

	Dividend per	Aggregate		
	Common	Dividend		
Declaration Date	Share	Amount	Record Date	Payment Date
December 14, 2009	\$ 0.10	\$ 7,955	December 31, 2009	January 15, 2010
			March 31,	April 15,
March 12, 2010	\$ 0.10	7,951	2010	2010 July 15,
May 25, 2010	\$ 0.10	7,947	June 30, 2010	2010
September 21, 2010	\$ 0.10	7,947	September 30, 2010	October 15, 2010
December 6, 2010	\$ 0.10	7,964	December 31, 2010	January 14, 2011
March 8, 2011	\$ 0.10	7,857	March 31, 2011	April 15, 2011
				July 15,
June 27, 2011	\$ 0.125	9,364	July 7, 2011	2011

### Note 7. Shareholders Equity and Share Based Payment

In March 2011, the Company s Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to \$60,000 of the Company s common shares. In June 2011, the Company s Board of Directors authorized an increase in the Company s share repurchase program by up to an additional \$30,000 of its common shares, for a total of up to \$90,000 of its common shares in the aggregate. Under the program, the Company may purchase its common shares from time to time in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. The amount and timing of the purchases will depend on a number of factors, including the price and availability of the Company s common shares, trading volume and general market conditions. The Company may also from time to time establish a trading plan under Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities

Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act ) to facilitate purchases of its common shares under this authorization. Through June 30, 2011, we repurchased 4,914,650 shares at a total cost of \$60,000 including commissions.

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#### Note 8. Earnings Per Share

We include all common shares granted under our incentive compensation plan which remain unvested (restricted common shares) and contain non-forfeitable rights to dividends or dividend equivalents, whether paid or unpaid (participating securities), in the number of shares outstanding in our basic and diluted earnings per share calculations using the two-class method. All of our restricted common shares are currently participating securities.

Under the two-class method, earnings per common share are computed by dividing the sum of distributed earnings allocated to common shareholders and undistributed earnings allocated to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. In applying the two-class method, distributed and undistributed earnings are allocated to both common shares and restricted common shares based on the total weighted average shares outstanding during the period as follows:

	Three Mont June		Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2010	2011	2010	2011	
Weighted-average shares:					
Common shares outstanding	78,465,361	75,701,045	78,436,452	77,234,869	
Restricted common shares	1,153,468	1,017,879	1,182,165	956,232	
Total weighted-average shares	79,618,829	76,718,924	79,618,617	78,191,101	
Percentage of weighted-average shares:	00.55%	00.679	00.50%	00.70%	
Common shares outstanding	98.55%	98.67%	98.52%	98.78%	
Restricted common shares	1.45%	1.33%	1.48%	1.22%	
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

The calculations of both basic and diluted earnings per share are as follows:

	Three Months Ended June 30,			Six Months Ended June 30,			led	
		2010		2011		2010	2011	
Earnings per share Basic: Net income Less: Distributed and undistributed earnings allocated to restricted common	\$	18,139	\$	23,309	\$	37,018	\$	65,986
shares <sup>(a)</sup>		(263)		(309)		(550)		(807)
Earnings available to common shareholders Basic	\$	17,876	\$	23,000	\$	36,468	\$	65,179
	78,465,361		75,701,045		78,436,452		77,234,869	

Weighted-average common shares outstanding Basic				
Earnings per common share Basic	\$ 0.23 16	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.84
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	Three Months Ended June 30,				Six Months Ended June 30,			led
	2010		-	2011		2010		2011
<b>Earnings per share Diluted:</b> Net income Less: Distributed and undistributed	\$	18,139	\$	23,309	\$	37,018	\$	65,986
earnings allocated to restricted common shares <sup>(a)</sup>		(263)		(309)		(550)		(807)
Earnings available to common shareholders Diluted	\$	17,876	\$	23,000	\$	36,468	\$	65,179
Weighted-average common shares outstanding Basic Effect of dilutive shares	78	3,465,361 (b)	75	5,701,045 (b)	78	3,436,452 (b)	77	7,234,869 (b)
Weighted-average common shares outstanding Diluted	78	3,465,361	75	5,701,045	78	3,436,452	77	7,234,869
Earnings per common share Diluted	\$	0.23	\$	0.30	\$	0.46	\$	0.84

(a) For the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2011, distributed and undistributed earnings allocated to restricted shares is 1.45% and 1.33%, respectively, of net income. For the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2011, distributed and undistributed earnings to restricted shares is 1.48% and 1.22%, respectively, of net income. The amount of restricted share forfeitures for all periods present is immaterial to the allocation of distributed and undistributed earnings.

(b) For the three and six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2011, we have no dilutive shares.

### Note 9. Income Taxes

Income taxes have been provided for based upon the tax laws and rates in countries in which our operations are conducted and income is earned. The Company received an assurance from the Bermuda Minister of Finance that it would be exempted from local income, withholding and capital gains taxes until March 2035. This date was recently extended by the Government of Bermuda from March 2016. Consequently, the provision for income taxes recorded relates to income earned by certain subsidiaries of the Company which are located in, or earn income in, jurisdictions that impose income taxes, primarily the United States and Ireland.

The sources of income from continuing operations before income taxes for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2011 were as follows:

Three Months Ended	Six Months Ended
June 30,	June 30,

	2010	2011	2010	2011
U.S. operations	\$ 487	\$ 389	\$ 1,022	\$ 823
Non-U.S. operations	19,167	24,455	39,846	69,967
Total	\$ 19,654	\$ 24,844	\$ 40,868	\$ 70,790

All of our aircraft-owning subsidiaries that are recognized as corporations for U.S. tax purposes are non-U.S. corporations. These non-U.S. subsidiaries generally earn income from sources outside the United States and typically are not subject to U.S. federal, state or local income taxes unless they operate within the U.S., in which case they may be subject to federal, state and local income taxes. We also have a U.S-based subsidiary which provides management services to our non-U.S. subsidiaries and is subject to U.S. federal, state and local income taxes.

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Differences between statutory income tax rates and our effective income tax rates applied to pre-tax income consisted of the following:

	Three Mon June		Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2010	2011	2010	2011	
Notional U.S. federal income tax expense at					
the statutory rate	\$ 6,879	\$ 8,696	\$14,304	\$ 24,777	
U.S. state and local income tax, net	30	24	61	48	
Non-U.S. operations:					
Bermuda	(3,788)	(4,239)	(8,170)	(16,235)	
Ireland	(1,621)	(1,850)	(3,204)	(2,921)	
Other tax jurisdictions	(14)	(1,121)	(19)	(1,643)	
Non-deductible expenses in the U.S.	36	31	890	788	
Other	(7)	(6)	(12)	(10)	
Provision for income taxes	\$ 1,515	\$ 1,535	\$ 3,850	\$ 4,804	

#### Note 10. Interest, Net

The following table shows the components of interest, net:

	Three Mon June		Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2010	2011	2010	2011	
Interest on borrowings, net settlements on interest rate derivatives, and other					
liabilities <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 35,348	\$ 46,413	\$ 70,946	\$ 87,691	
Hedge ineffectiveness (gains) losses	902	(123)	1,769	(598)	
Amortization of interest rate derivatives					
related to deferred losses <sup>(2)</sup>	1,770	5,391	4,074	8,226	
Amortization of deferred financing fees <sup>(3)</sup>	2,956	5,889	5,760	9,417	
Interest Expense	40,976	57,570	82,549	104,736	
Less interest income	(30)	(99)	(40)	(260)	
Less capitalized interest	(780)	(1,578)	(1,384)	(2,964)	
Interest, net	\$ 40,166	\$ 55,893	\$ 81,125	\$ 101,512	

(1) For the three and six months ended June 30, 2011, includes the loan termination fee of \$3,196 related to an aircraft sold in June 2011.

(2) For the three and six months ended June 30, 2011, includes accelerated amortization of deferred hedge losses in the amount of \$1,839 related to an aircraft sold in June 2011.

(3) For the three and six months ended June 30, 2011, includes the write-off of deferred financing fees of \$2,456 related to an aircraft sold in June 2011.

### Note 11. Commitments and Contingencies

On June 20, 2007, we entered into an acquisition agreement (the Airbus A330 Agreement ), under which we agreed to acquire new A330 aircraft (the New A330 Aircraft ), from Airbus S.A.S. At June 30, 2011, we had five New A330 Aircraft remaining to be delivered, two of which were delivered in July 2011, two of which are scheduled for delivery in the second half of 2011 and one of which is scheduled for delivery in 2012. In addition, at June 30, 2011, we committed to acquire approximately \$43,300 of aircraft which we expect to take delivery of in the second half of 2011.

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Committed amounts to acquire, convert, and modify aircraft including, where applicable, our estimate of adjustments for configuration changes, engine acquisition costs, contractual price escalations and other adjustments, net of amounts already paid, are approximately \$291,006 in 2011 and \$72,268 in 2012. Note 12. Derivatives

The objective of our hedging policy is to adopt a risk averse position with respect to changes in interest rates. Accordingly, we have entered into a number of interest rate derivatives to hedge the current and expected future interest rate payments on our variable rate debt. Interest rate derivatives are agreements in which a series of interest rate cash flows are exchanged with a third party over a prescribed period. The notional amount on an interest rate derivative is not exchanged. Our interest rate derivatives typically provide that we make fixed rate payments and receive floating rate payments to convert our floating rate borrowings to fixed rate obligations to better match the largely fixed rate cash flows from our investments in flight equipment.

We held the following interest rate derivatives as of June 30, 2011:

	Derivative Assets							
				Future				
	Current			Maximum				
	<b>Notional</b>	Effective	Maturity	Notional	Floating	Fixed	Balance Sheet	Fair
Hedged Item Interest rate derivatives not designated as cash flow hedges:	Amount	Date	Date	Amount	Rate	Rate	Location	Value
ECA Term Financing for New A330 Aircraft <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	Jul-11	Jul-23	\$ 67,000	3M LIBOR	4.0%	Other assets	\$

(1) This swaption expired on July 13, 2011

			e Liabilities	S			
	Current		Maximum			<b>D</b> 1	
	Notional	Effectiveaturity	Notional	Floating	Fixed	Balance Sheet	Fair
Hedged Item Interest rate derivatives designated as cash flow hedges:	Amount	Date Date	Amount	Rate	Rate	Location	Value
Securitization No. 1	\$ 413,317	Jun-06 Jun-16	\$ 413,317	1M LIBOR	5.78%	Fair value of	\$ 55,516
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				+ 0.27%		derivative liabilities			
Securitization No. 2	972,340	Jun-07 Jun-12	972,340	1M LIBOR	5.25% to 5.36%	Fair value of derivative liabilities	44,613		
Term Financing No. 1 <sup>(1)</sup>	560,755	Jun-08 May-13	560,755	1M LIBOR	4.04%	Fair value of derivative liabilities	32,978		
Term Financing No. 1 <sup>(1)</sup>		May-13May-15	477,838	1M LIBOR	5.31%	Fair value of derivative liabilities	21,548		
Total interest rate derivatives	\$ 1,946,412		\$ 2,424,250				\$154,655		
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(1) The interest payments related to Term Financing No. 1 are being hedged by two consecutive interest rate derivatives. When the first matures in May 2013, the next becomes effective.

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The weighted average interest pay rate of these derivatives at December 31, 2010 and June 30, 2011 was 5.01% and 5.04%, respectively.

For the six months ended June 30, 2011, the amount of loss reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (OCI) into interest expense related to net interest settlements on active interest rate derivatives was \$45,705. The amount of loss expected to be reclassified from OCI into interest expense over the next 12 months related to net interest settlements on active interest rate derivatives is \$84,155.

Our interest rate derivatives involve counterparty credit risk. As of June 30, 2011, our interest rate derivatives are held with the following counterparties: JP Morgan Chase Bank NA, Citibank Canada NA and HSH Nordbank AG. All of our counterparties or guarantors of these counterparties are considered investment grade (senior unsecured ratings of A3 or above) by Moody s Investors Service. All are also considered investment grade (long-term foreign issuer ratings of A or above) by Standard and Poor s except HSH Nordbank AG which is not rated. We do not anticipate that any of these counterparties will fail to meet their obligations.

In addition to the derivative liability above, another component of the fair value of our interest rate derivatives is accrued interest. As of June 30, 2011, accrued interest payable included in accounts payable, accrued expenses, and other liabilities on our consolidated balance sheet was \$5,413 related to interest rate derivatives designated as cash flow hedges.

Historically, the Company acquired its aircraft using short term credit facilities and equity. The short term credit facilities were refinanced by securitizations or term debt facilities secured by groups of aircraft. The Company completed two securitizations and two term financings during the period 2006 through 2008. The Company entered into interest rate derivatives to hedge interest payments on variable rate debt for acquired aircraft as well as aircraft that it expected to acquire within certain future periods. In conjunction with its financing strategy, the Company used interest rate derivatives for periods ranging from 5 to 10 years to fix the interest rates on the variable rate debt that it incurred to acquire aircraft in anticipation of the expected securitization or term debt re-financings.

At the time of each re-financing, the initial interest rate derivatives were terminated and new interest rate derivative derivatives were executed as required by each specific debt financing. At the time of each interest rate derivative termination, certain interest rate derivatives were in a gain position and others were in a loss position. Since the hedged interest payments for the variable rate debt associated with each terminated interest rate derivative were probable of occurring, the gain or loss was deferred in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) and is being amortized into interest expense over the relevant period for each interest rate derivative.

Generally, our interest rate derivatives are hedging current interest payments on debt and future interest payments on long-term debt. In the past, we have entered into forward-starting interest rate derivatives to hedge the anticipated interest payment on long-term financings. These interest rate derivatives were terminated and new, specifically tailored interest rate derivatives were entered into upon closing of the relevant long-term financing.

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Following is the effect of interest rate derivatives on the statement of financial performance for the six months ended June 30, 2011:

	Effective Portion					
	Amount of		Amount of		Amount of	
	Gain or	Location			Gain or	
<b>Derivatives in</b>	(Loss)	of	Gain or (Loss)		(Loss)	
		Gain or	Reclassified	Location	Recognized	
ASC 815	<b>Recognized in</b>	(Loss)	from	of	in	
				Gain		
		Reclassified	Accumulated	or		
Cash Flow	OCI on	from	OCI	(Loss)	Income on	
				Recognized		
Hedging	Derivative	Accumulated	into Income	in	Derivative	
				Income		
		<b>OCI</b> into		on		
Relationships	(a)	Income	(b)	Derivative	(c)	
Interest rate		Interest		Interest		
derivatives	\$ (20,857)	expense	\$ (51,283)	expense	\$ (469)	

(a) This represents the change in fair market value of our interest rate derivatives since year end, net of taxes, offset by the amount of actual cash paid related to the net settlements of the interest rate derivatives for each of the six months ended June 30, 2011.

(b) This represents the amount of actual cash paid, net of taxes, related to the net settlements of the interest rate derivatives for each of the six months ended June 30, 2011 plus any effective amortization of net deferred interest rate derivative losses.

(c) This represents both realized and unrealized ineffectiveness incurred during the six months ended June 30, 2011.

			ount of Gain
	Location of	or (Loss) Recognized in	
	Gain		
	or (Loss)		
	Recognized in		
Derivatives Not Designated as	Income	Income on	
Hedging Instruments under ASC 815	<b>On Derivative</b>	Derivative	
	Other income		
Interest rate derivatives	(expense)	\$	(616)

The following table summarizes the deferred (gains) and losses and related amortization into interest expense for our terminated interest rate derivative contracts for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2011:

	Original Maximum NotionaEffe <b>dtiat</b> uri	Fixed t <b>Rafe</b> i	(	Gain) or Loss	Unamortized Deferred (Gain) or Loss at	Amou Defer (Gain) o Amor (inclu Accele Amortiz int Interest I fo the Six N End	rred or Loss tized ding rated zation) to Expense r Wonths led	Amount of Deferred (Gain) or Loss Expected to be Amortized over the Next
Hedged Item	Amount DateDate	%		rmination	June 30, 2011	2010	2011	Twelve Months
Securitization No. 1						\$ (1,480)		\$
Securitization No. 1	200,000Dec- <b>D5</b> ec-1	0 5.03	Jun-06	(2,541)		(106)		
Securitization No. 2	500,000Mar- <b>M</b> ar-1	1 5.07	Jun-07	(2,687)		(345)	(122)	
Securitization No. 2	200,000 Jan-07/ug-1	2 5.06	Jun-07	(1,850)	(355)	(178)	(168)	(324)
Securitization No. 2	410,000 Feb-097pr-1	7 5.14	Jun-07	(3,119)	(1,489)	(185)	(174)	(353)
Term Financing No. 1	150,000 Jul-0 <b>D</b> ec-1	7 5.14	Mar-08	15,281	8,578	976	907	1,710
Term Financing	440.000 Jun (77h 1	2 1 00	Partial Mar-08 Full		7 607	2 944	2 6 4 2	4 09 4
No. 1	440,000 Jun-07eb-1	3 4.88	Jun-08	26,281	7,697	2,844	2,643	4,984
Term Financing No. 1	248,000Aug- <b>M</b> ay-1	35.33	Jun-08	9,888	2,853	1,472	837	1,570
			Partial Jun-08 Full					
2010-1 Notes	360,000 Jan-Œeb-1	9 5.16		23,077	9,423	1,076	747	988
ECA Term Financing for New A330 Aircraft	238,000 Jan-14pr-1	6 5.23		19,430	15,907		2,525(1)	3,895
ECA Term Financing for New			Partial Jun-08 Full					
A330 Aircraft	231,000 Apr-100ct-1	5 5.17	Dec-08	15,310	10,701		1,031	3,152
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ECA Term Financing for New A330 Aircraft	238,000 Jul-1Sep-16 5.27 Dec-08 17,254	15,969		1,838
Total	\$ 103,356	\$ 69,284 \$ 4,0	74 \$ 8,226	\$ 17,460

(1) Includes accelerated amortization of deferred losses in the amount of \$1,839 related to an aircraft sold during the period.

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For the six months ended June 30, 2011, the amount of deferred net loss (including \$1,847 of accelerated amortization) reclassified from OCI into interest expense related to our terminated interest rate derivatives was \$8,226. The amount of deferred net loss expected to be reclassified from OCI into interest expense over the next 12 months related to our terminated interest rate derivatives is \$17,460. Over the next twelve months, we expect the amortization of deferred net losses to increase as the gains on Securitizations No. 1 and No. 2 are either fully amortized or will be in the near future and the losses on the forward starting A330 swaps begin to amortize as we take delivery of these aircraft.

The following table summarizes amounts charged directly to the consolidated statement of income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2011, respectively, related to our interest rate derivatives:

	Three Months June 30		Six Months I June 30	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
Interest Expense:				
Hedge ineffectiveness (gains) losses	\$ 902	\$ (123)	\$1,769	\$ (598)
Amortization:				
Accelerated amortization of deferred losses <sup>(1)</sup>	6	1,847	453	1,847
Amortization of deferred losses	1,764	3,544	3,621	6,379
Total Amortization	1,770	5,391	4,074	8,226
Total charged to interest expense	\$2,672	\$5,268	\$5,843	\$7,628
<b>Other Income (Expense):</b> Mark to market gains (losses) on undesignated				
interest rate derivatives	\$ (176)	\$ (257)	\$ (546)	\$ (616)
Total charged to other income (expense)	\$ (176)	\$ (257)	\$ (546)	\$ (616)

(1) Includes accelerated amortization of deferred losses in the amount of \$1,839 related to an aircraft sold during the three and six months ended June 30, 2011.

### Note 13. Other Assets

The following table describes the principal components of other assets on our consolidated balance sheet as of:

	December 31, 2010	June 30, 2011
Deferred debt issuance costs, net of amortization of \$43,826 and \$49,533, respectively	\$ 30,045	\$32,134
Deferred federal income tax asset Lease incentives and lease premiums, net of amortization of \$26,749 and \$15,318, respectively	11,905 9,115	11,941 11,087

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Other assets		14,492	19,367
Total other assets	\$	65,557	\$74,529
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# Aircastle Limited and Subsidiaries Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements (Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts) June 30, 2011

# Note 14. Accounts Payable, Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities

The following table describes the principal components of accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities recorded on our consolidated balance sheet as of:

	December 31, 2010	June 30, 2011
Accounts payable and accrued expenses Deferred federal income tax liability Accrued interest payable	\$ 32,145 24,114 20,211	\$33,165 27,390 20,344
Total accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	\$ 76,470	\$80,899

### Note 15. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) includes the changes in the fair value of derivatives, reclassification into earnings of amounts previously deferred relating to our derivative financial instruments and the change in unrealized appreciation of debt securities. Total accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2011 was as follows:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
Net income	\$ 18,139	\$23,309	\$ 37,018	\$65,986
Net change in fair value of derivatives, net of				
tax expense of \$197 and \$128 for the three				
months ended, and \$280 and \$528 for the six				
months ended, June 30, 2010 and 2011,				
respectively	(21,227)	578	(29,825)	24,046
Derivative loss reclassified into earnings	1,770	5,391	4,074	8,226
Total comprehensive income (loss)	\$ (1,318)	\$29,278	\$ 11,267	\$98,258

The following table sets forth the components of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax where applicable, at December 31, 2010 and June 30, 2011:

	Accumulated Other Comprehensive
	Income (Loss)
December 31, 2010, net of tax benefit of \$2,789	\$ (248,220)
Net change in fair value of derivatives, net of tax expense of \$528	24,046
Derivative loss reclassified into earnings	8,226
June 30, 2011	\$ (215,948)

#### Item 2. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

This management s discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations contains forward-looking statements that involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. You should read the following discussion in conjunction with our historical consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this report. The results of operations for the periods reflected herein are not necessarily indicative of results that may be expected for future periods, and our actual results may differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements as a result of various factors, including but not limited to those described under Risk Factors and included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ). Please see Safe Harbor Statement Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 for a discussion of the uncertainties, risks and assumptions associated with these statements. Our consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, or US GAAP, and, unless otherwise indicated, the other financial information contained in this report has also been prepared in accordance with US GAAP. Unless otherwise indicated, all references to dollars and \$ in this report are to, and all monetary amounts in this report are presented in, U.S. dollars.

Certain items in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (this report ), and other information we provide from time to time, may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 including, but not necessarily limited to, statements relating to our ability to acquire, sell, lease or finance aircraft, raise capital, pay dividends, and increase revenues, earnings, EBITDA, Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted Net Income plus Depreciation and Amortization and the global aviation industry and aircraft leasing sector. Words such as anticipates, expects. intends, plans, projects. believes, may, will, would. could. should. variations on these words and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These statements are based on management s current expectations and beliefs 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 Limited can give no assurance that its expectations will be attained. Accordingly, you should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements contained in this report. Factors that could have a material adverse effect on our operations and future prospects or that could cause actual results to differ materially from Aircastle Limited s expectations include, but are not limited to, significant capital markets disruption and volatility, which may adversely affect our continued ability to obtain additional capital to finance our working capital needs; volatility in the value of our aircraft or in appraisals thereof, which may, among other things, result in increased principal payments under our term financings and reduce our cash flow available for investment or dividends; general economic conditions and business conditions affecting demand for aircraft and lease rates; our continued ability to obtain favorable tax treatment in Bermuda, Ireland and other jurisdictions; our ability to pay dividends; high or volatile fuel prices, lack of access to capital, reduced load factors and/or reduced yields, operational disruptions or unavailability of capital caused by political unrest in North Africa, the Middle East or elsewhere, and other factors affecting the creditworthiness of our airline customers and their ability to continue to perform their obligations under our leases; termination payments on our interest rate hedges; and other risks detailed from time to time in Aircastle Limited s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, including Risk Factors as previously disclosed in Aircastle s 2010 Annual Report on Form 10-K, and elsewhere in this report. 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 report. Aircastle Limited expressly disclaims any obligation to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect any change in its expectations with regard thereto or change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any statement is based.

### WEBSITE AND ACCESS TO COMPANY S REPORTS

The Company s Internet website can be found at www.aircastle.com. Our annual reports on Forms 10-K, quarterly reports on Forms 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or the Exchange Act, are available free of charge through our website under Investors SEC Filings as soon as reasonably practicable after they are electronically filed with, or furnished to, the SEC.

Statements and information concerning our status as a Passive Foreign Investment Company ( PFIC ) for U.S. taxpayers are also available free of charge through our website under Investors SEC Filings .

Our Corporate Governance Guidelines, Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, and Board of Directors committee charters (including the charters of the Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee) are available free of charge through our website under Investors Corporate Governance . In addition, our Code of Ethics for the Chief Executive and Senior Financial Officers, which applies to our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer, Treasurer and Controller, is available in print, free of charge, to any shareholder upon request to Investor Relations, Aircastle Limited, c/o Aircastle Advisor LLC, 300 First Stamford Place, 5th Floor, Stamford, Connecticut 06902.

The information on the Company s website is not part of, or incorporated by reference, into this report, or any other report we file with, or furnish to, the SEC.

#### **OVERVIEW**

We are a global company that acquires, leases, and sells high-utility commercial jet aircraft to passenger and cargo airlines throughout the world. High-utility aircraft are generally modern, operationally efficient jets with a large operator base and long useful lives. As of June 30, 2011, our aircraft portfolio consisted of 136 aircraft that were leased to 59 lessees located in 32 countries, and managed through our offices in the United States, Ireland and Singapore. Typically, our aircraft are subject to net operating leases whereby the lessee is generally responsible for maintaining the aircraft and paying operational, maintenance and insurance costs, although in a majority of cases, we are obligated to pay a portion of specified maintenance or modification costs. From time to time, we also make investments in other aviation assets. Our revenues and income from continuing operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 were \$148.8 million and \$23.3 million and \$306.8 million and \$66.0 million, respectively.

The availability of equity and debt capital remains limited for the type of aircraft investments we are currently pursuing. However, we plan to grow our business and profits over the long term by continuing to employ our fundamental business strategy by:

Selectively investing in additional commercial jet aircraft and other aviation assets when attractively priced opportunities and cost effective financing are available. We believe the large and growing aircraft market will continue to provide significant acquisition opportunities over the long term and that the recent improvements in economic conditions, coupled with the continued lack of traditional aviation bank debt lending for mid-age, current technology aircraft, will offer attractive near term investment opportunities. We regularly evaluate potential aircraft acquisitions and expect to continue our investment program through additional passenger and cargo aircraft purchases when attractively priced opportunities and cost effective financing are available.

Maintaining an efficient capital structure by using various long-term financing structures to obtain cost effective financing and leveraging the efficient operating platform and strong operating track record we have established. We have financed our aircraft acquisitions using various long-term debt structures obtained through several different markets to obtain cost effective financing. We expect capital to continue to be available in the short-term and going forward, thus allowing us to acquire additional aircraft and other aviation assets to optimize the return on our investments and to grow our business and profits. We will also seek opportunities to increase our profits by leveraging the efficient operating platform we have established.

*Reinvesting a portion of the cash flows generated by our business in additional aviation assets and/or our own debt and equity securities.* Aircraft have a finite useful life and through a strategy of reinvesting a portion of our cash flows from operations and asset sales in our business, we will generally seek to maintain and grow our asset and earnings base.

*Selling assets when attractive opportunities arise and for portfolio management purposes.* We pursue asset sales as opportunities over the course of the business cycle with the aim of realizing profits and reinvesting proceeds where more accretive investments are available. We also use asset sales for portfolio management

purposes such as reducing lessee specific concentrations and lowering residual value exposures to certain aircraft types.

We also believe our team s capabilities in the global aircraft leasing market place us in a favorable position to explore new income-generating activities as capital becomes available for such activities. We intend to continue to focus our efforts on investment opportunities in areas where we believe we have competitive advantages and on transactions that offer attractive risk/return profiles after taking into consideration available financing options. In any case, there can be no assurance that we will be able to access capital on a cost-effective basis, and a failure to do so could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Thus far in 2011, air traffic data have continued to demonstrate improvement in both the passenger and cargo markets, with passenger and cargo traffic demand increasing by 8.0% and 1.7%, respectively, for the first six months of 2011 as compared to the same period in 2010, according to the International Air Transport Association, although they observed there was a slight softening of demand in June. In particular, the effects of the Tsunami in Japan on the electronics and automotive industries supply chains and a slowing of growth in some leading economies have been key factors in a slowdown in the cargo markets. The longer term trends are, nevertheless, encouraging and we believe that passenger and cargo traffic will likely increase further as the global economic recovery continues and, as a result, we expect that demand for high-utility aircraft will continue to strengthen gradually. There are, however, significant regional variations and airlines operating primarily in areas with slower economic growth, such as Europe, or with political instability, such as North Africa and the Middle East, may see more modest growth. Nonetheless, for the long-term basis, we believe the market will be driven, to a large extent, by expansion of emerging market economies and rising levels of per capita air travel in those markets.

We intend to pay regular quarterly dividends to our shareholders. On March 8, 2011, our board of directors declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.10 per common share, or an aggregate of \$7.9 million, for the three months ended March 31, 2011, which was paid on April 15, 2011 to holders of record on March 31, 2011. On June 27, 2011, our board of directors declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.125 per common share, or an aggregate of \$9.4 million, for the three months ended June 30, 2011, which was paid on July 15, 2011 to holders of record on July 7, 2011. These dividends may not be indicative of the amount of any future dividends. **Revenues** 

Our revenues are comprised primarily of operating lease rentals on flight equipment held for lease, revenue from retained maintenance payments related to lease expirations and lease termination payments and lease incentives amortization.

Typically, our aircraft are subject to net operating leases whereby the lessee pays lease rentals and is generally responsible for maintaining the aircraft and paying operational, maintenance and insurance costs, although in a majority of cases, we are obligated to pay a portion of specified maintenance or modification costs. Our aircraft lease agreements generally provide for the periodic payment of a fixed amount of rent over the life of the lease and the amount of the contracted rent will depend upon the type, age, specification and condition of the aircraft and market conditions at the time the lease is committed. The amount of rent we receive will depend on a number of factors, including the credit-worthiness of our lessees and the occurrence of delinquencies, restructurings and defaults. Our lease rental revenues are also affected by the extent to which aircraft are off-lease and our ability to remarket aircraft that are nearing the end of their leases in order to minimize their off-lease time. Our success in re-leasing aircraft is affected by market conditions relating to our aircraft and by general industry conditions and trends. An increase in the percentage of off-lease aircraft or a reduction in lease rates upon remarketing would negatively impact our revenues.

Under an operating lease, the lessee will be responsible for performing maintenance on the relevant aircraft and will typically be required to make payments to us for heavy maintenance, overhaul or replacement of certain high-value components of the aircraft. These maintenance payments are based on hours or cycles of utilization or on calendar time, depending upon the component, and would be made either monthly in arrears or at the end of the lease term. For maintenance payments made monthly in arrears during a lease term, we will typically be required to reimburse all or a portion of these payments to the lessee upon their completion of the relevant heavy maintenance, overhaul or parts replacement. We record maintenance payments paid by the lessee during a lease as accrued maintenance liabilities in recognition of our obligation in the lease to refund such payments, and therefore we do not

recognize maintenance revenue during the lease. Maintenance revenue recognition would occur at the end of a lease, when we are able to

determine the amount, if any, by which reserve payments received exceed the amount we are required under the lease to reimburse to the lessee for heavy maintenance, overhaul or parts replacement. The amount of maintenance revenue we recognize in any reporting period is inherently volatile and is dependent upon a number of factors, including the timing of lease expiries, including scheduled and unscheduled expiries, the timing of maintenance events and the utilization of the aircraft by the lessee.

Many of our leases contain provisions which may require us to pay a portion of the lessee s costs for heavy maintenance, overhaul or replacement of certain high-value components. We account for these expected payments as lease incentives, which are amortized as a reduction of revenue over the life of the lease. We estimate the amount of our portion for such costs, typically for the first major maintenance event for the airframe, engines, landing gear and auxiliary power units, expected to be paid to the lessee based on assumed utilization of the related aircraft by the lessee, the anticipated amount of the maintenance event cost and the estimated amounts the lessee is responsible to pay.

This estimated lease incentive is not recognized as a lease incentive liability at the inception of the lease. We recognize the lease incentive as a reduction of lease revenue on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease, with the offset being recorded as a lease incentive liability which is included in maintenance payments on the balance sheet. The payment to the lessee for the lease incentive liability is first recorded against the lease incentive liability and any excess above the lease incentive liability is recorded as a prepaid lease incentive asset which is included in other assets on the balance sheet and continues to amortize over the remaining life of the lease.

### **2011 Lease Expirations and Lease Placements**

*Lease expirations and terminations placements.* In early 2011 we had 11 aircraft with scheduled lease expirations during the year. During the course of 2011 we have had an additional eight aircraft to place, due to early lease terminations or acquisitions of off-lease aircraft. Of these 19 aircraft, we have new leases, lease extensions or sale commitments executed for 17 aircraft, and currently have two that we are marketing for lease or sale in 2011. These two aircraft represent less than one percent of our net book value of flight equipment held for lease at June 30, 2011.

*Aircraft acquisitions* placements. At January 1, 2011, we were scheduled to take delivery of seven of the New A330 Aircraft in 2011, with one of these aircraft committed for lease to an affiliate of the HNA Group, and the remaining six of these aircraft committed for lease to South African Airways (PTY) LTD, or SAA. The first three aircraft committed for lease to SAA were delivered in the first half of 2011. In July 2011, we delivered an additional New A330 Aircraft to SAA and one freighter-configured New A330 Aircraft to an affiliate of the HNA Group. In addition:

In April 2011, we acquired an off-lease Boeing Model 747-400 passenger aircraft and we inducted the aircraft into a freighter conversion modification program, a process we expect to complete in late 2011 or early 2012. We have a letter of intent for lease of this aircraft upon completion of the conversion.

We have a commitment to acquire an off-lease Boeing Model 747-400 passenger aircraft and have executed an agreement for the conversion of this aircraft into freighter configuration, which we expect to complete in early 2012. We have a commitment to lease this aircraft upon completion of the freighter conversion process.

### 2012 Lease Expirations and Lease Placements

Scheduled Lease expirations placements. In early 2011, we had 24 aircraft with scheduled lease expirations in 2012. During the course of 2011, we have executed lease extensions for seven aircraft and currently have 17 aircraft that we are marketing for sale or lease in 2012. The seven aircraft for which we have lease extensions represent 43% of the net book value of the 24 aircraft that had scheduled lease expirations in 2012. Those 24 aircraft represented 16% of our total net book value at June 30, 2011.

*Aircraft acquisitions* placements. We are scheduled to take delivery of the final New A330 Aircraft in 2012 and we have executed a lease agreement for this aircraft with Virgin Blue Airlines Pty Ltd. In July 2011, we

acquired a Boeing Model 747-400 aircraft that is on lease in passenger configuration until the end of the first

quarter of 2012. We expect to convert this aircraft into freighter configuration and we are currently marketing the aircraft for lease upon completion of this process, which we expect to occur in the second half of 2012.

## 2013-2015 Lease Expirations and Lease Placements

Scheduled lease expirations placements. Taking into account lease and sale commitments, we currently have the following number of aircraft with lease expirations scheduled in the period 2013-2015 representing the percentage of our net book value of flight equipment held for lease at June 30, 2011 specified below: 2013: 26 aircraft, representing 11%;

2015. 20 alleran, representing 11%,

2014: 27 aircraft, representing 15%; and

2015: 12 aircraft, representing 5%.

#### **Operating Expenses**

Operating expenses are comprised of depreciation of flight equipment held for lease, interest expense, selling, general and administrative expenses, aircraft impairment charges and maintenance and other costs. Because our operating lease terms generally require the lessee to pay for operating, maintenance and insurance costs, our portion of maintenance and other costs relating to aircraft reflected in our statement of income primarily relates to expenses for unscheduled lease terminations.

### **Income Tax Provision**

We have obtained an assurance from the Minister of Finance of Bermuda under the Exempted Undertakings Tax Protection Act 1966 that, in the event that any legislation is enacted in Bermuda imposing any tax computed on profits or income, or computed on any capital asset, gain or appreciation or any tax in the nature of estate duty or inheritance tax, such tax shall not, until March 31, 2035, be applicable to us or to any of our operations or to our shares, debentures or other obligations except insofar as such tax applies to persons ordinarily resident in Bermuda or to any taxes payable by us in respect of real property owned or leased by us in Bermuda. Consequently, the provision for income taxes recorded relates to income earned by certain subsidiaries of the Company which are located in, or earn income in, jurisdictions that impose income taxes, primarily Ireland and the United States.

All of our aircraft-owning subsidiaries that are recognized as corporations for U.S. tax purposes are non-U.S. corporations. These non-U.S. subsidiaries generally earn income from sources outside the United States and typically are not subject to U.S. federal, state or local income taxes unless they operate within the U.S., in which case they may be subject to federal, state and local income taxes. We also have a U.S-based subsidiary which provides management services to our non-U.S. subsidiaries and is subject to U.S. federal, state and local income taxes. In addition, those subsidiaries that are resident in Ireland are subject to Irish tax.

## **Acquisitions and Dispositions**

Thus far in 2011, we have acquired eight aircraft:

Five new Airbus Model A330 family aircraft under our acquisition agreement, which we refer to as the Airbus A330 Agreement. Three of these aircraft delivered in the first half of 2011, and two delivered in July 2011.

Two Boeing Model 747-400 aircraft in passenger configuration, one off-lease aircraft which we have inducted in a freighter conversion modification program and for which we have a letter of intent for lease upon completion of the conversion in late 2011 or early 2012, and one on-lease aircraft which we expect to be returned to us and to be inducted into freighter conversion in the second quarter of 2012. We are marketing this aircraft for lease for the period after the completion of the freighter conversion process.

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One Airbus Model A320-200 aircraft on lease to a Chinese airline.

Our investments in these aircraft acquisitions in 2011 have totaled approximately \$485.3 million excluding freighter conversion payments.

We also have commitments to acquire four aircraft, including:

Three New A330 Aircraft, two of which are expected to deliver later in the second half of 2011 and one is expected to deliver in the first half of 2012.

One off-lease Boeing Model 747-400 aircraft in passenger configuration, which we plan to induct into a freighter conversion modification program late in 2011 and for which we have a commitment to lease upon completion of the conversion, expected in the first quarter of 2012.

These commitments total approximately \$286.6 million.

We sold six aircraft in 2011, four Boeing Model 737-400SF aircraft, one Boeing Model 737-500 aircraft and one Airbus Model A330-200 aircraft, for an aggregate sales price of approximately \$165.2 million.

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to the aircraft owned by us as of June 30, 2011:

## AIRCASTLE AIRCRAFT INFORMATION (Dollars in millions)

	Owned Aircraft as of June 30, 2011 <sup>(1)</sup>
Flight Equipment Held for Lease	\$ 4,100
Number of Aircraft	136
Latest Generation Aircraft (Percentage of Total Aircraft)	92%
Number of Lessees	59
Number of Countries	32
Weighted Average Age Passenger (years <sup>3</sup> )	11.5
Weighted Average Age Freighter (years <sup>3</sup> )	9.7
Weighted Average Age Combined (years <sup>3</sup> )	10.9
Weighted Average Remaining Passenger Lease Term (years) <sup>(3)</sup>	3.9
Weighted Average Remaining Cargo Lease Term (years) <sup>(3)</sup>	6.9
Weighted Average Remaining Combined Lease Term (years) <sup>(3)</sup>	4.8
Weighted Average Fleet Utilization for the three months ended June 30, 2011 <sup>(4)</sup>	98%
Weighted Average Fleet Utilization for the six months ended June 30, 2011 (4)	98%

(1) Calculated using net book value as of June 30, 2011.

(2) Weighted average age (years) by net book value.

- (3) Weighted average remaining lease term (years) by net book value.
- (4) Aircraft on-lease days as a percent of total days in period weighted by net book value, excluding aircraft in freighter conversion.

### PORTFOLIO DIVERSIFICATION

	Owned Aircraft as of June 30, 2011 Number	
	of	% of Net Book
	Aircraft	Value
Aircraft Type		
Passenger: Narrowbody	84	39%
Midbody	29	28%
Widebody	1	2%
Total Passenger	114	69%
Freighter	22	31%
Total	136	100%
Manufacturer		
Boeing	85	57%
Airbus	51	43%
Total	136	100%
Degional Diversification		
Regional Diversification Europe	64	44%
Asia	32	24%
North America	14	10%
Latin America	10	6%
Middle East and Africa	8	14%
Off-lease <sup>(1)</sup>	8	2%
Total	136	100%

(1) Includes one Boeing Model 747-400 aircraft being converted from passenger to freighter configuration and for which we have a letter of intent for lease upon completion of the conversion with a customer in North America; four Airbus Model A320-200 aircraft, three of which we have leased or are subject to lease commitments with customers in Asia and Europe and one of which is being marketed for lease or sale; and three Boeing Model 737 classic aircraft, one of which we have leased to a customer in Asia, one of which was sold in August 2011 and one of which is being marketed for lease or sale.

Our owned aircraft portfolio as of June 30, 2011 is listed in Exhibit 99.1 to this report. We consider approximately 92% of the total aircraft and 94% of the freighters we owned as of June 30, 2011 to be the most current technology for the relevant airframe and engine type and airframe size, as listed under the headings Latest Generation Narrowbody Aircraft, Latest Generation Midbody Aircraft, Latest Generation Widebody Aircraft in Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Of our owned aircraft portfolio as of June 30, 2011, \$3.5 billion, representing 116 aircraft and 85% of the net book value of our aircraft, was encumbered by secured debt financings, and \$0.6 billion, representing 20 aircraft and 15%

of the net book value of our aircraft, was unencumbered by secured debt financings.

Our largest customer represents less than 7% of the net book value of flight equipment held for lease at June 30, 2011. Our top 15 customers for aircraft we owned at June 30, 2011, representing 69 aircraft and 64% of the net book value of flight equipment held for lease, are as follows:

Percent of Net Book Value	Customer	Country	Number of Aircraft
Greater than 6% per customer	South African Airways <sup>(1)</sup>	South Africa	3
-	Emirates	United Arab Emirates	2
3% to 6% per customer	Martinair <sup>(2)</sup>	Netherlands	5
	HNA Group <sup>(3)</sup>	China	8
	China Eastern Airlines <sup>(4)</sup>	China	10
	US Airways	USA	8
	SriLankan Airlines	Sri Lanka	5
	Airbridge Cargo <sup>(5)</sup>	Russia	2
	Iberia Airlines	Spain	6
	GOL <sup>(6)</sup>	Brazil	6
	KLM <sup>(2)</sup>	Netherlands	1
Less than 3% per customer	World Airways	USA	2
-	Icelandair <sup>(7)</sup>	Iceland	5
	Korean Air	South Korea	2
	Cimber	Denmark	4

- (1) In July 2011, we delivered one additional Airbus A330-200 passenger aircraft on lease to South African Airways.
- (2) Martinair is a wholly owned subsidiary of KLM. Although KLM does not guarantee Martinair s obligations under the relevant lease, if combined, the two, together with two other affiliated customers, represent 11% of flight equipment held for lease.
- (3) Eight aircraft on lease to affiliates of the HNA Group, although the HNA Group does not guarantee the leases.
- (4) Includes the aircraft leased to Shanghai Airlines, which was recently acquired by China Eastern Airlines and to China Cargo Airlines. China Eastern Airlines does not guarantee the obligations of the aircraft we lease to Shanghai Airlines or China Cargo Airlines.
- (5) Guaranteed by Volga-Dnepr.
- (6) GOL has guaranteed the obligations of an affiliate, VRG Linhas Aereas, and accordingly, the two are shown combined in the above table.
- (7) Icelandair Group hf, the parent company of Icelandair, has guaranteed the obligations of an affiliate, SmartLynx, and accordingly, the two are shown combined in the above table.

### Finance

Historically, our debt financing arrangements typically have been secured by aircraft and related operating leases, and in the case of our securitizations and pooled aircraft term financings, the financing parties have limited recourse to Aircastle Limited. While such financings have historically been available on reasonable terms given the loan to value profile we have pursued, current market conditions continue to limit the availability of both debt and equity capital. Though financing market conditions have recovered recently and we expect them to continue to improve in time,

current market conditions remain difficult with respect to financing mid-age, current technology aircraft. During 2010, we accessed the unsecured debt market for the first time by issuing \$300.0 million aggregate principal amount of unsecured 9.75% Senior Notes due 2018 and used the proceeds to repay a secured term loan and to provide funding for incremental aircraft acquisitions. We also secured a \$50.0 million unsecured revolving credit facility, which remains undrawn. During the near term, we intend to focus our efforts on investment opportunities that are attractive on an unleveraged basis, that tap commercial financial capacity where it is accessible on reasonable terms or for which debt financing that benefits from government guarantees either from the ECAs or from EXIM is available.

We intend to fund new investments through cash on hand and potentially through medium to longer-term financings on a secured or unsecured basis. We may repay all or a portion of such borrowings from time to time with the net proceeds from subsequent long-term debt financings, additional equity offerings or cash generated from operations. Therefore, our ability to execute our business strategy, particularly the acquisition of additional commercial jet aircraft or other aviation assets, depends to a significant degree on our ability to obtain additional debt and equity capital on terms we deem attractive.

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See Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources Secured Debt Financings.

### **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Comparison of the three months ended June 30, 2010 to the three months ended June 30, 2011:

	Three Months Ended June 30,	
	2010 (Dollars in	2011 thousands)
Revenues:		
Lease rental revenue	\$128,133	\$ 143,355
Amortization of net lease discounts and lease incentives	(4,909)	(3,030)
Maintenance revenue	6,836	8,162
Total lease rentals	130,060	148,487
Other revenue	124	351
Total revenues	130,184	148,838
Expenses:		
Depreciation	54,424	58,576
Interest, net	40,166	55,893
Selling, general and administrative	11,036	11,578
Impairment of aircraft		5,200
Maintenance and other costs	3,437	3,369
Total operating expenses	109,063	134,616
Other income (expense):		
Gain (loss) on sale of flight equipment	(1,291)	10,299
Other income (expense)	(176)	323
Total other income (expense)	(1,467)	10,622
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	19,654	24,844
Income tax provision	1,515	1,535
Net income	\$ 18,139	\$ 23,309

### **Revenues:**

Total revenues increased by 14.3% or \$18.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 as compared to the three months ended June 30, 2010, primarily as a result of the following:

*Lease rental revenue*. The increase in lease rental revenue of \$15.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 as compared to the same period in 2010 was primarily the result of:

\$22.3 million of revenue from four aircraft purchased in 2011, and the full quarter revenue of eight aircraft purchased in 2010.

This increase was offset partially by a decrease in revenue of:

\$3.8 million due to aircraft sales and disposals; and

\$3.5 million from the effect of lease terminations.

Amortization of net lease discounts and lease incentives.

	Three Months Ended June 30,	
	2010	2011
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Amortization of lease discounts	\$ 596	\$ 598
Amortization of lease premiums	(77)	(77)
Amortization of lease incentives	(5,428)	(3,551)
Amortization of net lease discounts and lease incentives	\$ (4,909)	\$ (3,030)

As more fully described above under Revenues , lease incentives represent our estimated portion of the lessee s cost for heavy maintenance, overhaul or replacement of certain high-value components which is amortized over the life of the related lease. As we enter into new leases, the amortization of lease incentives generally increases and conversely if a related lease terminates, the related unused lease incentive liability will reduce the amortization of lease incentives. The decrease in amortization of lease incentives of \$1.9 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 as compared to the same period in 2010 primarily resulted from unscheduled lease terminations associated with one aircraft.

Maintenance revenue.

	Three Months Ended June 30,			
	2	2010	2	2011
	Dollars		Dollars	
	(in	Number of	(in	Number of
	thousands)	Leases	thousands)	Leases
Unscheduled lease terminations	\$		\$ 2,225	1
Scheduled lease terminations	6,836	2	5,937	5
Maintenance revenue	\$ 6,836	2	\$ 8,162	6

Unscheduled lease terminations. For the three months ended June 30, 2010, we did not record any maintenance revenue from unscheduled lease terminations. Comparatively, for the same period in 2011, we recorded maintenance revenue totaling \$2.2 million from unscheduled lease terminations associated with one aircraft returned in 2011. See

Summary of Impairments below for a detailed discussion of the related impairment charges for certain aircraft. Scheduled lease terminations. For the three months ended June 30, 2010, we recorded maintenance revenue from scheduled lease terminations totaling \$6.8 million associated with two aircraft. Comparatively, for the same period in 2011, we recorded \$5.9 million, primarily associated with maintenance revenue from five scheduled lease terminations.

## **Operating Expenses:**

Total operating expenses increased by 23.4% or \$25.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 as compared to the three months ended June 30, 2010 primarily as a result of the following:

*Depreciation expense* increased by \$4.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 over the same period in 2010. The net increase is primarily the result of:

\$6.2 million increase in depreciation for aircraft acquired.

This increase was offset partially by:

a \$0.9 million decrease in depreciation for aircraft sold.

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Interest, net consisted of the following:

	Three Months Ended June 30,	
	2010	2011
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Interest on borrowings, net settlements on interest rate derivatives, and other liabilities	\$35,348	\$46,413
Hedge ineffectiveness (gains) losses	902	(123)
Amortization of interest rate derivatives related to deferred losses	1,770	5,391
Amortization of deferred financing fees and notes discount	2,956	5,889
Interest Expense	40,976	57,570
Less interest income	(30)	(99)
Less capitalized interest	(780)	(1,578)
Interest, net	\$40,166	\$ 55,893

Interest, net increased by \$15.7 million, or 39.2%, over the three months ended June 30, 2010. The net increase is primarily a result of:

a \$7.9 million increase in interest on our borrowings due to higher weighted average debt and higher interest cost (\$2.76 billion and 6.3% for the three months ended June 30, 2011 as compared to \$2.40 billion and 5.9% for the three months ended in June 30, 2010);

a \$3.2 million loan break fee in connection with the repayment of one of our ECA loans;

a \$3.6 million increase in the amortization of deferred losses including \$1.8 million of accelerated amortization resulting from the repayment of one of our ECA term loans; and

a \$2.9 million increase in amortization of deferred financing fees primarily due to the repayment of one of our ECA term loans.

These increases were offset partially by:

a \$1.0 million decrease resulting from changes in measured hedge ineffectiveness due to changes in our debt forecast; and

a \$0.8 million increase in capitalized interest.

*Selling, general and administrative expenses* for the three months ended June 30, 2011 increased slightly over the same period in 2010. Non-cash share based expense was \$1.9 million and \$1.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2011, respectively.

*Impairment of aircraft* was \$5.2 million during the three months ended June 30, 2011 which related to a Boeing Model 737-400 aircraft which we repossessed following termination of the lease agreement. See Summary of Impairments below for a detailed discussion of the related impairment charge for this aircraft. We did not record any impairment of aircraft during the three months ended June 30, 2010.

*Maintenance and other costs* of \$3.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011 remained flat over the same period in 2010.

## Other income (expense):

Total other income for the three months ended June 30, 2011 was \$10.6 million as compared to \$1.5 million of expense for the same period in 2010. The increase is primarily a result of an \$11.6 million increase in the gain on sale of aircraft.

### Income Tax Provision:

Our provision for income taxes for the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2011 was \$1.5 million and \$1.5 million, respectively. Income taxes have been provided based on the applicable tax laws and rates of those countries in which operations are conducted and income is earned, primarily Ireland and the United States. The income tax provision remained flat as compared to the same period in 2010 as a result of income from jurisdictions that impose income taxes, primarily the United States and Ireland, remained relatively constant in both periods.

All of our aircraft-owning subsidiaries that are recognized as corporations for U.S. tax purposes are non-U.S. corporations. These non-U.S. subsidiaries generally earn income from sources outside the United States and typically are not subject to U.S. federal, state or local income taxes, unless they operate within the U.S., in which case they may be subject to federal, state and local income taxes. We also have a U.S.-based subsidiary which provides management services to our non-U.S. subsidiaries and is subject to U.S. federal, state and local income taxes. In addition, those subsidiaries that are resident in Ireland are subject to Irish tax.

The Company received an assurance from the Bermuda Minister of Finance that it would be exempted from local income, withholding and capital gains taxes until March 2035. This date was recently extended by the Government of Bermuda from March 2016. Consequently, the provision for income taxes recorded relates to income earned by certain subsidiaries of the Company which are located in, or earn income in, jurisdictions that impose income taxes, primarily the United States and Ireland.

Other comprehensive income

	Three Months Ended June 30,	
	2010	2011
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Net income	\$ 18,139	\$23,309
Net change in fair value of derivatives, net of tax benefit of \$197 and tax expense of		
\$128, respectively	(21,227)	578
Derivative loss reclassified into earnings	1,770	5,391
Total comprehensive income (loss)	\$ (1,318)	\$ 29,278

Other comprehensive income was \$29.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011, an increase of \$30.6 million from the \$1.3 million of other comprehensive loss for the three months ended June 30, 2010. Other comprehensive income for the three months ended June 30, 2011 primarily consisted of:

\$23.3 million of net income;

\$0.6 million gain from a change in fair value of interest rate derivatives, net of taxes which is due primarily to net settlements for the three months ended June 30, 2011 partially offset by a downward shift in the 1 Month LIBOR forward curve; and

\$5.4 million of amortization of deferred net losses reclassified into earnings related to terminated interest rate derivatives.

Other comprehensive loss for the three months ended June 30, 2010 primarily consisted of: \$18.1 million of net income;

\$21.2 million loss from a change in fair value of interest rate derivatives, net of taxes due primarily to a downward shift in the 1 Month LIBOR forward curve offset by net settlements for the three months ended June 30, 2010; and

\$1.8 million of amortization of deferred net losses reclassified into earnings related to terminated interest rate derivatives.

# Comparison of the six months ended June 30, 2010 to the six months ended June 30, 2011:

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2010 (Dollars in	2011 thousands)
Revenues:		
Lease rental revenue	\$ 258,255	\$284,471
Amortization of net lease discounts and lease incentives	(9,754)	(6,132)
Maintenance revenue	12,090	25,006
Total lease rentals	260,591	303,345
Other revenue	154	3,407
Total revenues	260,745	306,752