

Aircraft Demand – a Lessor's Perspective

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First a brief GECAS refresher...

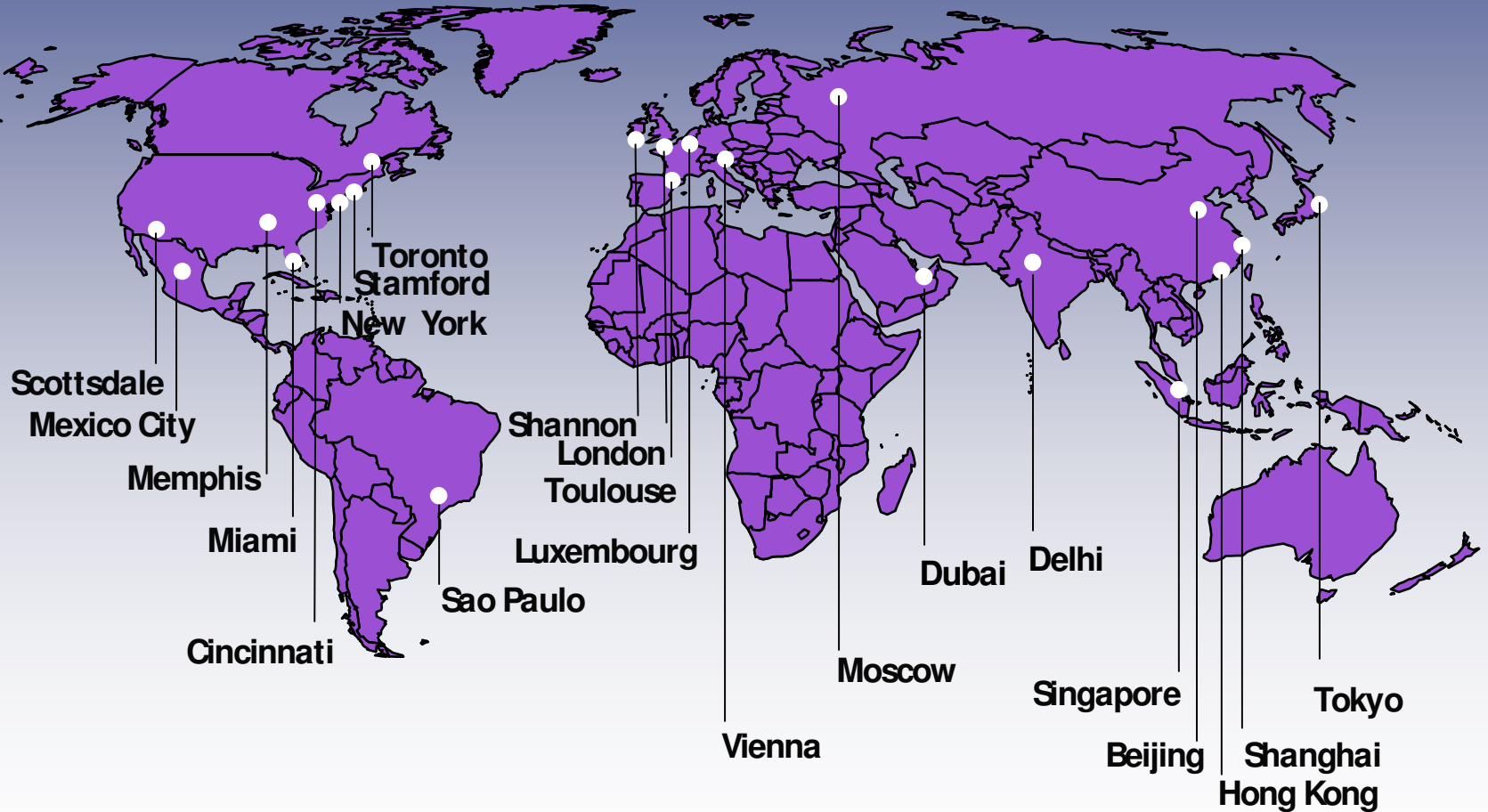
A leading aircraft lessor & financier, providing a wide range of fleet, financing and productivity solutions to the worlds airlines

- **~1,700 aircraft operating lease portfolio**
 - **1,400 owned + 300 managed**
 - **spanning CRJ to B747, including freighter types**
 - **~\$45 billion in asset value**
- **Secured loans, engine + rotables leasing/ financing, airport infrastructure development**



Global reach...

22 offices – 225+ customers in 60+ countries





GECAS in Russia

- **Current:**
 - **2 Moscow based Sales VPs & Administrative Assistant**
 - **116 Aircraft + 5 engines/ QECs via operating leases, secured loans & sales**
 - **92 delivered/ funded, 29 committed**
 - **\$2.2 billion exposure**
 - **14 customers**
- **Upcoming:**
 - **2nd GECAS Technical Conference for customers – December 5**
 - **Moscow based rotatable store (initially B737 classic) launch – 4th quarter**

The Big Picture...

Macro View

Cyclical Trends

- China, Southeast Asia & India booming
- Europe & Japan enjoying upswing
- Energy/ resource-driven economies benefiting Middle East, Russia & Africa
- “Goldilocks” economy in US– sub-prime credit/ housing woes the bear still lurking in the room

Secular Trends

- Strong emerging market traffic growth as GDP per capita rises, demographic/ lifestyle changes in US/ EU
- Global savings glut as trade surpluses, petro-dollar, retirement assets build along with “alternative investments” allocations
- CO₂ emissions..evolution or revolution?

**Synchronous global growth, secular trends potentially mitigating shocks...
great for placing “metal”, less so for deploying “money”**

Aircraft Demand

- Emerging Regions Strong**
- Demand strong everywhere, notably “south-south” axis
 - China/ SE Asia still growing, India digesting orders
 - Middle East booming with flag carriers refueling, start-ups tapping underserved (e.g. migrant traffic) and new demand
 - Brazil, Mexico & Europe markets strong driven by LCC scalability needs
 - Russia, Africa strong driven by fleet replacement needs resulting from economic/ operating inefficiencies

- Mature Regions Refueling**
- Network carriers replacing MD80, B737 classic, select widebody types, even US majors
 - Cargo operations converting/ deploying older B737, B757 & B767 as freighter; A320 around the corner
 - New long-haul LCC start-ups seeking WB's

Organic growth + replacement needs fueling demand

Aircraft Supply

OEM's

- **Manufacturer lines largely sold out/ reserved through mid-2011 (and beyond in some categories!), thereafter more open..plus coping with material cost/ currency pressures**
- **Widebody products..both successes and delays..have tightened supply of new, cargo demand siphoning off some used supply**

Lessors

- **New order skyline substantially placed out through mid-2010**
- **Used supply very limited through mid-2009 (especially sister-ships)**

Airlines

- **Few, if any, bankruptcies/ downsizing on immediate horizon**
- **Startup failures, select foreign + LCC mergers/ restructurings or US slippage could result in some pockets of supply**

Very tight now..rapid growth airlines will need to consider multi-year contracts, mixing new & used aircraft

The Money Glut

Debt

- Excess capital, entry of shipping lenders, Basel 2 leading to spread compression
- Local banks in emerging markets also building up book & taking on higher risk/ startup credits
- Capital markets open for exit financings, aircraft purchases, buyouts
- ECA/ EXIM window open though some trend toward fewer subsidies

Equity

- Purchase prices bid up, returns bid down on used + new aircraft
- Hedge funds/ private equity buying used equipment or platforms...but some seeking trade exits/ IPO's as well
- Commercial banks, traditional lessors bidding on newer aircraft
- New entrants include public infrastructure/ REIT-type sponsors & emerging market entities out of lower tax rate areas
- Recent credit squeeze has triggered some re-pricing

Huge liquidity pool seeking transportation assets/ franchises



Spotlight on Russia...

Economics/ efficiencies continue to drive Russian fleet renewal...

- ~600 aircraft remain in active service (50+ seats)
- ~300 facing retirement within 2-5 years (avg. age ~32 years)
- ~250 face gradual retirement (avg. age ~20 years)
- Represents loss of 12-14 million seats/ year

Yet replacement hindered by...

- Import tax on foreign produced aircraft
- Low rate of Russian aircraft production
 - while expected to improve gradually from 2008 starting with Superjet, will take 5-7 years to scale-up and produce at meaningful rates across multiple product categories

The implications for Russian airlines?

- **Current:**
 - **Competing globally (i.e. mature jurisdictions, stronger credits) for limited supply, both narrow- and wide-body types**
 - **Must have a strong story, action-oriented culture to compete effectively**
 - **Increasing interest by banks to finance aircraft in Russia, but remain sensitive to event risks**

- **Short to Medium-term:**
 - **LCCs & cargo conversion demand will constrain B737 supply**
 - **B787/ A350XWB “bridge” lift demand will constrain widebody supply**
 - **Import tax policy – an opportunity (WTO)..and threat (age based bias)?**
 - **Foreign register saturation**
 - **Cape Town ratification would mitigate risk, lower leasing/ financing costs**

In summary...

- Aircraft supply is tight..and will remain so for the foreseeable future
- Lease rates at/near peak levels..and will remain so for foreseeable future
- Abundance of money (chasing financing opportunities)..if you can find the metal
- Secular trends mitigating looming threats..for now
- Wildcards ⇒ oil (where go from \$80..↗ or ↘ ?), US economy (could housing weakness trigger the “R” word?), Iran (a new front?)

**Must be able to clearly define your need, adjust your horizon and be nimble...
to succeed and grow!**



Thank You