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FORM 10-Q

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QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF  
<sup>x</sup> 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2016

or

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

For the transition period from            to

Commission File number 001-32959

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AIRCASTLE LIMITED  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Bermuda (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	98-0444035 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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c/o Aircastle Advisor LLC 300 First Stamford Place, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Stamford, CT (Address of principal executive offices)	06902 (Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code	(203) 504-1020

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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  NO

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  NO

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company	<input type="checkbox"/>

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

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As of April 29, 2016, there were 78,810,706 outstanding shares of the registrant's common shares, par value \$0.01 per share.

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## PART I. — FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Aircastle Limited and Subsidiaries

## Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Dollars in thousands, except share data)

	March 31, 2016 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2015
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$594,376	\$ 155,904
Accounts receivable	7,388	8,566
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	76,692	98,137
Restricted liquidity facility collateral	65,000	65,000
Flight equipment held for lease, net of accumulated depreciation of \$1,213,047 and \$1,306,024, respectively	5,558,666	5,867,062
Net investment in finance and sales-type leases	212,336	201,211
Unconsolidated equity method investment	59,087	50,377
Other assets	129,287	123,707
Total assets	\$6,702,832	\$ 6,569,964
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Borrowings from secured financings, net of debt issuance costs	\$1,021,829	\$ 1,146,238
Borrowings from unsecured financings, net of debt issuance costs	3,162,551	2,894,918
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	141,604	131,058
Lease rentals received in advance	54,756	67,327
Liquidity facility	65,000	65,000
Security deposits	112,719	115,642
Maintenance payments	373,489	370,281
Total liabilities	4,931,948	4,790,464
Commitments and Contingencies		
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Preference shares, \$0.01 par value, 50,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding	—	—
Common shares, \$0.01 par value, 250,000,000 shares authorized, 78,810,706 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2016; and 80,232,260 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2015	788	802
Additional paid-in capital	1,519,017	1,550,337
Retained earnings	258,921	241,574
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(7,842)	(13,213)
Total shareholders' equity	1,770,884	1,779,500
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$6,702,832	\$ 6,569,964

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 March 31,	
	2016	2015
Revenues:		
Lease rental revenue	\$179,570	\$177,146
Finance and sales-type lease revenue	3,498	1,607
Amortization of net lease discounts and lease incentives	(1,070 )	(3,824 )
Maintenance revenue	1,260	18,073
Total lease revenue	183,258	193,002
Other revenue	407	1,294
Total revenues	183,665	194,296
Operating expenses:		
Depreciation	76,647	74,846
Interest, net	64,241	62,131
Selling, general and administrative (including non-cash share based payment expense of \$1,643 and \$1,170 for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively)	15,492	13,932
Maintenance and other costs	1,403	2,943
Total expenses	157,783	153,852
Other income (expense):		
Gain on sale of flight equipment	12,833	6,253
Other	(73 )	(6 )
Total other income	12,760	6,247
Income from continuing operations before income taxes and earnings of unconsolidated equity method investment	38,642	46,691
Income tax provision	3,939	4,863
Earnings of unconsolidated equity method investment, net of tax	1,559	1,441
Net income	\$36,262	\$43,269
Earnings per common share — Basic:		
Net income per share	\$0.46	\$0.53
Earnings per common share — Diluted:		
Net income per share	\$0.46	\$0.53
Dividends declared per share	\$0.24	\$0.22

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Aircastle Limited and Subsidiaries  
 Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income  
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 (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
Net income	\$36,262	\$43,269
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:		
Net change in fair value of derivatives, net of tax expense of \$0 and tax benefit of \$3 for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively	(1 )	(128 )
Net derivative loss reclassified into earnings	5,372	8,233
Other comprehensive income	5,371	8,105
Total comprehensive income	\$41,633	\$51,374

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

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$36,262	\$43,269
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	76,647	74,846
Amortization of deferred financing costs	5,607	3,699
Amortization of net lease discounts and lease incentives	1,070	3,824
Deferred income taxes	(392 )	2,110
Non-cash share based payment expense	1,643	1,170
Cash flow hedges reclassified into earnings	5,372	8,233
Security deposits and maintenance payments included in earnings	(1,648 )	(4,481 )
Gain on sale of flight equipment	(12,833 )	(6,253 )
Other	(1,558 )	209
Changes in certain assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	992	948
Other assets	(1,137 )	(7,176 )
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	15,066	12,874
Lease rentals received in advance	(3,827 )	(344 )
Net cash provided by operating activities	121,264	132,928
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Acquisition and improvement of flight equipment	(96,524 )	(264,271 )
Proceeds from sale of flight equipment	306,029	50,525
Restricted cash and cash equivalents related to sale of flight equipment	17,000	—
Aircraft purchase deposits and progress payments, net of returned deposits and aircraft sales deposits	(7,162 )	(1,250 )
Collections on finance and sales-type leases	3,663	2,274
Unconsolidated equity method investment and associated costs	(7,731 )	—
Other	(176 )	(372 )
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	215,099	(213,094 )
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Repurchase of shares	(33,250 )	(1,960 )
Proceeds from secured and unsecured debt financings	500,000	500,000
Repayments of secured and unsecured debt financings	(352,928 )	(253,681 )
Deferred financing costs	(9,454 )	(8,971 )
Restricted cash and cash equivalents related to financing activities	4,445	11,923
Security deposits and maintenance payments received	33,147	33,365
Security deposits and maintenance payments returned	(20,936 )	(22,314 )
Dividends paid	(18,915 )	(17,860 )
Net cash provided by financing activities	102,109	240,502
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	438,472	160,336
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	155,904	169,656
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$594,376	\$329,992
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Cash paid for interest	\$39,539	\$23,858

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Cash paid for income taxes	\$1,604	\$2,662
Supplemental disclosures of non-cash investing activities:		
Purchase deposits, advance lease rentals, security deposits and maintenance payments assumed in asset acquisitions	\$1,564	\$3,050
Advance lease rentals, security deposits, and maintenance payments settled in sale of flight equipment	\$25,559	\$11,162

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

##### Organization and Basis of Presentation

Aircastle Limited (“Aircastle,” the “Company,” “we,” “us” or “our”) is a Bermuda exempted company that was incorporated on October 29, 2004 under the provisions of Section 14 of the Companies Act of 1981 of Bermuda. Aircastle’s business is investing in aviation assets, including acquiring, leasing, managing and selling high-utility commercial jet aircraft.

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 (“U.S. GAAP”). The company manages, analyzes and reports on its business and results of operations on the basis of one operating segment: leasing, financing, selling and managing commercial flight equipment. Our chief executive officer is the chief operating decision maker.

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 U.S. 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, 2015.

The Company’s management has reviewed and evaluated all events or transactions for potential recognition and/or disclosure since the balance sheet date of March 31, 2016 through the date on which the consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-Q were issued.

Effective January 1, 2016, the Company adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2015-02, Consolidation - Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis (Topic 810). The update amended the guidelines for determining whether certain legal entities should be consolidated and reduced the number of consolidation models. This new standard affected reporting entities that are required to evaluate whether they should consolidate certain legal entities. The standard did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

##### Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Aircastle and all of its subsidiaries. Aircastle consolidates six 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.



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Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. While Aircastle believes that the estimates and related assumptions used in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements are appropriate, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

On February 25, 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 842 (“ASC 842”), “Leases,” which replaced the existing guidance in ASC 840, Leases. The accounting for leases by lessors basically remained unchanged from the concepts that existed in ASC 840 accounting. The FASB decided that lessors would be precluded from recognizing selling profit and revenue at lease commencement for any sales-type or direct finance lease that does not transfer control of the underlying asset to the lessee. This requirement aligns the notion of what constitutes a sale in the lessor accounting guidance with that in the forthcoming revenue recognition standard, which evaluates whether a sale has occurred from the customer’s perspective. The standard will be effective for public entities beginning after December 15, 2018. The standard is applied on a “modified retrospective” basis. We are evaluating the impact that ASC 842 will have on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures. We do not believe that the adoption of the standard will significantly impact our existing or potential lessees' economic decisions to lease aircraft.

On May 28, 2014, the FASB and the International Accounting Standards Board (the “IASB”) (collectively, the Boards), jointly issued ASU No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606). Lease contracts within the scope of ASC 840, Leases, are specifically excluded from ASU No. 2014-09. The standard’s core principle is that a company will recognize revenue when it transfers promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which a company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The standard is effective for public entities beginning after December 15, 2017. The standard allows for either “full retrospective” adoption, meaning the standard is applied to all of the periods presented, or “modified retrospective” adoption, meaning the standard is applied only to the most current period presented in the financial statements. We are evaluating the impact of the ASU on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

On August 27, 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-15, Presentation of Financial Statements - Going Concern (Subtopic 205-40). The standard requires management of public companies to evaluate whether there is substantial doubt about the entity’s ability to continue as a going concern and, if so, disclose that fact. Management should evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raises substantial doubt about the entity’s ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued (or available to be issued, when applicable). The standard is effective for annual periods ending after December 15, 2016 and interim periods thereafter, and early adoption is permitted. We do not believe the standard will have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures when adopted.

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-09, Compensation - Stock Compensation (Topic 718). The update amends the guidelines for share-based payment transactions, including the income tax consequences, classification of awards as either equity or liabilities, and classification on the statement of cash flows. The standard is effective for annual and interim periods beginning January 1, 2017, and early adoption is permitted. We are evaluating the impact of the ASU on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

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.



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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.

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

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

The income approach uses valuation techniques to convert future amounts to a single present amount based on current market expectation about those future amounts.

The cost approach is 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 March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 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 Measurements at March 31, 2016					
Using Fair Value Hierarchy					
Quoted Prices					
Fair Value as of March 31, 2016	In Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Valuation Technique	
Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 594,376	\$ 594,376	\$ —	\$	—Market
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	76,692	76,692	—	—	Market
Total	\$ 671,068	\$ 671,068	\$ —	\$	—
Liabilities:					
Derivative liabilities	\$ 1,362	\$ —	\$ 1,362	\$	—Income

Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2015					
Using Fair Value Hierarchy					
Quoted Prices					
Fair Value as of December 31, 2015	In Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Valuation Technique	
Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 155,904	\$ 155,904	\$ —	\$	—Market
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	98,137	98,137	—	—	Market
Total	\$ 254,041	\$ 254,041	\$ —	\$	—

Liabilities:

Derivative liabilities	\$ 1,283	\$—	\$ 1,283	\$	—Income
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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

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

For the three months ended March 31, 2016 and the year ended December 31, 2015, we had no transfers into or out of Level 3.

We measure the fair value of certain assets and liabilities on a non-recurring basis, when U.S. 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 our investment in an unconsolidated joint venture and aircraft. We account for our investment in an unconsolidated joint venture under the equity method of accounting and record impairment when its fair value is less than its carrying value. We record aircraft at fair value when we determine the carrying value may not be recoverable. Fair value measurements for aircraft in impairment tests are based on an income approach which uses Level 3 inputs, which include the Company's assumptions and appraisal data as to future cash proceeds from leasing and selling aircraft.

#### Financial Instruments

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 value of our Securitization No. 2, which contains a third party credit enhancement, is 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 ECA term financings (as described in Note 6 - Variable Interest Entities below) and bank financings are estimated using a discounted cash flow analysis, based on our current incremental borrowing rates for similar types of borrowing arrangements. The fair value of our Senior Notes is estimated using quoted market prices.

The carrying amounts and fair values of our financial instruments at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 are as follows:

	March 31, 2016		December 31, 2015	
	Carrying Amount of Liability	Fair Value of Liability	Carrying Amount of Liability	Fair Value of Liability
Securitizations	\$78,770	\$77,974	\$125,366	\$123,696
Credit Facilities	—	—	225,000	225,000
ECA term financings	336,236	356,560	404,491	422,640
Bank financings	624,297	644,111	636,970	653,699
Senior Notes	3,200,000	3,343,000	2,700,000	2,832,125

All of our financial instruments are classified as Level 2 with the exception of our Senior Notes, which are classified as Level 1.





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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 March 31, 2016 were as follows:

Year Ending December 31, Amount	
Remainder of 2016	\$505,740
2017	601,416
2018	528,760
2019	458,107
2020	387,937
Thereafter	1,103,704
Total	\$3,585,664

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

Region	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
Asia and Pacific	41 %	42 %
Europe	25 %	29 %
South America	19 %	14 %
Middle East and Africa	10 %	9 %
North America	5 %	6 %
Total	100 %	100 %

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

The following table shows the number of lessees with lease rental revenue of at least 5% and their combined total percentage of lease rental revenue for the years indicated:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016		Three Months Ended March 31, 2015	
	Number of Lessees	Combined % of Lease Rental Revenue	Number of Lessees	Combined % of Lease Rental Revenue
Largest lessees by lease rental revenue	5	30%	3	17%

The following table sets forth revenue attributable to individual countries representing at least 10% of total revenue (including maintenance revenue) in any year based on each lessee's principal place of business for the years indicated:

Country	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016		Three Months Ended March 31, 2015	
	Revenue % of Total	Revenue % of Total	Revenue % of Total	Revenue % of Total

	Revenue	Revenue
Indonesia <sup>(1)</sup>	\$19,543 11 %	\$— %
Netherlands <sup>(2)</sup>	— %	22,927 %

(1) Total revenue attributable to Indonesia was less than 10% for the three months ended March 31, 2015.

Total revenue attributable to the Netherlands was less than 10% for the three months ended March 31, 2016. Total (2) revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2015 includes \$13,186 of maintenance revenue related to a lease termination.

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Geographic concentration of net book value of flight equipment (includes net book value of flight equipment held for lease and net investment in finance leases) was as follows:

Region	March 31, 2016			December 31, 2015		
	Number of Aircraft	Net Book Value	%	Number of Aircraft	Net Book Value	%
Asia and Pacific	45	38	%	49	39	%
Europe	56	25	%	64	26	%
South America	22	19	%	22	19	%
Middle East and Africa	10	10	%	9	10	%
North America	19	7	%	17	6	%
Off-lease	1	(1)	%	1	(2)	%
Total	153	100	%	162	100	%

(1) Consists of one Boeing 737-800 aircraft, which we are marketing.

(2) Consisted of one Boeing 777-200ER aircraft that was being marketed for lease at December 31, 2015 and at March 31, 2016, was classified as flight equipment held for sale.

The following table sets forth net book value of flight equipment (includes net book value of flight equipment held for lease and net investment in finance leases) attributable to individual countries representing at least 10% of net book value of flight equipment based on each lessee's principal place of business as of:

Region	March 31, 2016			December 31, 2015		
	Net Book Value	Net Book Value %	Number of Lessees	Net Book Value	Net Book Value %	Number of Lessees
Indonesia <sup>(1)</sup>	\$613,176	11%	3	\$661,178	11%	3

At March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the amounts of lease incentive liabilities recorded in maintenance payments on our Consolidated Balance Sheets were \$19,806 and \$21,432, respectively.

#### Note 4. Net Investment in Finance and Sales-Type Leases

At March 31, 2016, our net investment in finance and sales-type leases represents eight aircraft leased to two customers in the United States, one aircraft leased to a customer in the Netherlands, and three aircraft leased to two customers in Germany. The following table lists the components of our net investment in finance and sales-type leases at March 31, 2016:

Total lease payments to be received	Amount
	\$158,466
Less: Unearned income	(67,382 )
Estimated residual values of leased flight equipment (unguaranteed)	121,252
Net investment in finance and sales-type leases	\$212,336



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At March 31, 2016, minimum future lease payments on finance and sales-type leases are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Amount
Remainder of 2016	\$20,473
2017	25,724
2018	20,071
2019	19,901
2020	19,047
Thereafter	53,250
Total lease payments to be received	\$158,466

Note 5. Unconsolidated Equity Method Investment

On December 19, 2013, the Company and an affiliate of Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan ("Teachers'") formed a joint venture (the "JV"), in which we hold a 30% equity interest, to invest in leased aircraft. Teachers' holds 10.0% of our outstanding common shares. In March 2016, we sold four Airbus A320-200 aircraft for approximately \$100,000 to the JV; these transactions were approved by our Audit committee as arm's length related party transactions under our related party agreement. The assets and liabilities of this JV are off our balance sheet and we record our net investment under the equity method of accounting.

We source and service investments for this JV and provide marketing, asset management and administrative services to it. We are paid market-based fees for those services, which are recorded in Other revenue in our Consolidated Statements of Income. The Company has recorded in its Consolidated Balance Sheet a \$6,893 guarantee liability in Maintenance payments and a \$5,400 guarantee liability in Security deposits representing its share of the respective exposures.

	Amount
Investment in joint venture at December 31, 2015	\$50,377
Investment in joint venture	7,954
Earnings from joint venture, net of tax	1,559
Distributions	(803 )
Investment in joint venture at March 31, 2016	\$59,087

Note 6. Variable Interest Entities

Aircastle consolidates six 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 10 aircraft discussed below.

Securitization

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.

Aircastle is the primary beneficiary of ACS Ireland 2, as we have both the power to direct the activities of the VIE that most significantly impact the economic performance of such VIE 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 2 debt, Aircastle wholly owns ACS Bermuda 2, which has fully and unconditionally guaranteed the ACS Ireland 2 VIE obligations. The activity that most



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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 ACS Ireland 2. The Irish charitable trust's risk is limited to its annual dividend of \$2. At March 31, 2016, the assets of ACS Ireland 2 include three aircraft transferred into the VIE at historical cost basis in connection with Securitization No. 2.

The assets of ACS Ireland 2, net of intercompany receivables, as of March 31, 2016 are \$56,670. The liabilities of ACS Ireland 2, net of \$40,351 Class E-1 Securities held by the Company and intercompany payables, which are eliminated in consolidation, as of March 31, 2016 are \$37,558.

#### ECA Term Financings

Aircastle, through various subsidiaries, each of which is owned by a charitable trust (such entities, collectively the "Air Knight VIEs"), has entered into seven different twelve-year term loans, which are supported by guarantees from Compagnie Francaise d'Assurance pour le Commerce Extérieur, ("COFACE"), the French government sponsored export credit agency ("ECA"). 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. The related aircraft, with a net book value as of March 31, 2016 of \$531,679, were included in our flight equipment held for lease. The consolidated debt outstanding, net of debt issuance costs, of the Air Knight VIEs as of March 31, 2016 is \$325,246.

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Note 7. Secured and Unsecured Debt Financings

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

Debt Obligation	At March 31, 2016			Final Stated Maturity <sup>(2)</sup>	At
	Outstanding Borrowings	Number of Aircraft	Interest Rate <sup>(1)</sup>		December 31, 2015
<b>Secured Debt Financings:</b>					
Securitization No. 2	\$78,770	22	0.75%	06/14/37	\$125,366
ECA Term Financings	336,236	7	3.02% to 3.96%	12/3/21 to 11/30/24	404,491
Bank Financings	624,297	13	1.44% to 5.09%	10/26/17 to 01/19/26	636,970
Less: Debt Issuance Costs	(17,474 )	—			(20,589 )
Total secured debt financings, net of debt issuance costs	1,021,829	42			1,146,238
<b>Unsecured Debt Financings:</b>					
Senior Notes due 2017	500,000		6.75%	04/15/17	500,000
Senior Notes due 2018	400,000		4.625%	12/05/18	400,000
Senior Notes due 2019	500,000		6.250%	12/01/19	500,000
Senior Notes due 2020	300,000		7.625%	04/15/20	300,000
Senior Notes due 2021	500,000		5.125%	03/15/21	500,000
Senior Notes due 2022	500,000		5.50%	02/15/22	500,000
Senior Notes due 2023	500,000		5.00%	04/01/23	—
DBJ Term Loan	—		N/A	04/28/19	—
Revolving Credit Facility	—		N/A	05/13/20	225,000
Less: Debt Issuance Costs	(37,449 )				(30,082 )
Total unsecured debt financings, net of debt issuance costs	3,162,551				2,894,918
Total secured and unsecured debt financings, net of debt issuance costs	\$4,184,380				\$4,041,156

(1) Reflects the floating rate in effect at the applicable reset date plus the margin for Securitization No. 2, five of our Bank Financings, and our Revolving Credit Facility. All other financings have a fixed rate.

(2) For Securitization No. 2, all cash flows available after expenses and interest are applied to debt amortization. The following Securitization includes a liquidity facility commitment described in the table below:

Facility	Liquidity Facility Provider	Available Liquidity		Unused Fee	Interest Rate on any Advances
		March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015		
Securitization No. 2	HSH Nordbank AG	\$65,000	\$ 65,000	0.50%	1M Libor + 0.75





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Secured Debt Financings:

Securitization No. 2

In April 2016, we gave irrevocable notice of our intent to prepay the outstanding principal balance plus any accrued interest and fees due under Securitization No. 2 and terminate the related interest rate derivatives on May 9, 2016.

Upon prepayment, our liquidity facility commitment with HSH Nordbank AG will end.

ECA Term Financings

As described in Note 6 - Variable Interest Entities, we refer to our COFACE-supported financings as "ECA Term Financings." In addition, Aircastle has guaranteed the repayment of the ECA Term Financings. The borrowings under these financings at March 31, 2016 have a weighted-average rate of interest of 3.53%.

Bank Financings

Our Bank Financings contain, among other customary provisions, a \$500,000 minimum net worth covenant and, in some cases, a cross-default to other financings with the same lender. In addition, Aircastle has guaranteed the repayment of the Bank Financings. The borrowings under these financings at March 31, 2016 have a weighted-average fixed rate of interest of 3.29%.

Unsecured Debt Financings:

Bank Financings

In March 2016, we entered into a \$120,000 floating rate three year term loan commitment with Development Bank of Japan Inc. and certain other banks (the "DBJ Term Loan"). This loan was funded in April 2016.

Senior Notes due 2023

On March 21, 2016, Aircastle issued \$500,000 aggregate principal amount of Senior Notes due 2023 (the "Senior Notes due 2023") at par. The Senior Notes due 2023 will mature on April 1, 2023 and bear interest at the rate of 5.00% per annum, payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1 of each year, commencing on October 1, 2016. Interest accrues on the Senior Notes due 2023 from March 24, 2016.

We may redeem the Senior Notes due 2023 at any time at a redemption price equal to (a) 100% of the principal amount of the notes redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to, but not including, the redemption date and (b) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest on the notes from the redemption date through the maturity date of the notes (computed using a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate (as defined in the indenture governing the notes) as of such redemption date plus 50 basis points). In addition, prior to April 1, 2019, we may redeem up to 40% of the aggregate principal amount of the notes issued under the indenture at a redemption price equal to 105.00% plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to, but not including, the redemption date, with the net proceeds of certain equity offerings. If the Company undergoes a change of control, it must offer to repurchase the Senior Notes due 2023 at 101% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest. The Senior Notes due 2023 are not guaranteed by any of the Company's subsidiaries or any third-party.

Revolving Credit Facility

On March 29, 2016, we increased the size of our unsecured Revolving Credit Facility from \$600,000 to \$675,000 and extended its maturity by one year to May 2020. At March 31, 2016, we had no amounts outstanding under this facility.

As of March 31, 2016, we are in compliance with all applicable covenants in all of our financings.

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Note 8. Shareholders' Equity and Share Based Payment  
Performance Stock Units

On March 11, 2016, the Company issued performance share units ("PSUs") to certain employees. These awards were made under the Aircastle Limited 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan. The PSUs are denominated in share units without dividend rights, each of which is equivalent to one common share, and are subject to performance conditions and time vesting.

The PSUs vest at the end of a three year period, which runs from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018. Half of the PSUs vest on achieving relative total stockholder return goals (the "TSR PSUs") while the other half vest on attaining annual Adjusted Return on Equity goals (the "AROE PSUs"). The table below shows the PSU awards granted on March 11, 2016, including the number of common shares underlying the awards at the time of grant:

	Minimum	Target	Maximum
TSR PSUs	—	129,962	259,924
AROE PSUs	—	129,958	259,916
Total	—	259,920	519,840

The fair value of the time based TSR PSUs was determined at the grant date using a Monte Carlo simulation model. Included in the Monte Carlo simulation model were certain assumptions regarding a number of highly complex and subjective variables, such as expected volatility, risk-free interest rate and dividend yield. To appropriately value the award, the risk-free interest rate is estimated for the time period from the valuation date until the vesting date and the historical volatilities were estimated based on a historical time frame equal to the time from the valuation date until the end date of the performance period. The number of TSR PSUs that will ultimately vest is based on the percentile ranking of the Company's TSR among the S&P 400 Index. The number of shares that will ultimately vest will range from 0% to 200% of the target TSR PSUs.

The number of shares vesting from the AROE PSUs at the end of the three-year performance period will depend on the Company's Adjusted Return on Equity as measured against the targets set by the Compensation Committee annually during the performance period, consistent with the business plan approved by the Board. The maximum number of AROE PSUs for 2016 is 86,639. The fair value of the 2016 AROE PSUs was determined based on the closing market price of the Company's common shares on the date of grant reduced by the present value of expected dividends to be paid. The number of shares that will ultimately vest will range from 0% to 200% of the target AROE PSUs.

During the three months ended March 31, 2016, the Company granted a target of 173,281 PSUs of which 129,962 are TSR PSUs and 43,319 are AROE PSUs. The remaining 86,639 of target AROE PSUs will be considered granted upon the Compensation Committee's setting the target AROE for the respective period. The following table summarizes the activities for our unvested PSUs for the three months ended March 31, 2016:

Unvested Performance Stock Units			
Target	Target	TSR PSUs	AROE
Number	Number	Weighted	PSUs
of	of	Fair Value	Fair
Shares	Shares	at Grant	Value
of TSR	of	Date Using	Equal
PSUs	AROE	a Monte	to
	PSUs	Carlo	Adjusted
		Simulation	Closing
		Model (\$)	Stock

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				Price on Date of Grant (\$)
Unvested at December 31, 2015	—	—	\$ —	\$ —
Granted	129,962	43,319	25.20	19.16
Unvested as of March 31, 2016	129,962	43,319	\$ 25.20	\$ 19.16
Expected to vest after March 31, 2016	129,962	43,319	\$ 25.20	\$ 19.16

The Company incurred share based compensation expense related to PSUs of \$83 for the three months ended March 31, 2016. As of March 31, 2016, there was \$4,022 of unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested stock-based payments granted to certain employees that is expected to be recognized over a weighted average remaining period of 2.9 years.

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During the first two months of 2016, we repurchased 1,650,778 common shares at an aggregate cost of \$31,079, including commissions. The remaining dollar value of common shares that may be repurchased under the repurchase program approved by the Company's Board of Directors on February 9, 2016, is \$100,000.

Note 9. Dividends

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

Declaration Date	Dividend per Common Share	Aggregate Dividend Amount	Record Date	Payment Date
February 9, 2016	\$ 0.24	\$ 18,915	February 29, 2016	March 15, 2016
October 30, 2015	\$ 0.24	\$ 19,377	November 30, 2015	December 15, 2015
August 4, 2015	\$ 0.22	\$ 17,860	August 31, 2015	September 15, 2015
May 4, 2015	\$ 0.22	\$ 17,863	May 29, 2015	June 15, 2015
February 17, 2015	\$ 0.22	\$ 17,860	March 6, 2015	March 13, 2015

Note 10. 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 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 is 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. Because the holders of the participating restricted common shares were not contractually required to share in the Company's losses, in applying the two-class method to compute the basic and diluted net loss per common share, no allocation to restricted common shares was made for the three months ended March 31, 2016.

	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2016	2015	
Weighted-average shares:			
Common shares outstanding	78,543,457	80,564,440	
Restricted common shares	572,356	515,477	
Total weighted-average shares	79,115,813	81,079,917	
Percentage of weighted-average shares:			
Common shares outstanding	99.28	%	99.36 %
Restricted common shares	0.72	%	0.64 %
Total percentage of weighted-average shares	100.00	%	100.00 %



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

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
Earnings per share – Basic:		
Net income	\$36,262	\$43,269
Less: Distributed and undistributed earnings allocated to restricted common shares <sup>(1)</sup>	(262 )	(275 )
Earnings available to common shareholders – Basic	\$36,000	\$42,994
Weighted-average common shares outstanding – Basic	78,543,457	80,564,440
Earnings per common share – Basic	\$0.46	\$0.53
Earnings per share – Diluted:		
Net income	\$36,262	\$43,269
Less: Distributed and undistributed earnings allocated to restricted common shares <sup>(1)</sup>	(262 )	(275 )
Earnings available to common shareholders – Diluted	\$36,000	\$42,994
Weighted-average common shares outstanding – Basic	78,543,457	80,564,440
Effect of dilutive shares <sup>(2)</sup>	—	—
Weighted-average common shares outstanding – Diluted	78,543,457	80,564,440
Earnings per common share – Diluted	\$0.46	\$0.53

For the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, distributed and undistributed earnings to restricted shares is (1)0.72% and 0.64% of net income, respectively. The amount of restricted share forfeitures for all periods present is immaterial to the allocation of distributed and undistributed earnings.

(2)For the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, we had no dilutive shares.

Note 11. 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. Consequently, the provision for income taxes 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, Singapore and the United States.

The sources of income from continuing operations before income taxes and earnings of unconsolidated equity method investment for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 were as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
U.S. operations	\$586	\$380
Non-U.S. operations	38,056	46,311
Total	\$38,642	\$46,691

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



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subject to Federal, state and local income taxes. The aircraft owning subsidiaries resident in Ireland, Mauritius and Singapore are subject to tax in those respective jurisdictions.

We 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. We also have Ireland and Singapore based subsidiaries which provide management services to our non-U.S. subsidiaries and are subject to tax in those respective jurisdictions.

The consolidated income tax expense for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 was determined based upon estimates of the Company's consolidated effective income tax rates for the years ending December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

The Company's effective tax rate for the three months ended March 31, 2016 was 10.2%, compared to 10.4% for the three months ended March 31, 2015. Movements in the effective tax rates are generally caused by changes in the proportion of the Company's pre-tax earnings in taxable and non-tax jurisdictions.

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

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
Notional U.S. Federal income tax expense at the statutory rate	\$13,525	\$16,342
U.S. state and local income tax, net	47	42
Non-U.S. operations:		
Bermuda	(9,092 )	(8,527 )
Ireland	1,879	(1,122 )
Singapore	(1,335 )	(1,356 )
Other	(1,211 )	(678 )
Non-deductible expenses in the U.S.	135	170
Other	(9 )	(8 )
Income tax provision	\$3,939	\$4,863

Note 12. Interest, Net

The following table shows the components of interest, net:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
Interest on borrowings, net settlements on interest rate derivatives, and other liabilities <sup>(1)</sup>	\$53,324	\$50,235
Amortization of interest rate derivatives related to deferred losses	5,372	8,233
Amortization of deferred financing fees and debt discount <sup>(2)</sup>	5,607	3,699
Interest expense	64,303	62,167
Less interest income	(62 )	(36 )
Interest, net	\$64,241	\$62,131

(1) For the three months ended March 31, 2016, includes \$1,509 in loan termination fees related to the sale of one aircraft.

(2) For the three months ended March 31, 2016, includes \$1,972 in deferred financing fees written off related to the sale of one aircraft.



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Note 13. Commitments and Contingencies

At March 31, 2016, we had commitments to acquire 40 aircraft, including 25 Embraer E-2 aircraft, for \$1,508,700. Commitments, including \$142,170 of progress payments beginning in May 2016, contractual price escalations and other adjustments for these aircraft, at March 31, 2016, net of amounts already paid, are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Amount
Remainder of 2016	\$434,372
2017	170,252
2018	258,130
2019	293,267
2020	214,401
Thereafter	138,278
Total	\$1,508,700

Note 14. Other Assets

The following table describes the principal components of other assets on our Consolidated Balance Sheets as of:

	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
Deferred Federal income tax asset	\$1,001	\$ 1,362
Lease incentives and lease premiums, net of amortization of \$33,323 and \$31,623, respectively	85,368	86,874
Flight equipment held for sale	8,916	12,901
Other assets	34,002	22,570
Total other assets	\$129,287	\$ 123,707

Note 15. 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 Sheets as of:

	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$34,396	\$ 34,457
Deferred Federal income tax liability	34,517	35,269
Accrued interest payable	51,449	37,606
Lease discounts, net of amortization of \$21,966 and \$19,403, respectively	19,880	22,443
Fair value of derivative liabilities	1,362	1,283
Total accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	\$141,604	\$ 131,058

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Note 16. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

The following table describes the principal components of accumulated other comprehensive loss recorded on our Consolidated Balance Sheets as of:

Changes in accumulated other comprehensive loss by component <sup>(1)</sup>	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
Beginning balance	\$(13,213)	\$(38,460)
Amount recognized in other comprehensive loss on derivatives, net of tax expense of \$0 and \$14, respectively	(502 )	(1,078 )
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss into income, net of tax expense of \$0 and \$11, respectively	5,873	9,183
Net current period other comprehensive income	5,371	8,105
Ending balance	\$(7,842 )	\$(30,355)

(1) All amounts are net of tax. Amounts in parentheses indicate debits.

Reclassifications from accumulated other comprehensive loss <sup>(1)</sup>	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
Amount of effective amortization of net deferred interest rate derivative losses <sup>(2)</sup>	\$5,372	\$8,233
Effective amount of net settlements of interest rate derivatives, net of tax expense of \$0 and \$11, respectively <sup>(2)</sup>	501	950
Amount of loss reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss into income	\$5,873	\$9,183

(1) All amounts are net of tax.

(2) Included in interest expense.

At March 31, 2016, the amount of deferred net loss expected to be reclassified from OCI into interest expense over the next twelve months related to our terminated interest rate derivatives is \$4,871, of which \$1,081 relates to Senior Notes due 2017 and 2020 interest rate derivatives, \$2,227 relates to Senior Notes due 2018 interest rate derivatives, \$221 relates to ECA Term Financings and \$1,342 relates to other financings.

## 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, 2015 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Our consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, or U.S. GAAP, and, unless otherwise indicated, the other financial information contained in this report has also been prepared in accordance with U.S. 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.

All statements included or incorporated by reference in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (this "report"), other than characterizations of historical fact, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws, including the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Examples of forward-looking statements include, but are 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 EBITDA and Adjusted Net Income and the global aviation industry and aircraft leasing sector. Words such as "anticipates," "expects," "intends," "plans," "projects," "believes," "may," "will," "would," "could," "should," "seeks," "estimates" and variations on these words and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These statements are based on our historical performance and that of our subsidiaries and on our current plans, estimates and expectations and are subject to a number of factors that could lead to actual results materially different from those described in the forward-looking statements; Aircastle can give no assurance that its expectations will be attained. Accordingly, you should not place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements which are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated as of the date of this report. These risks or uncertainties include, but are not limited to, those described from time to time in Aircastle's filings with the SEC and previously disclosed under "Risk Factors" in Part I - Item 1A of Aircastle's 2015 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 expressly disclaims any obligation to revise or update publicly any forward-looking statement to reflect future events or circumstances.

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The Company's Internet website can be found at [www.aircastle.com](http://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 (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 Internet 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 acquire, lease, and sell commercial jet aircraft with large, global operator bases and long useful lives. As of March 31, 2016, our portfolio consisted of 153 aircraft leased to 53 lessees located in 33 countries. We also manage nine aircraft with a net book value of \$589.8 million for our joint venture with Teachers'. Our aircraft fleet is managed by an experienced team based in the United States, Ireland and Singapore. Typically, our aircraft are subject to net 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. As of March 31, 2016, the net book value of our flight equipment and finance lease aircraft was \$5.77 billion compared to \$6.07 billion at December 31, 2015. Our revenues and net income for the three months ended March 31, 2016 were \$183.7 million and \$36.3 million, respectively.

Growth in commercial air traffic is broadly correlated with world economic activity and, in recent years, has been expanding at a rate one and a half to two times that of global GDP growth. The expansion of air travel has driven a rise in the world aircraft fleet. There are currently 19,000 commercial mainline passenger and freighter aircraft in operation worldwide. This fleet is expected to continue expanding at an average annual rate of three to four percent per annum over the next 20 years. In addition, aircraft leasing companies own an increasing share of the world's commercial jet aircraft and now account for approximately 40% of this fleet.

Notwithstanding the sector's long-term growth, the aviation markets have been, and are expected to remain, subject to economic variability, as well as to changes in macroeconomic relations such as fuel price levels and foreign exchange rates. The industry is susceptible to external shocks, such as regional conflicts and terrorist events. Mitigating these risks is the portability of the assets, allowing aircraft to be redeployed in locations where demand is higher.

Air traffic data for the past several years has shown strong passenger market growth. According to the International Air Transport Association, during the first two months of 2016, global passenger traffic increased 7.8% compared to the same period in 2015. This strong growth was, in part, stimulated by lower air fare prices resulting from the significant drop in fuel prices. Air cargo demand, which is more sensitive to economic conditions, appears to have stabilized. However, the air cargo market continues to be hampered by oversupply arising from the production of dedicated freighter aircraft as well as the rapid growth in belly cargo capacity in passenger aircraft. During the first two months of 2016, air cargo traffic decreased 1.6% compared to the same period in 2015, but capacity increased 6.8%, further depressing load factors.

There are large regional variations in demand for air travel. Emerging market economies have been experiencing significant increases in air traffic, driven by rising levels of per capita income. Air traffic growth in some regions is being driven by the proliferation of low cost carriers, which have stimulated demand through lower prices, and by the expansion of long-haul "hub and spoke" traffic, such as that flowing through the Persian Gulf. Mature markets, such as North America and Western Europe, are likely to grow more slowly in tandem with their economies. Also, airlines operating in areas with political instability or weakening economies, such as those in Russia and Brazil, will face increasing pressures, and their near-term outlook is more uncertain. On balance, we believe air travel will increase over time, and as a result, we expect demand for modern aircraft will continue to remain strong over the long-term. Capital availability for aircraft has varied over time, and we consider this variability to be a basic characteristic of our business. If pursued properly, this represents an important source of opportunity. Both debt and equity markets have improved globally over the past several years with the recovery from the global financial crisis. Strong U.S. debt capital market conditions benefited borrowers by permitting access to financing at historic lows while higher fees have driven down export credit agency ("ECA") demand. Recently, ECA availability has been curtailed, both in the U.S. and in Europe due to political issues and an investigation into possible irregularities, respectively. Commercial bank debt continues to play a critical role for aircraft finance, although we believe regulatory pressures will ultimately limit its role. However, recent heightened financial markets volatility stemming from global growth concerns and falling oil prices may increase capital costs and limit availability going forward. We believe these market forces should generate attractive new investment and trading opportunities upon which we are well placed to capitalize given our access to different financing sources and our limited capital commitments. Over the longer term, our strategy is to achieve an investment grade credit rating, which we believe will reduce our borrowing costs and enable more reliable access to debt capital throughout the business cycle.

We believe our business approach is differentiated from those of other large leasing companies. Our investment strategy is to seek out the best risk-adjusted return opportunities across the commercial jet market, regardless of aircraft type or



investment source, so our acquisition targets vary with market opportunities. Additionally, our business approach is much less reliant on orders for new aircraft from aircraft manufacturers as a source of new investments, as we prefer to limit large, long-term capital commitments. In general, we focus on discerning investment value in situations that are often more bespoke and generally less competitive.

We plan to grow our business and profits over the long-term while maintaining a countercyclical orientation, a bias towards limiting long-dated capital commitments and a conservative and flexible capital structure. Our business strategy entails the following elements:

**Pursuing a disciplined and differentiated investment strategy.** In our view, aircraft values change in different ways over time. As a consequence, we carefully evaluate investments across different aircraft models, ages, lessees and acquisition sources and re-evaluate these choices periodically as market conditions and relative investment values change. We believe the financing flexibility offered through unsecured debt and our team's experience with a wide range of asset types enables our value oriented strategy and provides us with a competitive advantage for many investment opportunities. We view orders from equipment manufacturers to be part of our investment opportunity set but choose to limit long term capital commitments unless we believe there is an adequate return premium to compensate for risks and opportunity costs.

**Originating investments from many different sources across the globe.** Our strategy is to seek out worthwhile investments broadly leveraging our team's wide range of contacts around the world. We utilize a multi-channel approach to sourcing acquisitions and have purchased aircraft from a large number of airlines, lessors, original equipment manufacturers, lenders and other aircraft owners. Since our formation in 2004, we have acquired aircraft from 76 different sellers.

**Maintaining a conservative capital commitment profile.** We choose to limit long-term capital commitments unless we believe there to be an adequate return premium to compensate for the related risks and opportunity costs. This approach sets us apart from most other large aircraft leasing companies.

**Leveraging our strategic relationships.** We intend to capture the benefits provided through the extensive global contacts and relationships maintained by Marubeni Corporation, which is our biggest shareholder and one of the largest Japanese trading companies. Marubeni has already enabled greater access to Japanese-based financing and helped source and develop our new joint venture with IBJ Leasing. Our joint venture with Teachers' provides us with an opportunity to pursue larger transactions, manage portfolio concentrations and improve our return on deployed capital.

**Maintaining efficient access to capital from a wide range of sources while targeting an investment grade credit rating.**

We believe the aircraft investment market is subject to forces related to the business cycle and our strategy is to increase our purchase activity when prices are low and to emphasize asset sales when competition for assets is high. To implement this approach, we believe it is very important to maintain access to a wide variety of financing sources. Our strategy is to improve our corporate credit ratings to an investment grade level by maintaining strong portfolio and capital structure metrics while achieving a critical size through accretive growth. We believe improving our credit rating will not only reduce our borrowing costs but also facilitate more reliable access to both secured and unsecured debt capital throughout the business cycle.

**Selling assets when attractive opportunities arise and for portfolio management purposes.** We pursue asset sales, as opportunities arise 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, and as an exit from investments when a sale would provide the greatest expected cash flow for us.

**Capturing the value of our efficient operating platform and strong operating track record.** We believe our team's capabilities in the global aircraft leasing market place us in a favorable position to source and manage new income-generating activities. We intend to continue to focus our efforts in areas where we believe we have competitive advantages, including new direct investments as well as ventures with strategic business partners.

**Intending to pay quarterly dividends to our shareholders based on the Company's sustainable earnings levels.** Aircastle has paid dividends each quarter since our initial public offering in 2006. On February 9, 2016, our Board of Directors declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.24 per common share, or an aggregate of \$18.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016, which was paid on March 15, 2016 to holders of record on February 29, 2016. These

dividends may not be indicative of the amount of any future dividends. Our ability to

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pay quarterly dividends will depend upon many factors, including those as described in Item 1A. "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

#### 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, lease termination payments, lease incentive amortization and interest recognized from finance and sales-type leases.

Typically, our aircraft are subject to net leases whereby the lessee pays lease rentals and is generally responsible for maintaining the aircraft and paying operational, maintenance and insurance costs arising during the term of the lease. 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 cost of the maintenance event 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.

#### 2016 Lease Expirations and Lease Placements

At March 31, 2016, we had three aircraft scheduled to come off lease during 2016 for which we have not yet secured lease or sales commitments. We also acquired one new 737-800 aircraft during the first quarter of 2016 without an attached lease. These four aircraft account for 1.9% of our net book value of flight equipment (including flight equipment held for lease and net investment in finance leases). In addition to the new 737-800 aircraft we purchased off-lease, we also plan to acquire two other such aircraft by the third quarter. We expect to sell two aircraft of the

aircraft coming off lease at lease expiry and are marketing the other aircraft.

#### 2017-2020 Lease Expirations and Lease Placements

Taking into account lease and sale commitments, we currently have the following number of aircraft with lease expirations scheduled in the period 2017-2020, representing the percentage of our net book value of flight equipment (including flight equipment held for lease and net investment in finance leases) at March 31, 2016 specified below:

2017: 18 aircraft, representing 12%;

2018: 12 aircraft, representing 9%;

2019: 14 aircraft, representing 10%; and

2020: 16 aircraft, representing 6%.

#### 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 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, Singapore 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. The aircraft owning subsidiaries resident in Ireland, Mauritius and Singapore are subject to tax in those respective jurisdictions.

We 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. We also have Ireland and Singapore based subsidiaries which provide management services to our non-U.S. subsidiaries and are subject to tax in those respective jurisdictions.

#### Acquisitions and Sales

During the first three months of 2016, we acquired three aircraft for \$95.8 million. At March 31, 2016, we had commitments to acquire 40 additional aircraft for \$1.51 billion, including the acquisition of 25 new E-Jet E-2 aircraft from Embraer. As of April 29, 2016, after taking into account three aircraft acquisitions and additional commitments during April 2016, we have commitments to acquire 51 aircraft for \$1.74 billion.

During the first three months of 2016, we sold 12 aircraft and other flight equipment for \$306.0 million, which resulted in a net gain of \$12.8 million.

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to the aircraft owned by us as of March 31, 2016:  
AIRCRAFT INFORMATION (dollars in millions)

	As of March 31, 2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	As of March 31, 2015 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Owned Aircraft				
Flight Equipment	\$5,771	\$5,817		
Unencumbered Flight Equipment	\$3,752	\$3,497		
Number of Aircraft	153	152		
Number of Unencumbered Aircraft	111	99		
Number of Lessees	53	54		
Number of Countries	33	34		
Weighted Average Age (years) <sup>(2)</sup>	7.6	8.3		
Weighted Average Remaining Lease Term (years) <sup>(3)</sup>	5.6	5.6		
Weighted Average Fleet Utilization during the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 <sup>(4)</sup>	99.6	% 98.7	%	
Portfolio Yield for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 <sup>(5)</sup>	12.4	% 12.6	%	
Managed Aircraft				
Flight Equipment	\$590	\$498		
Number of Aircraft	9	5		

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

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

(3) Weighted-average remaining lease term by net book value.

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

(5) Lease rental revenue for the period as a percent of the average net book value of flight equipment held for lease for the period; quarterly information is annualized.

Our owned aircraft portfolio as of March 31, 2016 is listed in Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

## PORTFOLIO DIVERSIFICATION

Aircraft Type	Owned Aircraft as of March 31, 2016			Owned Aircraft as of March 31, 2015		
	Number of Aircraft	% of Net Book Value <sup>(1)</sup>	%	Number of Aircraft	% of Net Book Value <sup>(1)</sup>	%
<b>Passenger:</b>						
Narrow-body	111	45	%	99	36	%
Wide-body	31	44	%	38	50	%
Total Passenger	142	89	%	137	86	%
Freighter	11	11	%	15	14	%
Total	153	100	%	152	100	%
<b>Manufacturer</b>						
Airbus	77	51	%	73	49	%
Boeing	71	47	%	74	49	%
Embraer	5	2	%	5	2	%
Total	153	100	%	152	100	%
<b>Regional Diversification</b>						
Asia and Pacific	45	38	%	44	39	%
Europe	56	25	%	65	28	%
South America	22	19	%	15	15	%
Middle East and Africa	10	10	%	6	9	%
North America	19	7	%	17	7	%
Off-lease	1	(2) 1	%	5	2	%
Total	153	100	%	152	100	%

(1) Calculated using net book value of flight equipment held for lease and net investment in finance and sales-type leases at period end.

(2) Consists of one Boeing 737-800 aircraft, which we are marketing.

Our largest customer represents 7.3% of the net book value of flight equipment held for lease (includes net book value of flight equipment held for lease and net investment in finance leases) at March 31, 2016. Our top 15 customers for aircraft we owned at March 31, 2016, representing 80 aircraft and 66% 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	Avianca Brazil	Brazil	10
	LATAM	Chile	3
3% to 6% per customer	Lion Air	Indonesia	10
	South African Airways	South Africa	4
	Thai Airways	Thailand	2
	Singapore Airlines	Singapore	4
	AirAsia X	Malaysia	3
	Iberia	Spain	12
	Air Berlin	Germany	11
	Emirates	United Arab Emirates	2
	AirBridgeCargo	Russia	2
	Garuda	Indonesia	4
Less than 3% per customer	Avianca	Colombia	2
	AirAsia	Malaysia	6
	Jet Airways	India	5

#### Finance

We intend to fund new investments through cash on hand, funds generated from operations, maintenance payments received from lessees, secured borrowings for aircraft, draws on our Revolving Credit Facility and proceeds from any future aircraft sales. 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 and asset sales. 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.

See "Liquidity and Capital Resources" below.



## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Comparison of the three months ended March 31, 2016 to the three months ended March 31, 2015:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Revenues:		
Lease rental revenue	\$ 179,570	\$ 177,146
Finance and sales-type lease revenue	3,498	1,607
Amortization of net lease discounts and lease incentives	(1,070 )	(3,824 )
Maintenance revenue	1,260	18,073
Total lease revenue	183,258	193,002
Other revenue	407	1,294
Total revenues	183,665	194,296
Operating expenses:		
Depreciation	76,647	74,846
Interest, net	64,241	62,131
Selling, general and administrative	15,492	13,932
Maintenance and other costs	1,403	2,943
Total operating expenses	157,783	153,852
Other income (expense):		
Gain on sale of flight equipment	12,833	6,253
Other	(73 )	(6 )
Total other income	12,760	6,247
Income from continuing operations before income taxes and earnings of unconsolidated equity method investment	38,642	46,691
Income tax provision	3,939	4,863
Earnings of unconsolidated equity method investment, net of tax	1,559	1,441
Net income	\$ 36,262	\$ 43,269

## Revenues

Total revenues decreased by 5.5%, or \$10.6 million, for the three months ended March 31, 2016 as compared to the three months ended March 31, 2015.

Lease rental revenue. The increase in lease rental revenue of \$2.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016, as compared to the same period in 2015, was primarily the result of \$31.3 million of revenue reflecting the impact of two aircraft purchased in 2016 and 37 aircraft purchased in 2015.

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

\$25.6 million due to aircraft sales; and

\$3.3 million due to lease extensions, amendments, transitions and other changes.

Finance lease revenue. For the three months ended March 31, 2016, \$3.5 million of interest income from finance leases was recognized, as compared to \$1.6 million of interest income from finance leases recorded for the same period in 2015 due to the addition of six aircraft over the last twelve months, partially offset by the sale of three aircraft over the last twelve months.

Amortization of net lease discounts and lease incentives consisted of the following:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Amortization of lease incentives	\$(856 )	\$(3,685 )
Amortization of lease premiums	(2,777 )	(2,595 )
Amortization of lease discounts	2,563	2,456
Amortization of net lease discounts and lease incentives	\$(1,070)	\$(3,824)

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 are 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 \$2.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016, as compared to the same period in 2015, was attributable to the reversal of \$2.8 million in lease incentives during the three months ended March 31, 2016, related to changes in estimate for the usage of three aircraft. Maintenance revenue. For the three months ended March 31, 2016, we recorded \$1.3 million of maintenance revenue from six scheduled lease terminations. For the same period in 2015, we recorded \$18.1 million of maintenance revenue from eight scheduled lease terminations.

#### Operating expenses

Total operating expenses increased for the three months ended March 31, 2016, as compared to the three months ended March 31, 2015, primarily as a result of the following:

Depreciation expense increased by 2.4%, or \$1.8 million, for the three months ended March 31, 2016 as compared to the same period in 2015. The increase is primarily the result of:

- a \$11.1 million increase in depreciation for aircraft acquired;
- a \$2.6 million increase due to changes in asset lives and residual values; and
- a \$2.6 million increase due to capitalized aircraft improvements.

This increase was offset by a \$14.5 million decrease in depreciation for aircraft sales.

Interest, net consisted of the following:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Interest on borrowings, net settlements on interest rate derivatives, and other liabilities	\$53,324	\$50,235
Amortization of interest rate derivatives related to deferred losses	5,372	8,233
Amortization of deferred financing fees and debt discount <sup>(1)</sup>	5,607	3,699
Interest expense	64,303	62,167
Less: interest income	(62 )	(36 )
Interest, net	\$64,241	\$62,131

(1) For the three months ended March 31, 2016, includes \$1,509 in loan termination fees related to the sale of one aircraft.

(2) For the three months ended March 31, 2016, includes \$1,972 in deferred financing fees written off related to the sale of one aircraft.

Interest, net increased by \$2.1 million, or 3.4%, over the three months ended March 31, 2015. The net increase is primarily a result of higher interest on borrowings of \$3.1 million, driven primarily by a higher weighted average debt

outstanding for the three months ended March 31, 2016 as compared to a year ago and an increase of \$2.0 million of

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amortization of deferred financing fees related to the sale of one aircraft. This increase was partially offset by a \$2.9 million decrease in amortization of interest rate derivatives related to deferred losses.

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2016 increased by \$1.6 million over the same period in 2015, as a result of higher personnel costs. Non-cash share based expense was \$1.6 million and \$1.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Maintenance and other costs were \$1.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016, a decrease of \$1.5 million over the same period in 2015. The net decrease is a result of fewer lease transitions during the three months ended March 31, 2016 versus the same period in 2015.

#### Other income (expense)

Gain on sale of flight equipment increased by \$6.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016, resulting from gains of \$12.8 million on sales of ten narrow-body and two wide-body aircraft during the period versus gains of \$6.3 million on sales of two aircraft and other flight equipment during the same period in 2015.

#### Income tax provision

Our provision for income taxes for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 was \$3.9 million and \$4.9 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, Mauritius, Singapore and the United States. The decrease in our income tax provision of approximately \$1.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016, as compared to the same period in 2015, was primarily attributable to changes in operating income subject to tax in Ireland, Mauritius, Singapore, the United States and other jurisdictions.

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. The aircraft owning subsidiaries resident in Ireland, Mauritius and Singapore are subject to tax in those respective jurisdictions.

We 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, we have Ireland and Singapore based subsidiaries which provide management services to our non-U.S. subsidiaries and are subject to tax in those respective jurisdictions. 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. 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

Other comprehensive income consisted of the following:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Net income	\$36,262	\$43,269
Net change in fair value of derivatives, net of tax benefit of \$0 and \$3, respectively	(1 )	(128 )
Derivative loss reclassified into earnings	5,372	8,233
Total comprehensive income	\$41,633	\$51,374

Other comprehensive income decreased by \$9.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016, as a result of a \$7.0 million decrease in net income and a decrease of \$2.9 million in amortization of deferred net losses reclassified into earnings related to terminated interest rate derivatives compared to the same period in 2015.

#### Aircraft Monitoring List

At March 31, 2016, we considered five freighter aircraft and three passenger aircraft with a total net book value of \$176.1 million to be more susceptible to failing our recoverability assessments due to their sensitivity to changes in contractual cash flows, future cash flow estimates and aircraft residual or scrap values.

#### RECENTLY ADOPTED ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

See Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Organization and Basis of Presentation in the Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements above.

#### RECENTLY UNADOPTED ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

See Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Recent Accounting Pronouncements in the Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements above.

#### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our business is very capital intensive, requiring significant investments in order to expand our fleet and to maintain and improve our existing portfolio. Our operations generate a significant amount of cash, primarily from lease rentals and maintenance collections. We have also met our liquidity and capital resource needs by utilizing several sources over time, including:

- various forms of borrowing secured by our aircraft, including bank term facilities, limited recourse securitization financings, and ECA-backed financings for new aircraft acquisitions;
- unsecured indebtedness, including our current Revolving Credit Facility and Senior Notes;
- sales of common shares; and
- asset sales.

Going forward, we expect to continue to seek liquidity from these sources and other sources, subject to pricing and conditions we consider satisfactory.

During the first three months of 2016, we met our liquidity and capital resource needs with \$121.3 million of cash from operations, \$500.0 million in gross proceeds from the issuance of our Senior Notes due 2023, a \$120.0 million term loan and \$306.0 million of cash from aircraft sales.

In addition, we increased the Revolving Credit Facility from \$600.0 million to \$675.0 million and we extended the maturity of that facility by one year to May 2020.

As of March 31, 2016, the weighted-average maturity of our secured and unsecured debt financings was 4.2 years and we are in compliance with all applicable covenants.

We believe that cash on hand, payments received from lessees and other funds generated from operations, secured borrowings for aircraft, borrowings under our Revolving Credit Facility and other borrowings and proceeds from future aircraft sales will be sufficient to satisfy our liquidity and capital resource needs over the next twelve months. Our liquidity and capital resource needs include payments due under our aircraft purchase obligations, required principal and interest payments under our long-term debt facilities, expected capital expenditures, lessee maintenance payment reimbursements and lease incentive payments over the next twelve months.

## Cash Flows

	Three Months Ended	
	2016	2015
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Net cash flow provided by operating activities	\$ 121,264	\$ 132,928
Net cash flow provided by (used in) investing activities	215,099	(213,094 )
Net cash flow provided by financing activities	102,109	240,502

## Operating Activities:

Cash flow provided by operations was \$121.3 million and \$132.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The decrease in cash flow provided by operations of approximately \$11.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 versus the same period in 2015 was primarily a result of:

- a \$15.7 million increase in cash paid for interest;
- and
- a \$12.9 million decrease in cash from maintenance revenue.

These outflows were offset by:

- a \$14.9 million increase in cash from working capital;
- a \$1.5 million decrease in cash paid for maintenance;
- a \$1.1 million decrease in cash paid for taxes; and
- a \$0.8 million increase in cash from lease rentals, net of finance and sales-type leases.

## Investing Activities:

Cash flow provided by investing activities was \$215.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 as compared to cash flow used in investing activities of \$213.1 million, for the three months ended March 31, 2015. The net increase in cash flow provided by investing activities of \$428.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 versus the same period in 2015 was primarily a result of:

- a \$255.5 million increase in proceeds from the sale of flight equipment;
- a \$167.7 million decrease in the acquisition and improvement of flight equipment; and
- a \$17.0 million increase in restricted cash and cash equivalents related to the sale of flight equipment.

These outflows were offset partially by:

- a \$7.7 million increase in unconsolidated equity method investment in 2016; and
- a \$5.9 million net decrease in aircraft purchase deposits received.

## Financing Activities:

Cash flow provided by financing activities was \$102.1 million and \$240.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The decrease in cash flow provided by financing activities of \$138.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 versus the same period in 2015 was a result of:

- a \$99.2 million increase in securitization and term debt financing repayments;
- a \$31.3 million increase in shares repurchased;
- a \$7.5 million decrease in restricted cash and cash equivalents related to financing activities; and
- a \$1.2 million decrease in maintenance and security deposits returned, net of deposits received.

## Debt Obligations

For complete information on our debt obligations, please refer to Note 7 - Secured and Unsecured Debt Financings in the Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements above.

## Contractual Obligations

Our contractual obligations consist of principal and interest payments on debt, payments on interest rate derivatives, other aircraft acquisition agreements and rent payments pursuant to our office leases. Total contractual obligations increased to \$6.73 billion at March 31, 2016 from approximately \$6.30 billion at December 31, 2015 due primarily to: an increase in borrowings and interest payments as a result of the closing of our Senior Notes due 2023 in March 2016, partially offset by the repayment of our Revolving Credit Facility and the amortization of our other financings; and

•an increase in aircraft purchase obligations.

The following table presents our actual contractual obligations and their payment due dates as of March 31, 2016:

Contractual Obligations	Payments Due by Period as of March 31, 2016				
	Total	Less than 1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years	More than 5 years
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Principal payments:					
Senior Notes due 2017 - 2023	\$3,200,000	\$—	\$900,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,000,000
Revolving Credit Facility	—	—	—	—	—
Securitization No. 2 <sup>(1)</sup>	78,770	78,770	—	—	—
ECA Term Financings	336,236	41,477	87,430	93,757	113,572
Bank Financings	628,063	61,059	181,250	112,773	272,981
Total principal payments	4,243,069	181,306	1,168,680	1,506,530	1,386,553
Interest payments on debt obligations and derivative instruments <sup>(2)</sup>	968,481	209,693	376,554	259,777	122,457
Office leases <sup>(3)</sup>	5,284	835	1,494	1,551	1,404
Purchase obligations <sup>(4)</sup>	1,508,700	438,893	499,767	570,040	—
Total	\$6,725,534	\$830,727	\$2,046,495	\$2,337,898	\$1,510,414

Estimated principal payments for these non-recourse financings are based on excess cash flows available from forecasted lease rentals, net maintenance funding and proceeds from asset dispositions after the payment of

(1) forecasted operating expenses and interest payments, including interest payments on existing interest rate derivative agreements and policy provider fees.

(2) Future interest payments on variable rate, LIBOR-based debt obligations and derivative instruments are estimated using the interest rate in effect at March 31, 2016.

(3) Represents contractual payment obligations for our office leases in Stamford, Connecticut; Dublin, Ireland and Singapore.

(4) At March 31, 2016, we had commitments to acquire 40 aircraft for \$1.51 billion, including 25 new E-Jet E-2 aircraft from Embraer S.A. These amounts include estimated amounts for pre-delivery deposits, contractual price escalation and other adjustments. As of April 29, 2016, after taking into account three aircraft acquisition and additional commitments during April 2016, we have commitments to acquire 51 aircraft for \$1.74 billion.

## Capital Expenditures

From time to time, we make capital expenditures to maintain or improve our aircraft. These expenditures include the cost of major overhauls necessary to place an aircraft in service and modifications made at the request of lessees. For the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, we incurred a total of \$10.6 million and \$12.8 million, respectively, of capital expenditures (including lease incentives) related to the acquisition and improvement of aircraft.

As of March 31, 2016, the weighted average age by net book value of our aircraft was approximately 7.6 years. In general, the costs of operating an aircraft, including maintenance expenditures, increase with the age of the aircraft. Our lease agreements call for the lessee to be primarily responsible for maintaining the aircraft. We may incur

additional maintenance and modification costs in the future in the event we are required to remarket an aircraft or a lessee fails to meet

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its maintenance obligations under the lease agreement. These maintenance reserves are paid by the lessee to provide for future maintenance events. Provided a lessee performs scheduled maintenance of the aircraft, we are required to reimburse the lessee for scheduled maintenance payments. In certain cases, we are also required to make lessor contributions, in excess of amounts a lessee may have paid, towards the costs of maintenance events performed by or on behalf of the lessee.

Actual maintenance payments to us by lessees in the future may be less than projected as a result of a number of factors, including defaults by the lessees. Maintenance reserves may not cover the entire amount of actual maintenance expenses incurred and, where these expenses are not otherwise covered by the lessees, there can be no assurance that our operational cash flow and maintenance reserves will be sufficient to fund maintenance requirements, particularly as our aircraft age. See Item 1A. "Risk Factors - Risks Related to Our Business - Risks related to our leases - If lessees are unable to fund their maintenance obligations on our aircraft, we may incur increased costs at the conclusion of the applicable lease."

#### Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We entered into two joint venture arrangements in order to help expand our base of new business opportunities. Neither of these joint ventures qualifies for consolidated accounting treatment. The assets and liabilities of these entities are off our Consolidated Balance Sheet and we only record our net investment under the equity method of accounting. See Note 5 - Unconsolidated Equity Method Investment in the Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements above.

We hold a 30% equity interest in our venture with an affiliate of Teachers'. At March 31, 2016, the net book value of the joint venture's nine aircraft was approximately \$590 million. We also recently entered into a joint venture agreement with the IBJ Leasing Co., Ltd, a Japanese general leasing company which is part of the Mizuho Financial Group. We will hold a 25% equity interest in this joint venture.

#### Foreign Currency Risk and Foreign Operations

At March 31, 2016, all of our leases are payable to us in U.S. dollars. However, we incur Euro- and Singapore dollar-denominated expenses in connection with our subsidiaries in Ireland and Singapore. For the three months ended March 31, 2016, expenses, such as payroll and office costs, denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar aggregated approximately \$4.3 million in U.S. dollar equivalents and represented approximately 28% of total selling, general and administrative expenses. Our international operations are a significant component of our business strategy and permit us to more effectively source new aircraft, service the aircraft we own and maintain contact with our lessees. Therefore, our international operations and our exposure to foreign currency risk will likely increase over time. Although we have not yet entered into foreign currency hedges because our exposure to date has not been significant, if our foreign currency exposure increases, we may enter into hedging transactions in the future to mitigate this risk. For the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, we incurred insignificant net gains and losses on foreign currency transactions.

#### Hedging

For complete information on our derivative instruments, please refer to Note 16 - "Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss" in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements above.

#### Management's Use of EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA

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

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

EBITDA provides us with a measure of operating performance because it assists us in comparing our operating performance on a consistent basis as it removes the impact of our capital structure (primarily interest charges on our

outstanding debt) and asset base (primarily depreciation and amortization) from our operating results. Accordingly, this metric measures our financial performance based on operational factors that management can impact in the short-term,

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namely the cost structure, or expenses, of the organization. EBITDA is one of the metrics used by senior management and the Board of Directors to review the consolidated financial performance of our business.

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

The table below shows the reconciliation of net income to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016      2015 (Dollars in thousands)	
Net income	\$36,262	\$43,269
Depreciation	76,647	74,846
Amortization of net lease discounts and lease incentives	1,070	3,824
Interest, net	64,241	62,131
Income tax provision	3,939	4,863
EBITDA	182,159	188,933
Adjustments:		
Non-cash share based payment expense	1,643	1,170
Gain on mark-to-market of interest rate derivative contracts	77	111
Adjusted EBITDA	\$183,879	\$190,214

#### Management's Use of Adjusted Net Income ("ANI")

Management believes that ANI, when viewed in conjunction with the Company's results under U.S. GAAP and the below reconciliation, provides useful information about operating and period-over-period performance and additional information that is useful for evaluating the underlying operating performance of our business without regard to periodic reporting elements related to interest rate derivative accounting and gains or losses related to flight equipment and debt investments.

The table below shows the reconciliation of net income to ANI for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016      2015 (Dollars in thousands)	
Net income	\$36,262	\$43,269
Loan termination fee <sup>(1)</sup>	1,509	—
Gain on mark to market of interest rate derivative contracts <sup>(2)</sup>	77	111
Write-off of deferred financing fees <sup>(1)</sup>	1,972	—
Non-cash share based payment expense <sup>(3)</sup>	1,643	1,170
Term Financing No. 1 hedge loss amortization charges <sup>(1)</sup>	—	3,126
Securitization No. 1 hedge loss amortization charges <sup>(1)</sup>	2,628	2,781
Adjusted net income	\$44,091	\$50,457

(1) Included in Interest, net.

(2) Included in Other income (expense).

(3) Included in Selling, general and administrative expenses.



	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
Weighted-average shares:		
Common shares outstanding	78,543,457	80,564,440
Restricted common shares	572,356	515,477
Total weighted-average shares	79,115,813	81,079,917
	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
Percentage of weighted-average shares:		
Common shares outstanding	99.28 %	99.36 %
Restricted common shares <sup>(1)</sup>	0.72 %	0.64 %
Total percentage of weighted-average shares	100.00 %	100.00 %
	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
Weighted-average common shares outstanding – Basic	78,543,457	80,564,440
Effect of dilutive shares	—	—
Weighted average common shares outstanding – Diluted <sup>(2)</sup>	78,543,457	80,564,440
	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
	(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)	
Adjusted net income allocation:		
Adjusted net income	\$ 44,091	\$ 50,457
Less: Distributed and undistributed earnings allocated to restricted common shares <sup>(1)</sup>	(319 )	(321 )
Adjusted net income allocable to common shares – Basic and Diluted	\$ 43,772	\$ 50,136
Adjusted net income per common share – Basic and Diluted	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.62

For the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, distributed and undistributed earnings to restricted shares (1) are 0.72% and 0.64%, respectively, of net income. The amount of restricted share forfeitures for all periods present is immaterial to the allocation of distributed and undistributed earnings.

(2) For the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, we had no dilutive shares.

#### Limitations of EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and ANI

An investor or potential investor may find EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and ANI important measures in evaluating our performance, results of operations and financial position. We use these non-U.S. GAAP measures to supplement our U.S. GAAP results in order to provide a more complete understanding of the factors and trends affecting our business.

EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and ANI have limitations as analytical tools and should not be viewed in isolation or as substitutes for U.S. GAAP measures of earnings. Material limitations in making the adjustments to our earnings to calculate EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and ANI, and using these non-U.S. GAAP measures as compared to U.S. GAAP net income, income from continuing operations and cash flows provided by or used in operations, include:

- depreciation and amortization, though not directly affecting our current cash position, represent the wear and tear and/or reduction in value of our aircraft, which affects the aircraft's availability for use and may be indicative of future needs for capital expenditures;

the cash portion of income tax (benefit) provision generally represents charges (gains), which may significantly affect our financial results;

elements of our interest rate derivative accounting may be used to evaluate the effectiveness of our hedging policy;

hedge loss amortization charges related to Term Financing No. 1 and Securitization No. 1; and

adjustments required in calculating covenant ratios and compliance as that term is defined in the indenture governing our senior unsecured notes.

EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and ANI are not alternatives to net income, income from operations or cash flows provided by or used in operations as calculated and presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP. You should not rely on these non-U.S. GAAP measures as a substitute for any such U.S. GAAP financial measure. We strongly urge you to review the reconciliations to U.S. GAAP net income, along with our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this report. We also strongly urge you to not rely on any single financial measure to evaluate our business. In addition, because EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and ANI are not measures of financial performance under U.S. GAAP and are susceptible to varying calculations, EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and ANI as presented in this report, may differ from and may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies.

### ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Interest rate risk is the exposure to loss resulting from changes in the level of interest rates and the spread between different interest rates. These risks are highly sensitive to many factors, including U.S. monetary and tax policies, U.S. and international economic factors and other factors beyond our control. We are exposed to changes in the level of interest rates and to changes in the relationship or spread between interest rates. Our primary interest rate exposures relate to our lease agreements, floating rate debt obligations and interest rate derivatives. Rent payments under our aircraft lease agreements typically do not vary during the term of the lease according to changes in interest rates. However, our borrowing agreements generally require payments based on a variable interest rate index, such as LIBOR. Therefore, to the extent our borrowing costs are not fixed, increases in interest rates may reduce our net income by increasing the cost of our debt without any corresponding increase in rents or cash flow from our securities. Changes in interest rates may also impact our net book value as our interest rate derivatives are periodically marked-to-market through shareholders' equity. Generally, we are exposed to loss on our fixed pay interest rate derivatives to the extent interest rates decrease below their contractual fixed rate.

The relationship between spreads on derivative instruments may vary from time to time, resulting in a net aggregate book value increase or decrease. Changes in the general level of interest rates can also affect our ability to acquire new investments and our ability to realize gains from the settlement of such assets.

#### Sensitivity Analysis

The following discussion about the potential effects of changes in interest rates is based on a sensitivity analysis, which models the effects of hypothetical interest rate shifts on our financial condition and results of operations. Although we believe a sensitivity analysis provides the most meaningful analysis permitted by the rules and regulations of the SEC, it is constrained by several factors, including the necessity to conduct the analysis based on a single point in time and by the inability to include the extraordinarily complex market reactions that normally would arise from the market shifts modeled. Although the following results of a sensitivity analysis for changes in interest rates may have some limited use as a benchmark, they should not be viewed as a forecast. This forward-looking disclosure also is selective in nature and addresses only the potential interest expense impacts on our financial instruments and, in particular, does not address the mark-to-market impact on our interest rate derivatives. It also does not include a variety of other potential factors that could affect our business as a result of changes in interest rates. A hypothetical 100-basis point increase/decrease in our variable interest rates would increase/decrease the minimum contracted rentals on our portfolio as of March 31, 2016 by \$3.2 million and \$3.1 million, respectively, over the next twelve months. As of March 31, 2016, a hypothetical 100-basis point increase/decrease in our variable interest rate on our borrowings would result in an interest expense increase/decrease of \$1.1 million and \$1.2 million, respectively, net of amounts received from our interest rate derivatives, over the next twelve months.

#### ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

##### Management's Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The term "disclosure controls and procedures" is defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e). This term refers to the controls and procedures of a company that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by the SEC and that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. An evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the CEO and CFO, of the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of March 31, 2016. Based on that evaluation, the Company's management, including the CEO and CFO, concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of March 31, 2016.

##### Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f), that occurred during the quarter ended March 31, 2016 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.



## PART II. — OTHER INFORMATION

## ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Company is not a party to any material legal or adverse regulatory proceedings.

## ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

There have been no material changes to the disclosure related to the risk factors described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC for the year ended December 31, 2015.

## ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

## Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

During the first quarter of 2016, we purchased our common shares as follows:

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs <sup>(a)</sup>	Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs <sup>(a)</sup>
(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)				
January 1 through January 31	1,634,247	\$ 19.06	1,531,320	\$ 52,079
February 1 through February 29	119,458	17.68	119,458	100,000
March 1 through March 31	—	—	—	100,000
Total	1,753,705	\$ 18.97	1,650,778	\$ 100,000

<sup>(a)</sup> In February 2016, our Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of \$100.0 million of the Company's common shares.

## ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None.

## ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

## ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
3.1	Memorandum of Association (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Amendment No. 2) (No. 333-134669) filed on July 25, 2006).
3.2	Amended Bye-laws (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-182242) filed on June 20, 2012).
4.1	Specimen Share Certificate (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Amendment No. 2) (No. 333-134669) filed on July 25, 2006).
4.2	Indenture, dated as of April 4, 2012, by and between Aircastle Limited and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 5, 2012).
4.3	Indenture, dated as of November 30, 2012, by and between Aircastle Limited and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 30, 2012).
4.4	Amended and Restated Shareholder Agreement, dated as of February 18, 2015, by and between Aircastle Limited and Marubeni Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.8 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on May 6, 2015).
4.5	Indenture, dated as of December 5, 2013, by and between Aircastle Limited and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee Citigroup Global Markets, Inc., Goldman, Sachs & Co., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and RBC Capital Markets, LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 6, 2013).
4.6	First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of December 5, 2013, by and between Aircastle Limited and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 6, 2013).
4.7	Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 26, 2014, by and between Aircastle Limited and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 26, 2014).
4.8	Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of January 15, 2015, by and between Aircastle Limited and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 15, 2015).
4.9	Fourth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 24, 2016, between Aircastle Limited and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 24, 2016).
10.1	Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of March 28, 2016, by and among Aircastle Limited, the several lenders from time to time parties thereto, and Citibank N.A., in its capacity as agent for the lenders. *

- 10.2 Form of Performance Share Unit Agreement for Certain Executive Officers under the Aircastle Limited 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan. \*
- 31.1 Certification by the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002. \*
- 31.2 Certification by the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002. \*
- 32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. \*
- 32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. \*
- 99.1 Owned Aircraft Portfolio at March 31, 2016. \*

101 The following materials from the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2016, formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language): (i) Consolidated Balance Sheets as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015; (ii) Consolidated Statements of Income for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015; (iii) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015; (iv) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015; and (v) Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements. \*

\*Filed herewith.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: May 4, 2016

AIRCASTLE LIMITED

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Aaron Dahlke

Aaron Dahlke

Chief Accounting Officer and Authorized Officer