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ROBERT ISOM
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The time is now



Constructive environment

- Demand has returned
- Favorable backdrop for American



American is a changed airline

- Delivering on commitments
 - Driving value through execution and performance



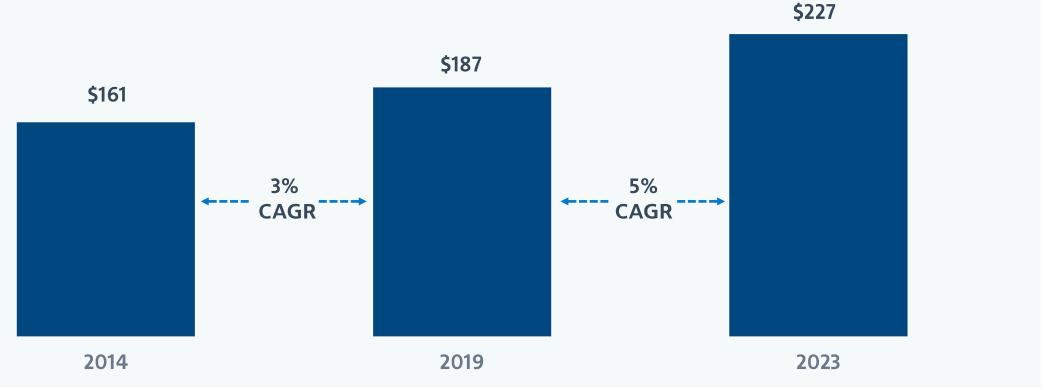
Opportunities ahead

- Value-creating drivers
- Margin expansion and free cash flow growth

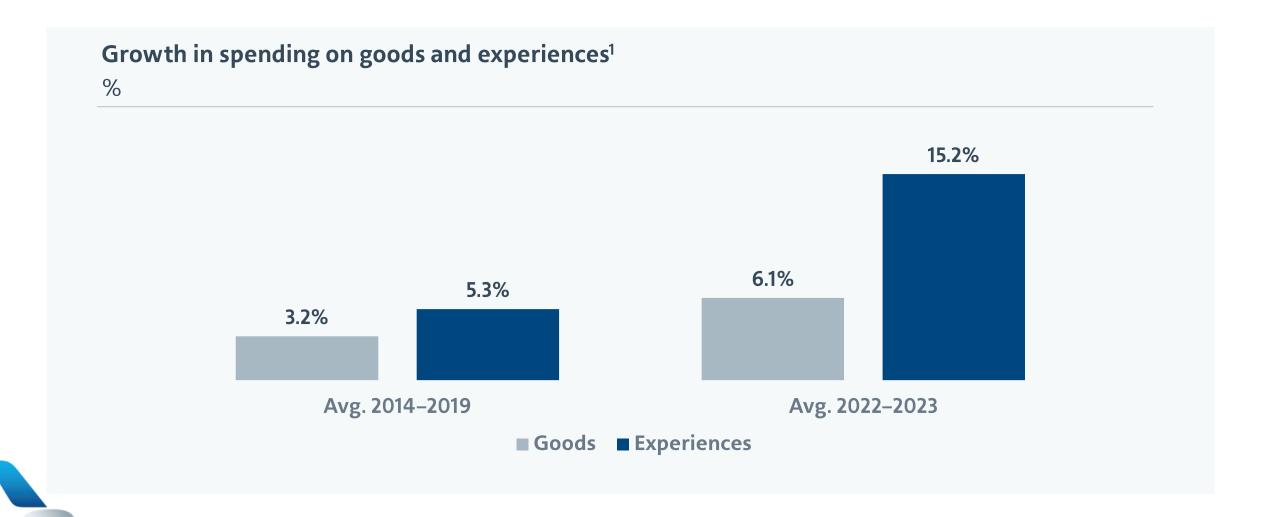


Demand for travel has accelerated

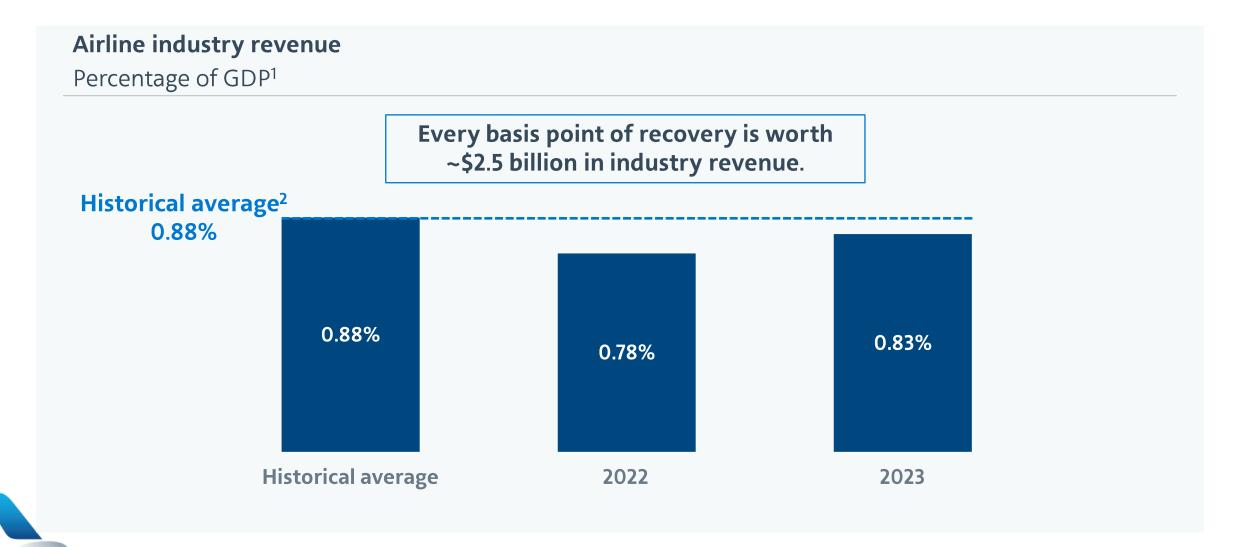




Consumer spending continues to shift to experiences



Revenue opportunity remains



Industry constraints persist



OEM delivery delays



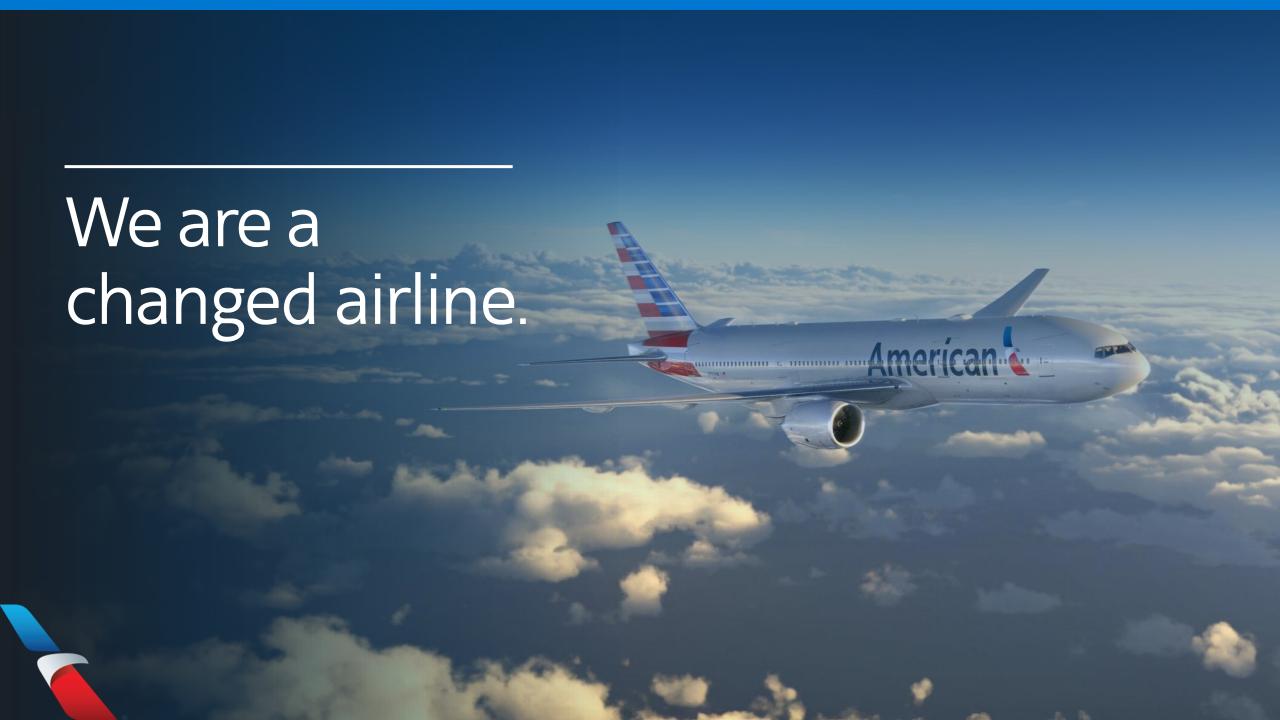
Engine issues



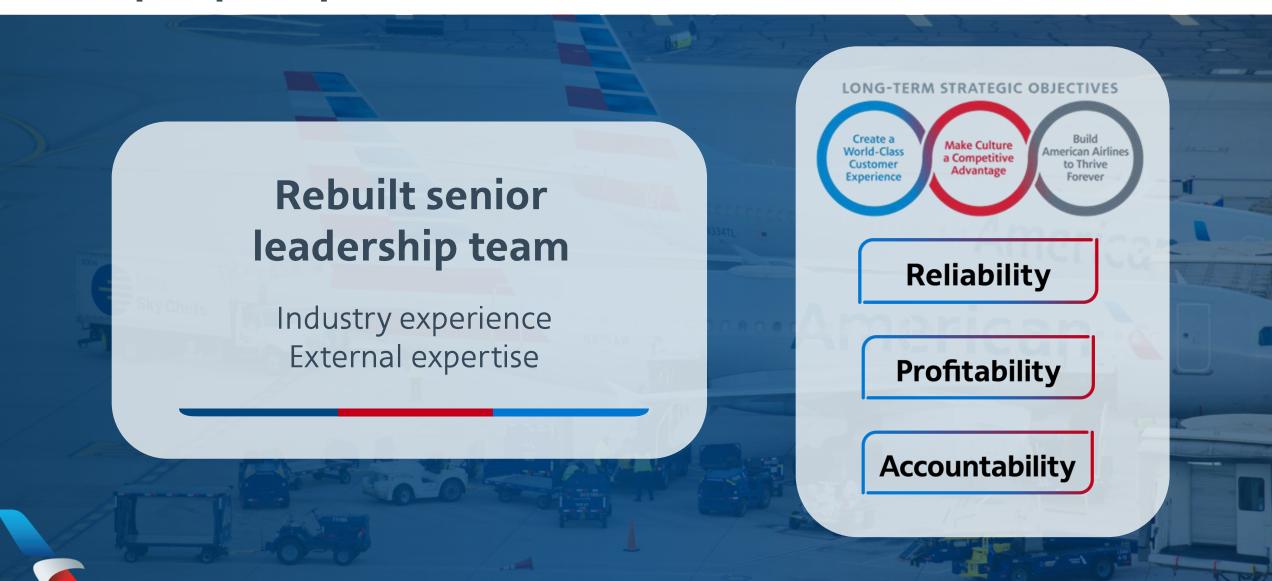
Supply chain constraints



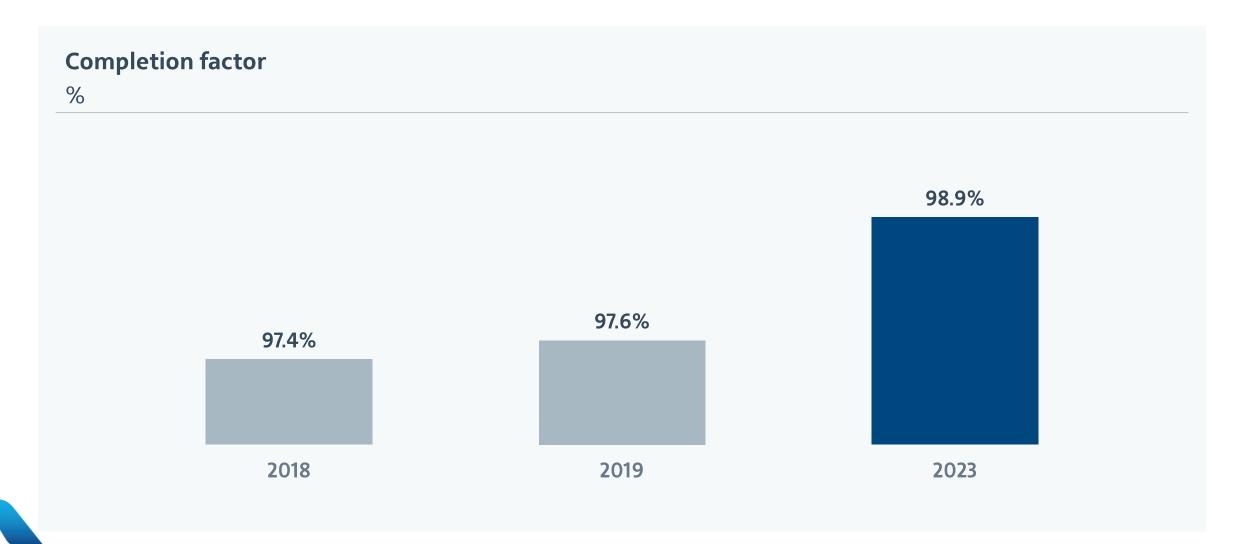
Air Traffic Control challenges



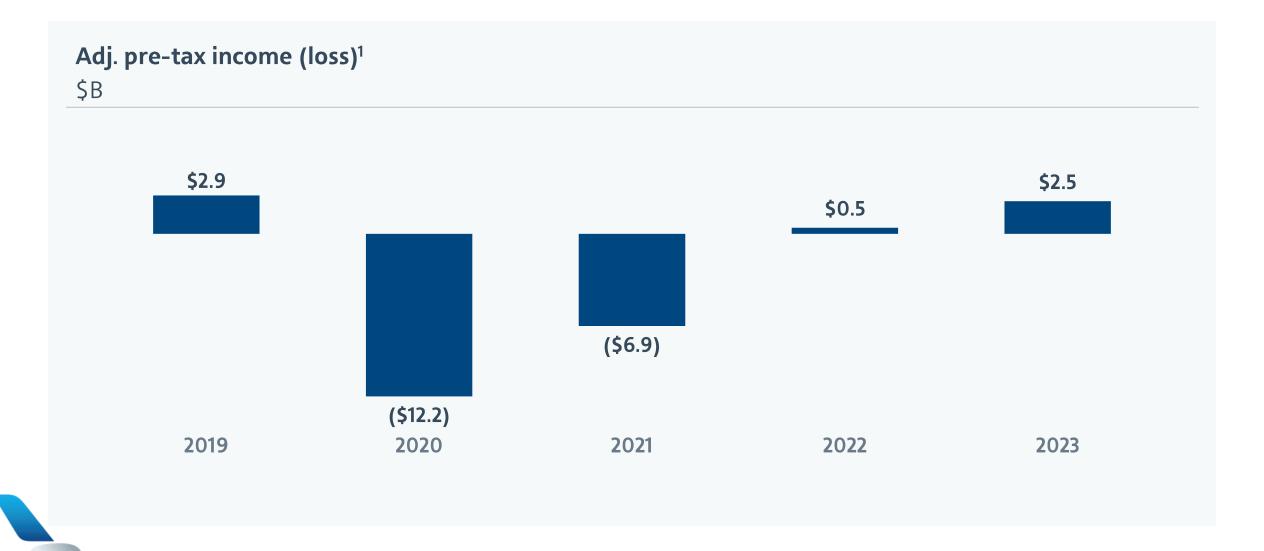
People, plan, process



Delivered a reliable operation



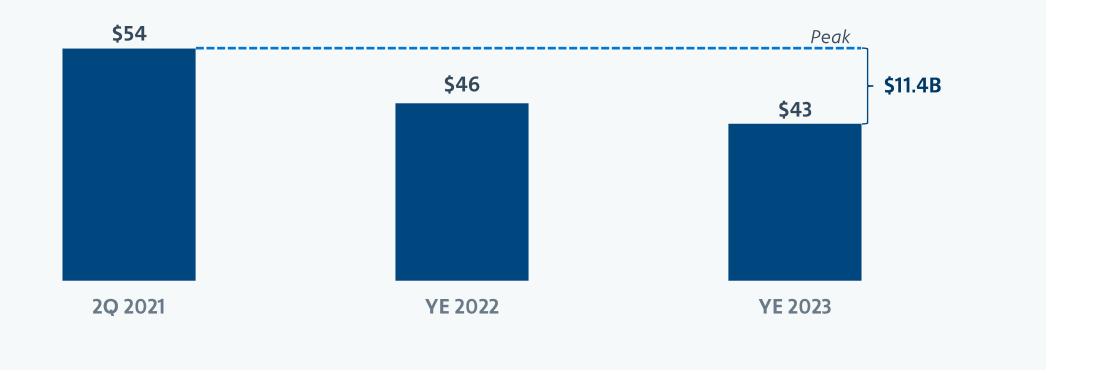
Returned American to profitability



Strengthened our balance sheet



\$B



As of respective period end.
 Total debt includes debt, finance and operating lease liabilities and pension obligations.
 Source: Airline financials.

Awards and accolades



Achieved rating upgrades from all three major credit rating agencies



Won **Best U.S. Airline Loyalty Program** at the 2023 TPG Awards



Best Elite Program for the 11th consecutive year at the 2023 Freddie Awards



Named to the **Dow Jones Sustainability North America Index** for the third consecutive year and to the **World Index** for the first time



Compelling value-creating drivers



Fleet

Young & simplified



Operational excellence

Strong, reliable operation



Network

Strongest domestic & short-haul international network



Rewards

Leading travel rewards program & co-branded credit card opportunity



Reengineering the business

Asset utilization, productivity, procurement

Margin expansion

Long-term free cash flow generation

Key target metrics

	2024E	2025E	2026E+
Adj. EBITDAR margin ¹	~ 14%	~ 14%–16%	~ 15%–18%
Free cash flow ²	~ \$2B	> \$2B	> \$3B



Agenda



Commercial execution

Vasu Raja, Chief Commercial Officer

Operational excellence

David Seymour, Chief Operating Officer

Reengineering with technology

Ganesh Jayaram, Chief Digital & Information Officer

Leading performance and accountability

Cole Brown, Chief People Officer

Maximizing value creation

Devon May, Chief Financial Officer

American is well-positioned to create value

Commercial opportunities







Network



Rewards

Focused execution



Operational excellence



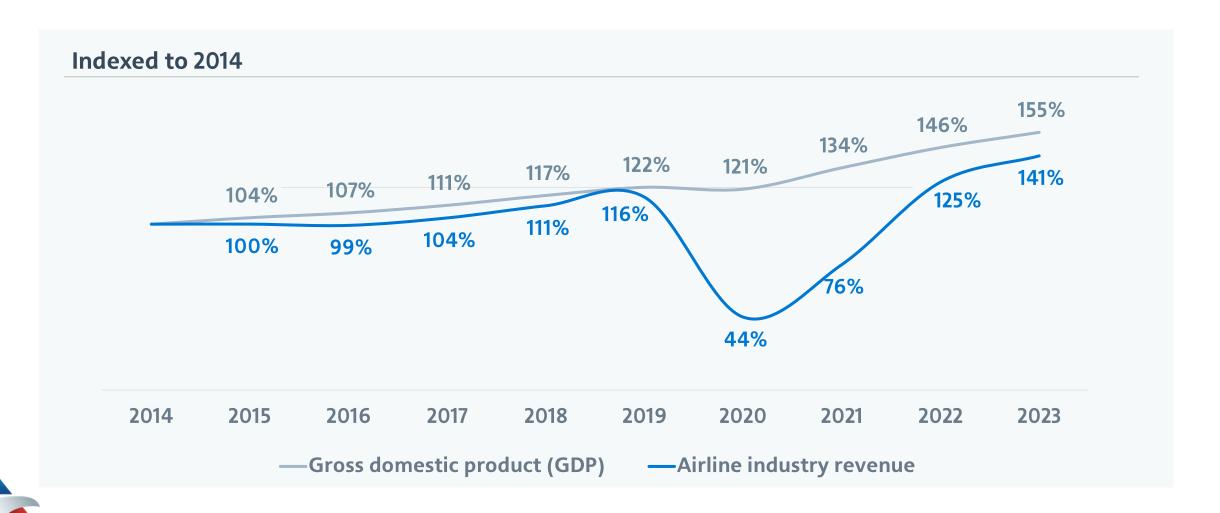
Reengineering the business

Margin expansion

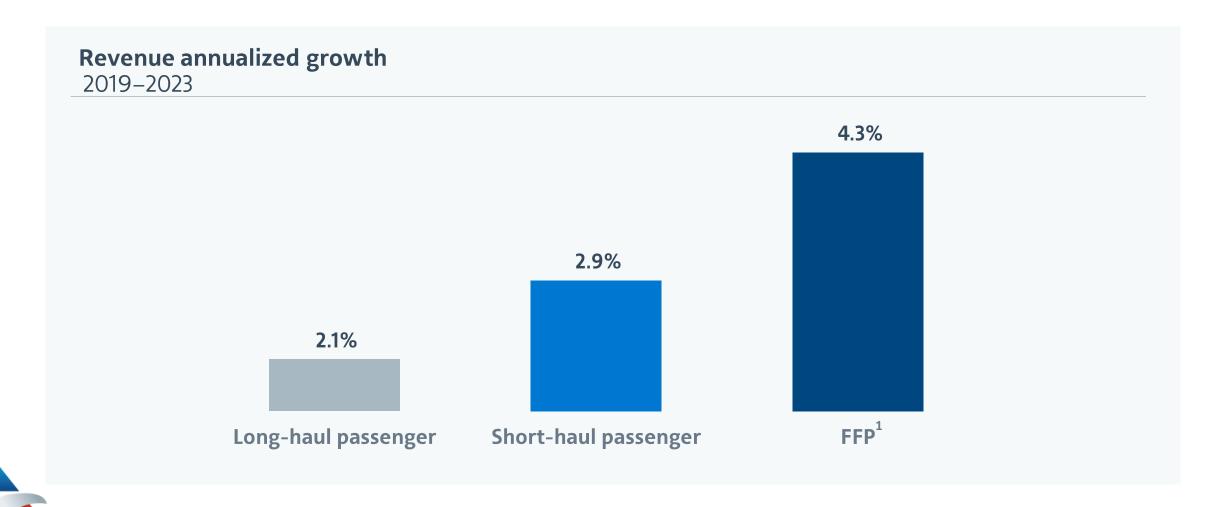
Long-term free cash flow generation



Airline revenues trend with GDP



Some sources of revenue have exhibited faster and more consistent growth



We are uniquely positioned to produce durable earnings



Our **short-haul network** is the foundation of value for customers and investors



AAdvantage® — our travel rewards program — is our source of value growth for customers and investors



Grow value for customers and investors



Building the best network



Building the best travel rewards program



Conclusion

Grow value for customers and investors



Building the best network

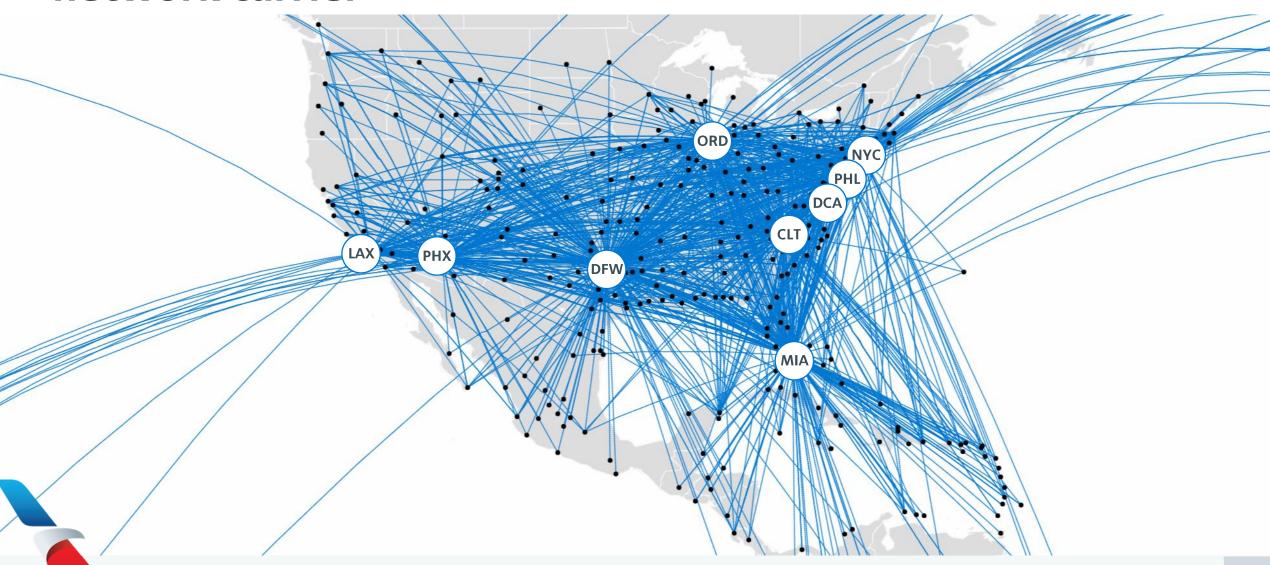


Building the best travel rewards program

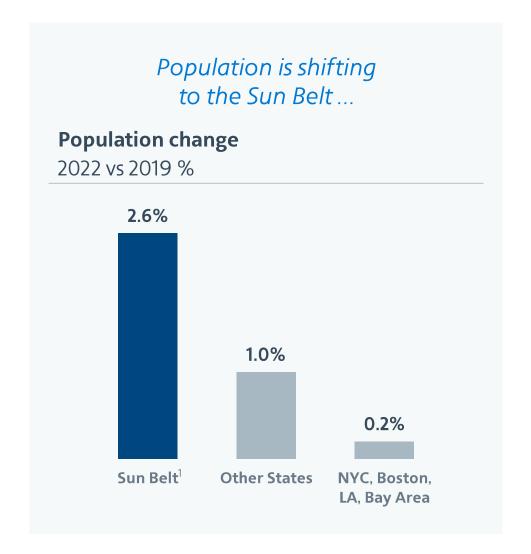


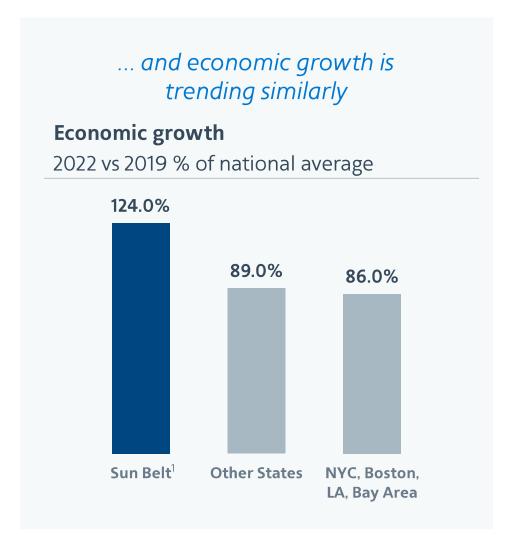
Conclusion

We are a uniquely positioned global hub-and-spoke network carrier

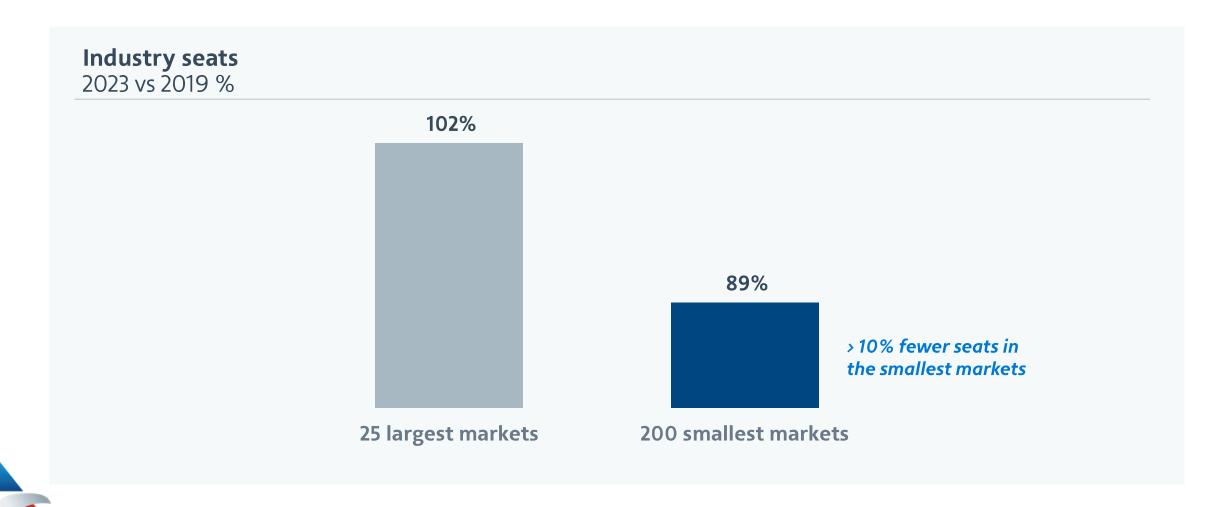


The customer landscape is changing

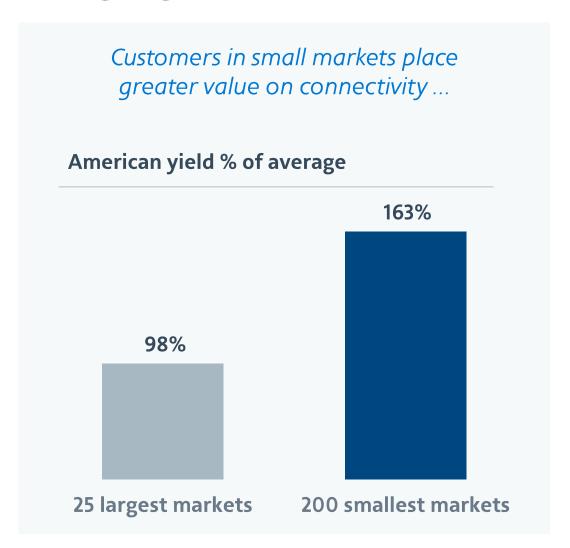




The competitive landscape is also changing



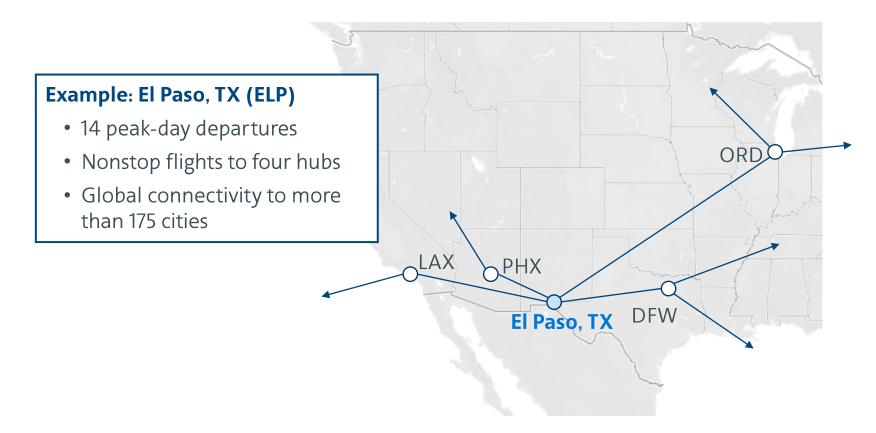
Changing trends create opportunity





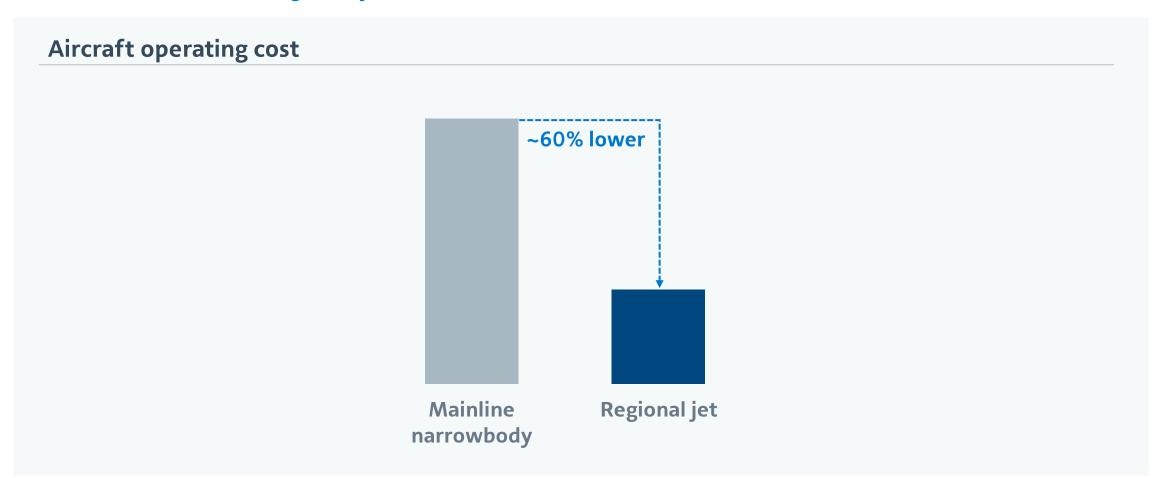
Our hub structure creates a unique network advantage

Our hubs provide the best service for customers in higher-growth markets at competitive economics

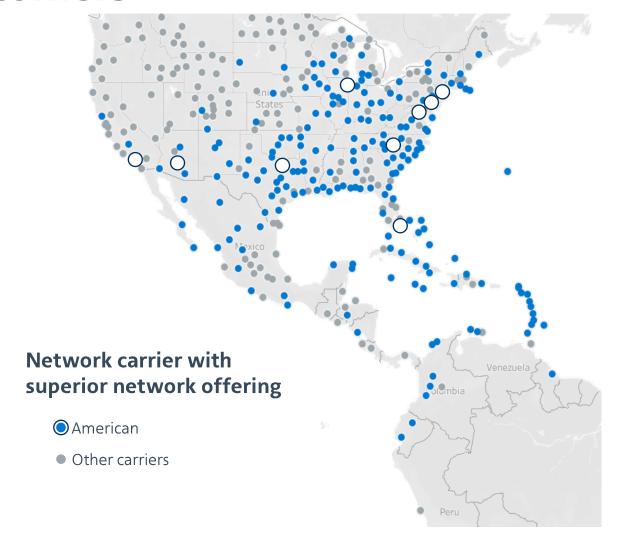


Our fleet structure enhances this advantage

Regional jets create access to more markets at low cost ...



As a result, our network creates the most value for customers



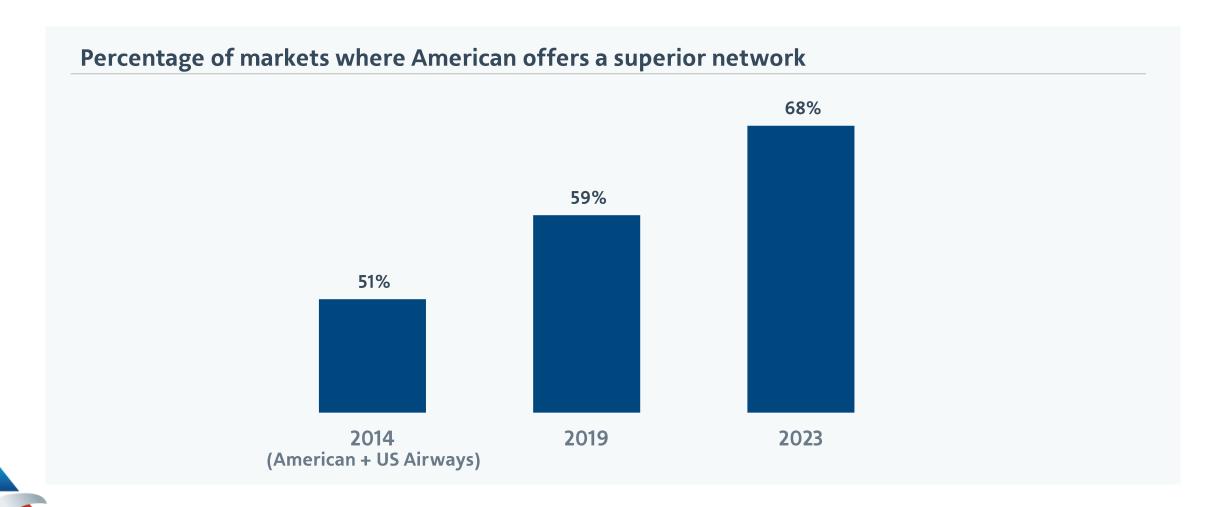
Superior network offering in 200 of 300 spokes

30% more origin-destination markets than other carriers

40% of origin-destination markets are unique to American

> 45% of domestic traffic originates outside largest markets

The strength of this competitive advantage will continue to grow

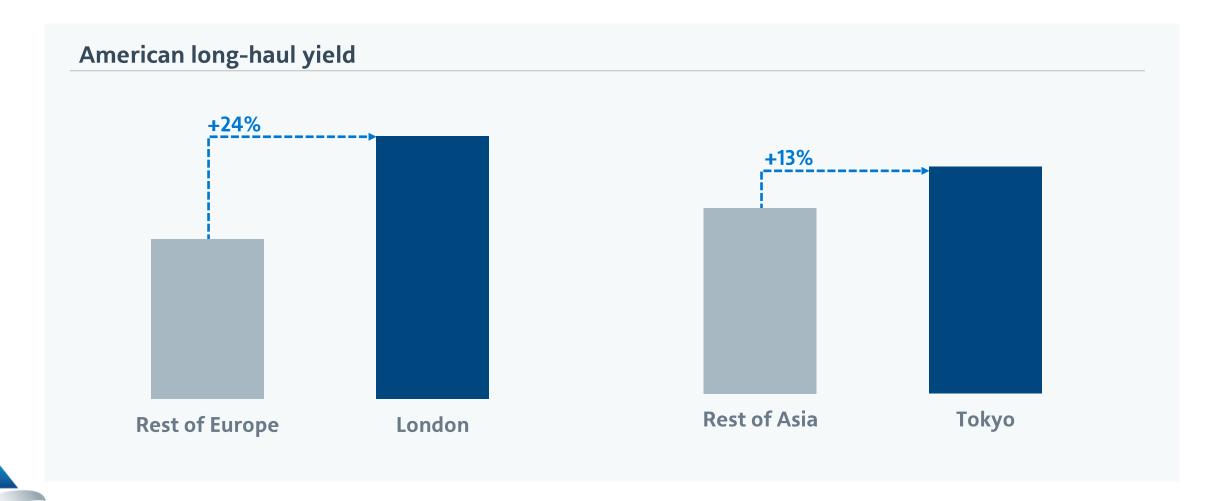


Our short-haul network also drives valuable partnerships with other high-quality carriers around the world

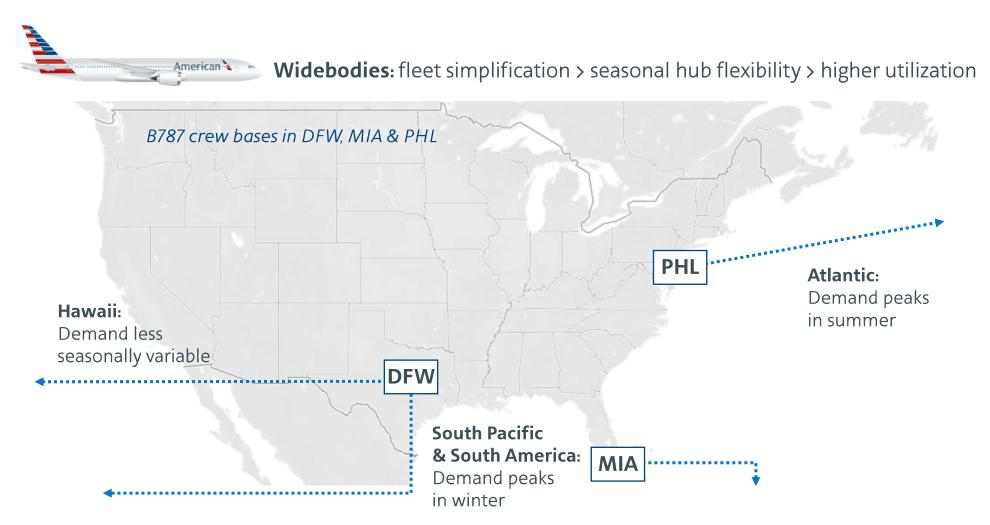


American network + partners serve ~ 90% of U.S. long-haul demand

And these partnerships enable us to serve customers in the highest-yielding global markets



Fleet investment enables growth flexibility while also providing a hedge against demand volatility



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Building the best network



Travel demand is growing in small and mid-size markets



Our short-haul network is uniquely advantaged in serving these customers at scale



This advantage will continue to grow and drive value



We are building a **profitable long-haul franchise** for customers in these markets based on our **short-haul network strength**, durable **air partnerships** and our efficient and versatile **long-haul fleet**

Grow value for customers and investors



Building the best network



Building the best travel rewards program



Conclusion

Our revenue is increasingly driven by AAdvantage® customers who demand premium content

Composition of 2023 revenue

Premium. AAdvantage® 40%

Premium, non-AAdvantage® 15%

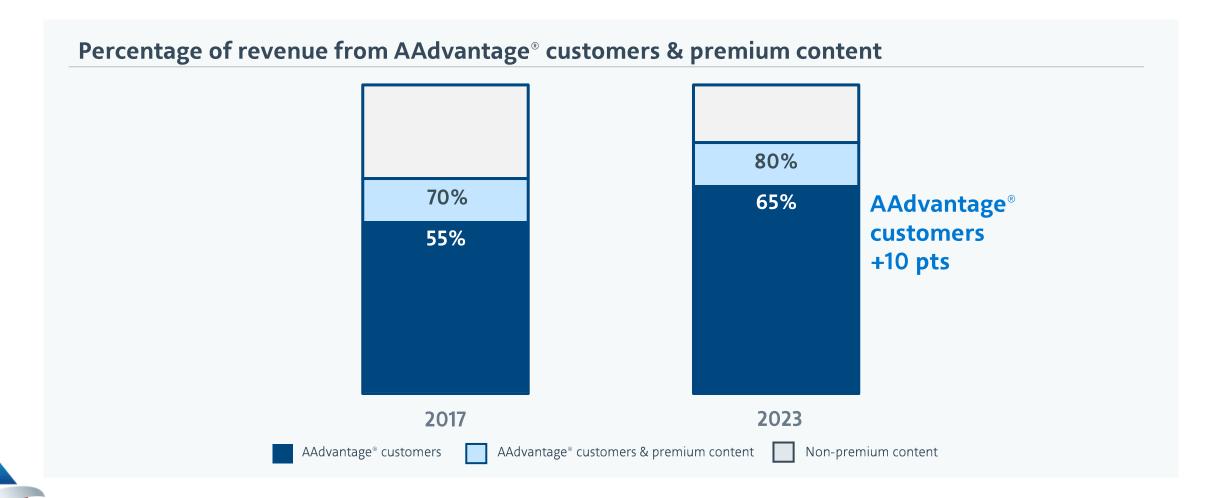
Non-premium, AAdvantage® 25%

Non-premium Premium content content

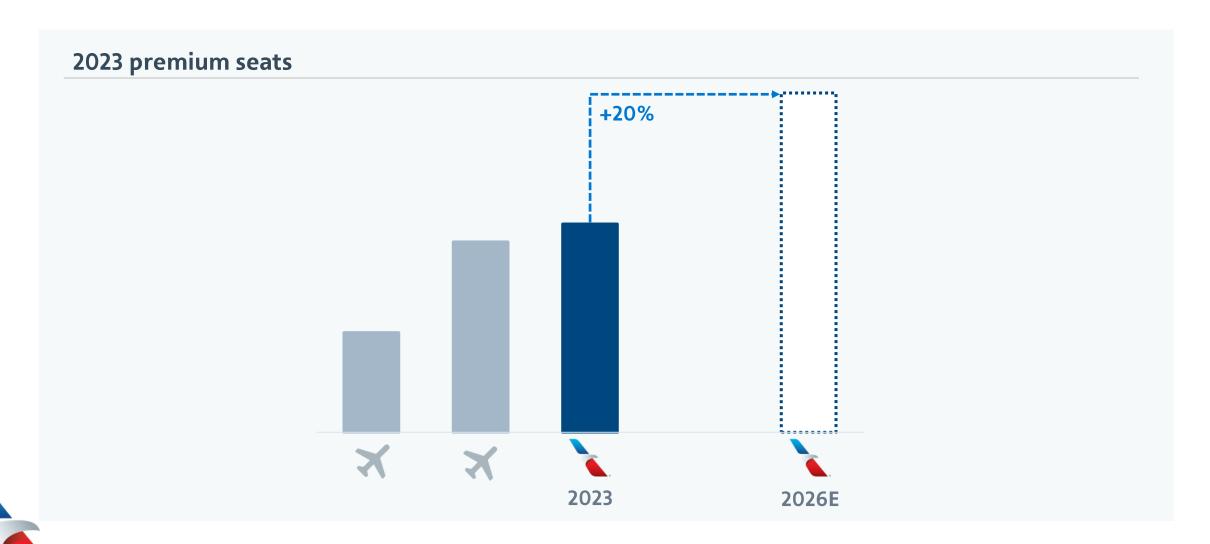
Non-premium, non-AAdvantage® 20%

> 80% of revenue from AAdvantage® members and premium content

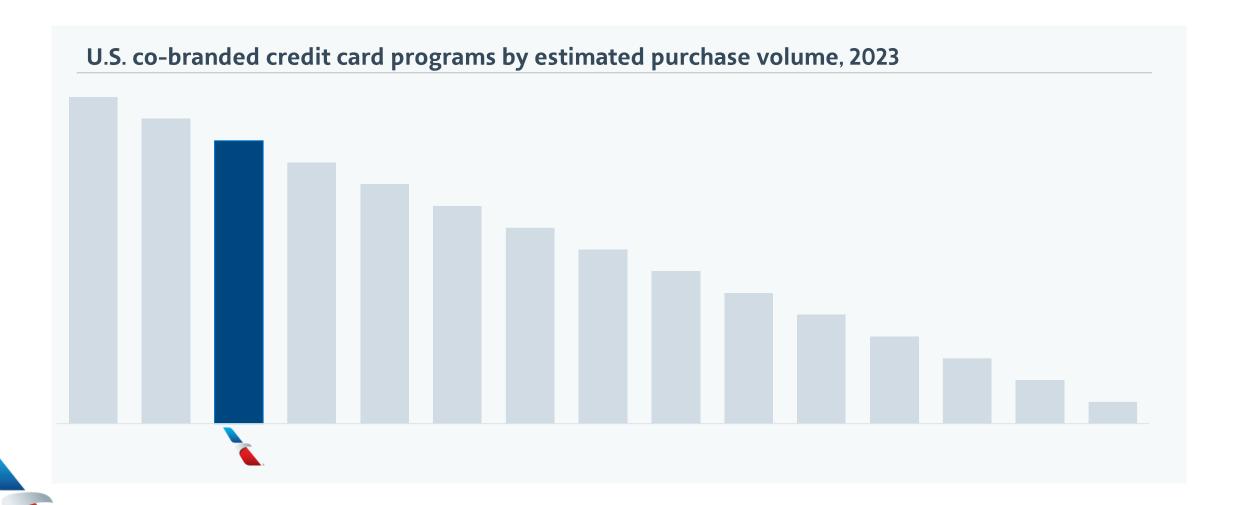
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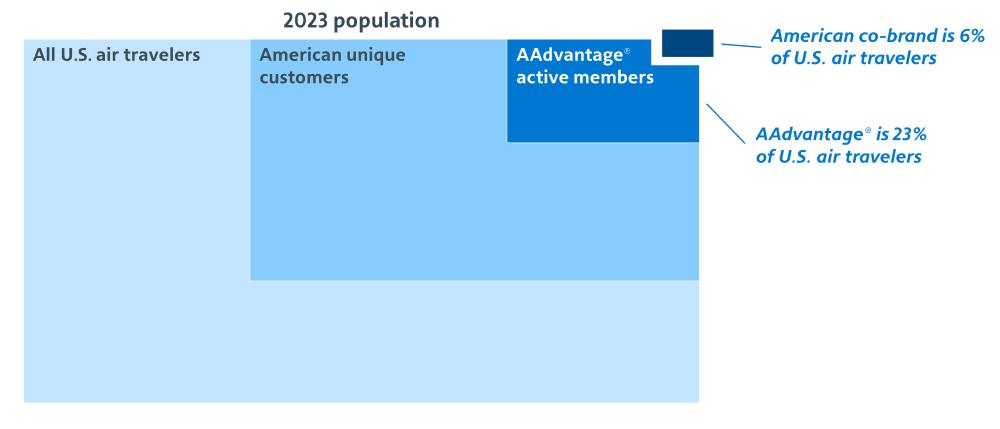
We offer more premium seats than any other airline



We have among the largest co-branded travel credit cards



Despite its size, AAdvantage® has significant growth potential



AAdvantage® is underpenetrated in the travel landscape

We are re-imagining AAdvantage® to drive value



Making it easy to be an AAdvantage® customer



Making AAdvantage® the most rewarding program



Differentiating the travel experience for AAdvantage® customers



Refreshing our AAdvantage® partnerships

New AAdvantage® program makes earning easy

O miles/\$

Non-preferred agencies

2 miles/\$

Basic Economy in direct channels¹

5 miles/\$

Modern retailers

Main fare

7–11 miles/\$

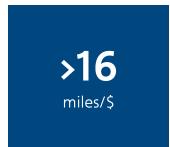
Modern retailers Main fare Status **8-16** miles/\$

Modern retailers

Main fare

Status

Co-branded card

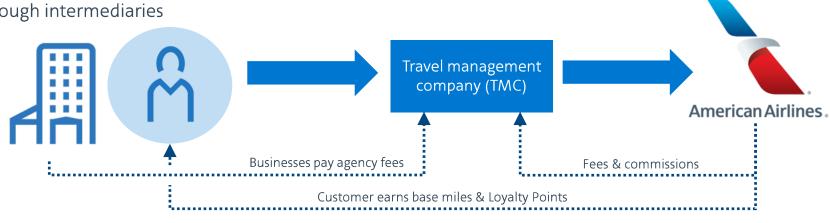


Promotions & offers

The new AAdvantage®: Easier for companies and more efficient for American

Traditional model

Customer bookings routed through intermediaries



- High cost to customers
- Complex to manage
- Outdated technology



AAdvantage Business™

More rewarding for customers &

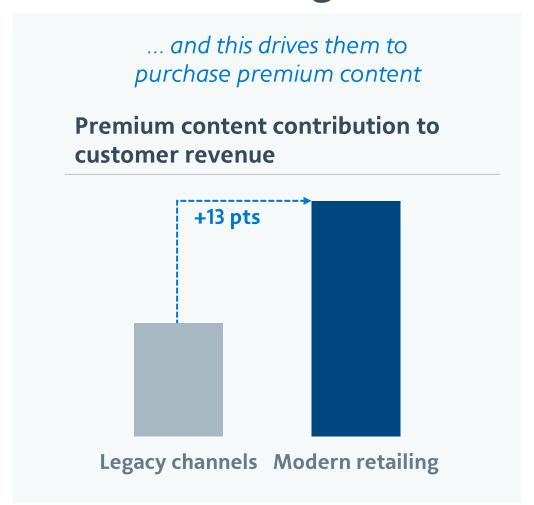
businesses



- 80% less expensive for customers
- 65% less expensive for American

The new AAdvantage®: Modern distribution gives customers better content and better servicing

Customers who use our distribution tools are more satisfied ... **Customer satisfaction** +9 pts Legacy channels Modern retailing



The new AAdvantage®: Miles take you further



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The new AAdvantage®: Unique and unmatched benefits across the travel journey, unlocked with status

<u>\$</u>	Shopping	 More miles and exclusive content in digital channels 24-hour booking hold Status members: unique redemption offers
ann M	Servicing	100% of purchases can be serviced digitallyExpedited call center service
	Airport	 Same-day standby Status members: faster access Status members: first checked bag free
<u>ڦ</u> ڳ _ٿ	Lounges	 Exclusive access to the lounge network with the most space per customer No visit restrictions
2	Inflight	 Inflight dining pre-selection Status members: complimentary food/drink
LOS .	Disruptions	 Priority reaccommodation, including on non-partners Longer validity of trip credits

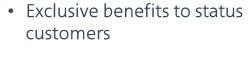
The new AAdvantage®: Life is better as an AAdvantage® member

2H 2024 2025+

1H 2024

- Expand cash and miles redemption for vacations, events and experiences
- Superior redemption benefits for status customers
- Exclusive access to premium content for status customers

- Simplest way to earn miles
- Best value for redeeming miles
- Unique and unmatched benefits

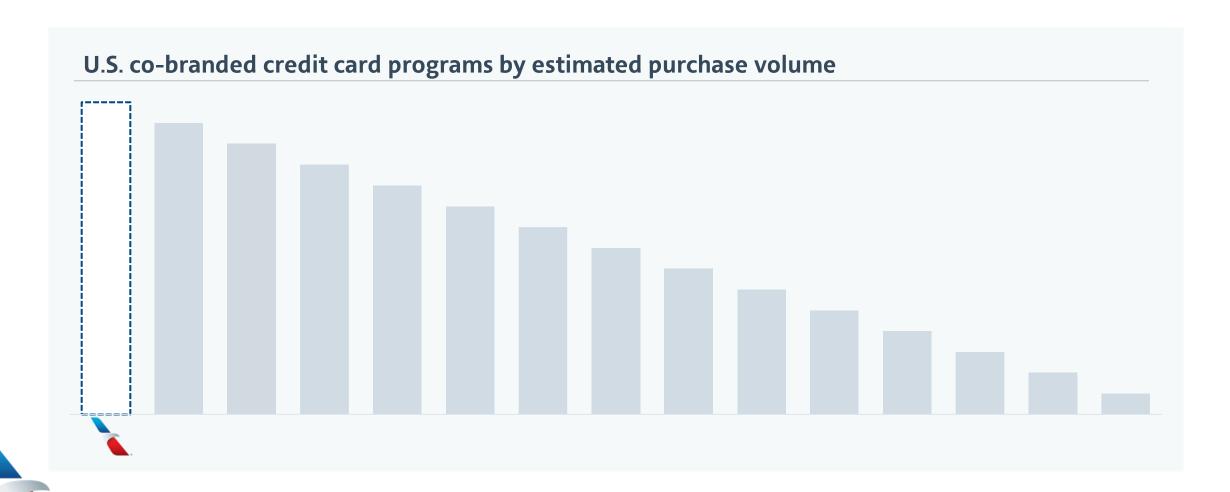


• Earn more miles more easily

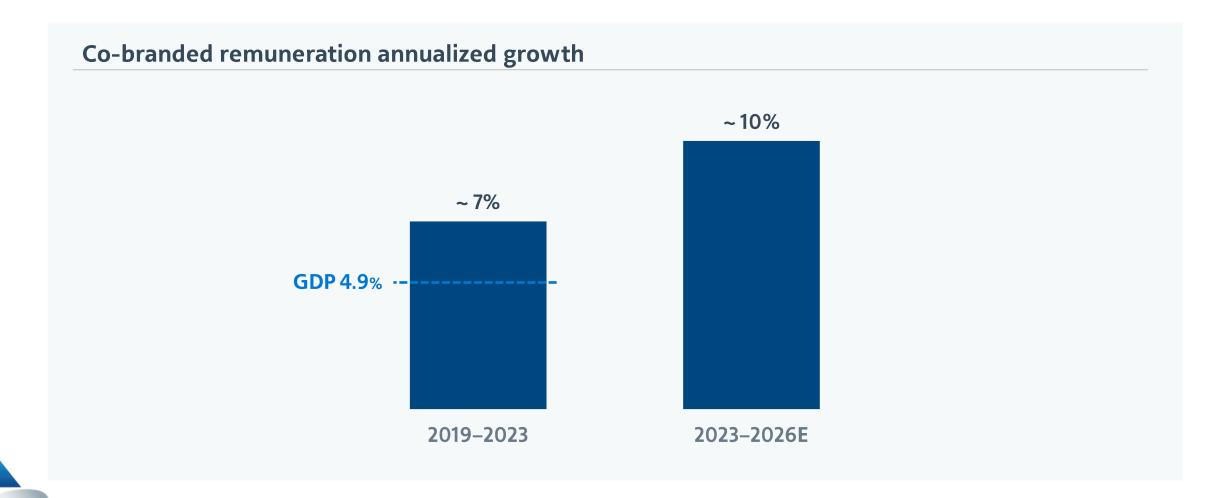
• Expanded redemption benefits

than ever before

The new AAdvantage®: Creating the largest card program with the best rewards network



Our new card program will drive value at a greater rate than it does today



Building the best travel rewards program



80% of our revenues¹ come from customers who demand quality travel experiences rather than the cheapest fare



AAdvantage® satisfies this demand by **rewarding customers who spend on higher-value products and services** in exchange for unique and unmatched travel benefits



We are re-imagining AAdvantage® to compound the value created from our network



To deliver this value creation we will **simplify AAdvantage**®, **expand benefits and recommercialize our co-branded credit cards and other partnerships**

Grow value for customers and investors



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American growing value for our customers and investors

Competitively advantaged short-haul network and air partnerships

Sustainable long-haul network growth

Re-imagined and competitively unique travel rewards program

Industry-leading revenue growth that is durable across the business cycle



Compelling value-creating drivers



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Operational excellence

Strong, reliable operation



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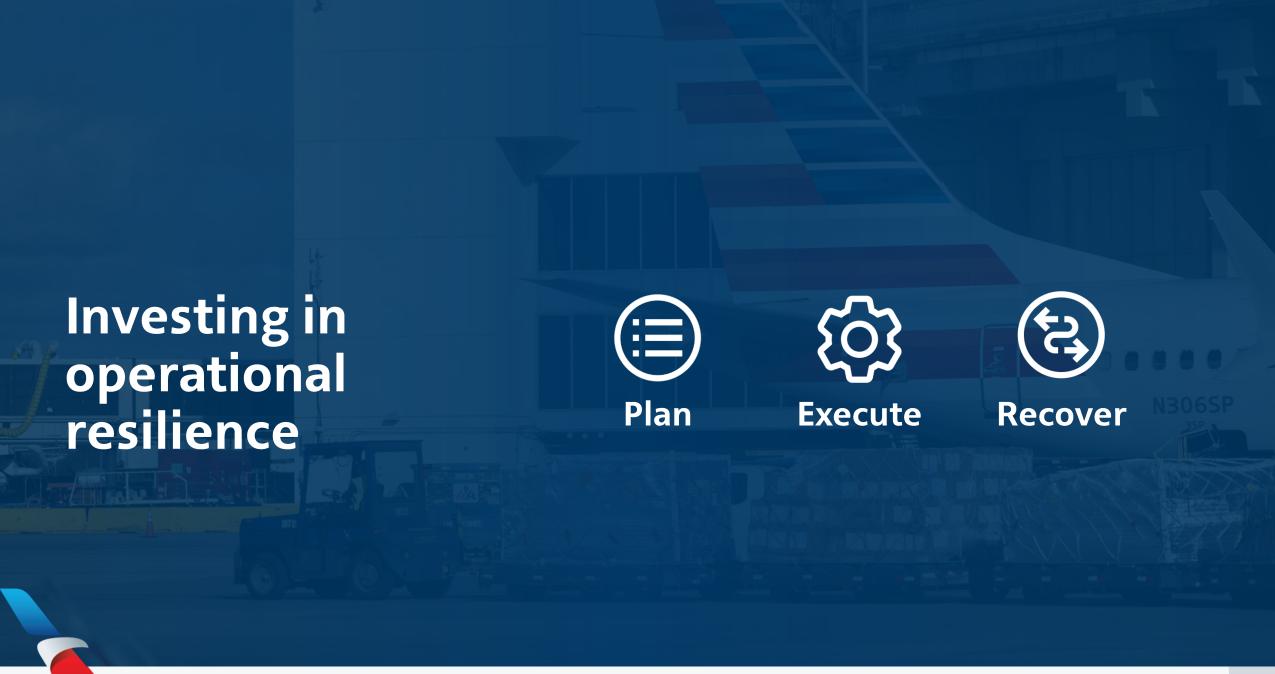
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Asset utilization, productivity, procurement

Margin expansion

Long-term free cash flow generation





A strong operational foundation











Source: Representative internal data.

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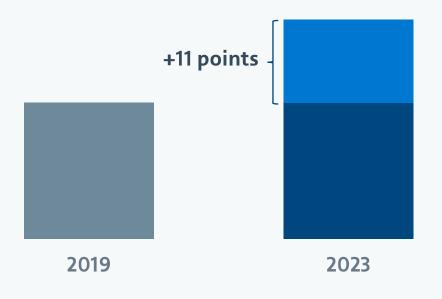




Our customers are noticing

Net Promoter Score

2023 vs 2019



Driving further efficiencies



Workforce and schedule planning



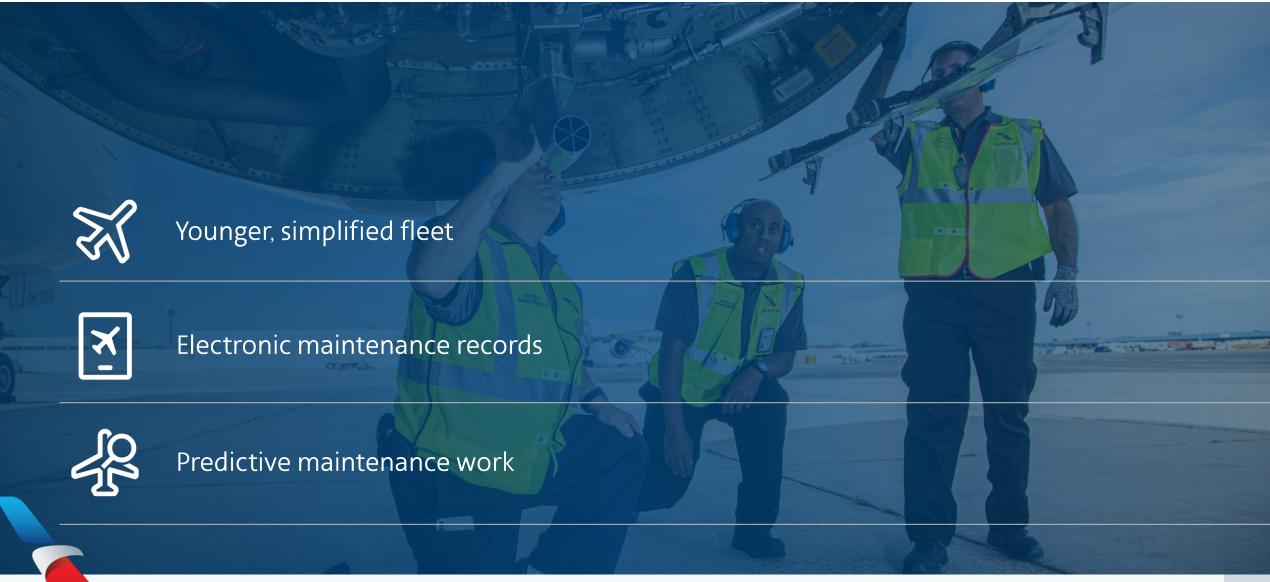
Asset utilization



Decision support tools



Improved utilization of our assets





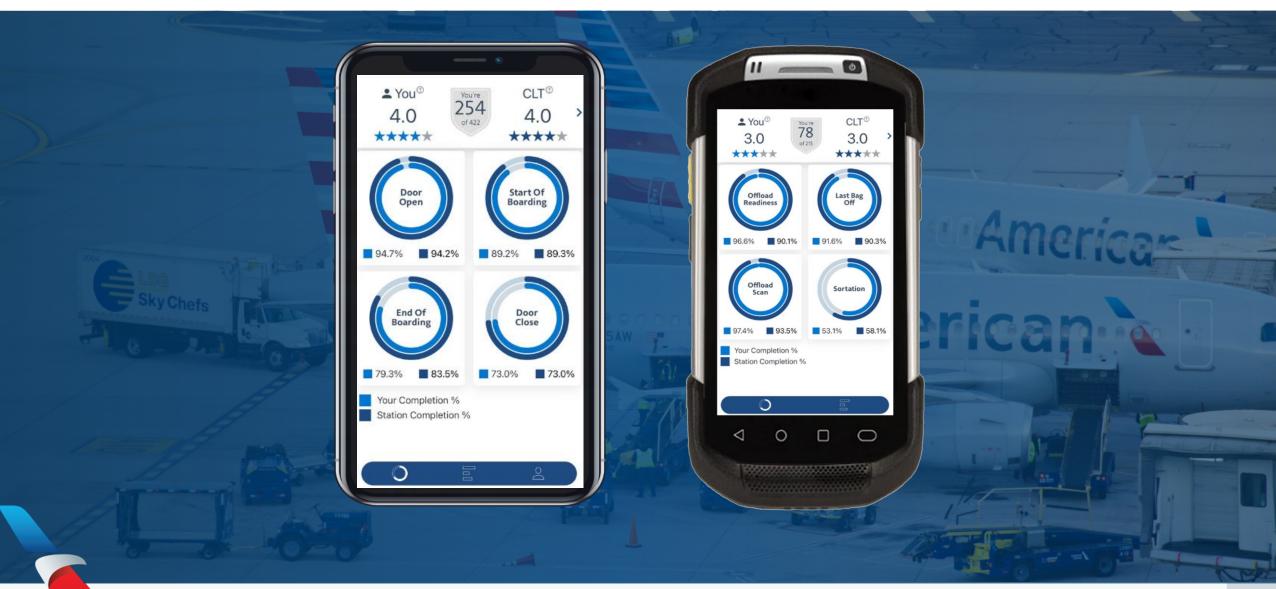
Using technology and big data to solve optimally



Mastering the turn

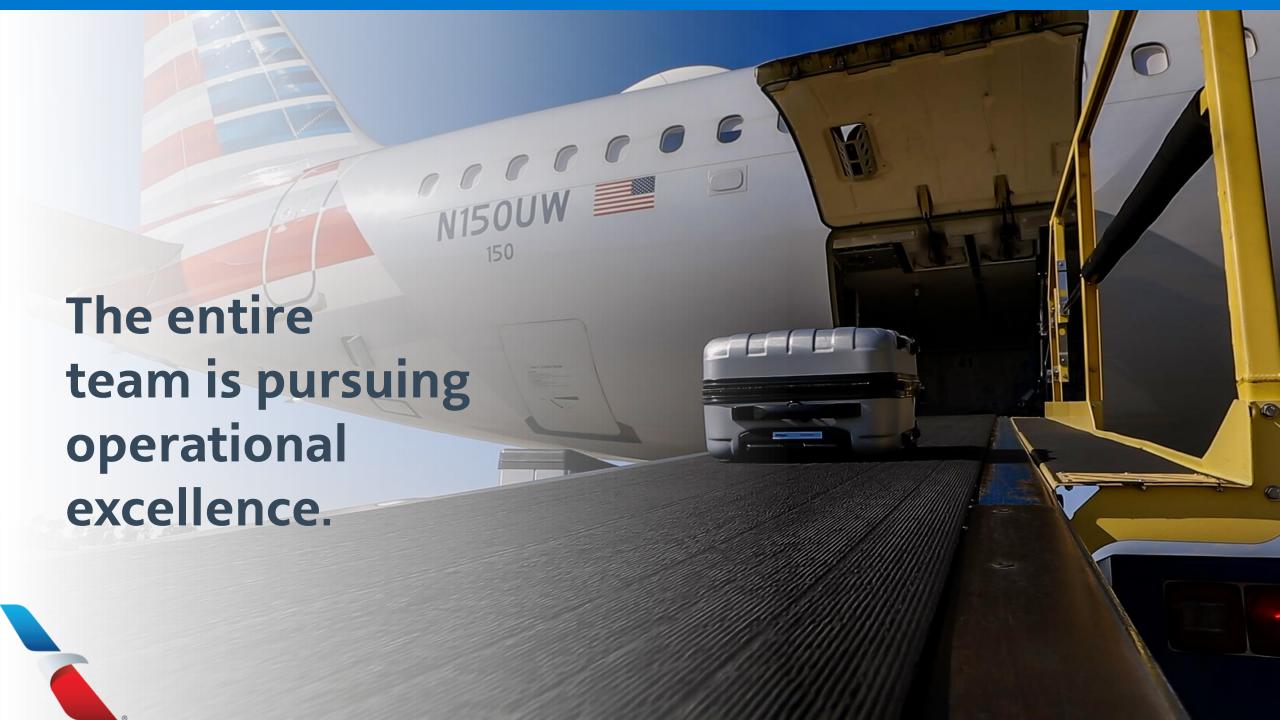


Visibility into performance



Using technology and big data to solve optimally







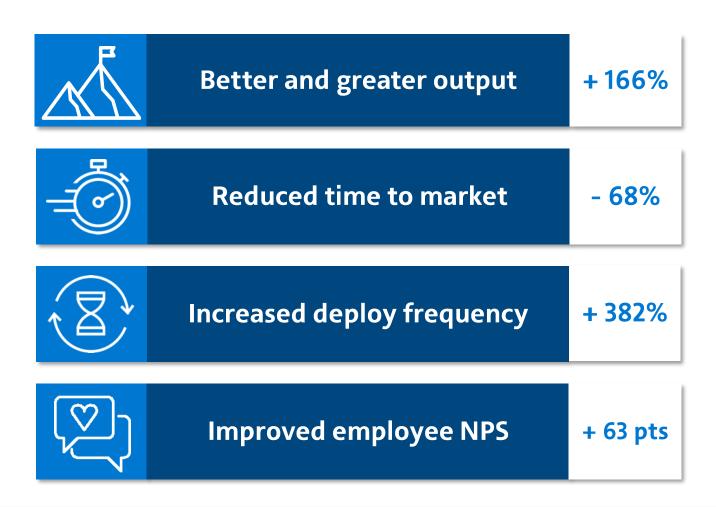
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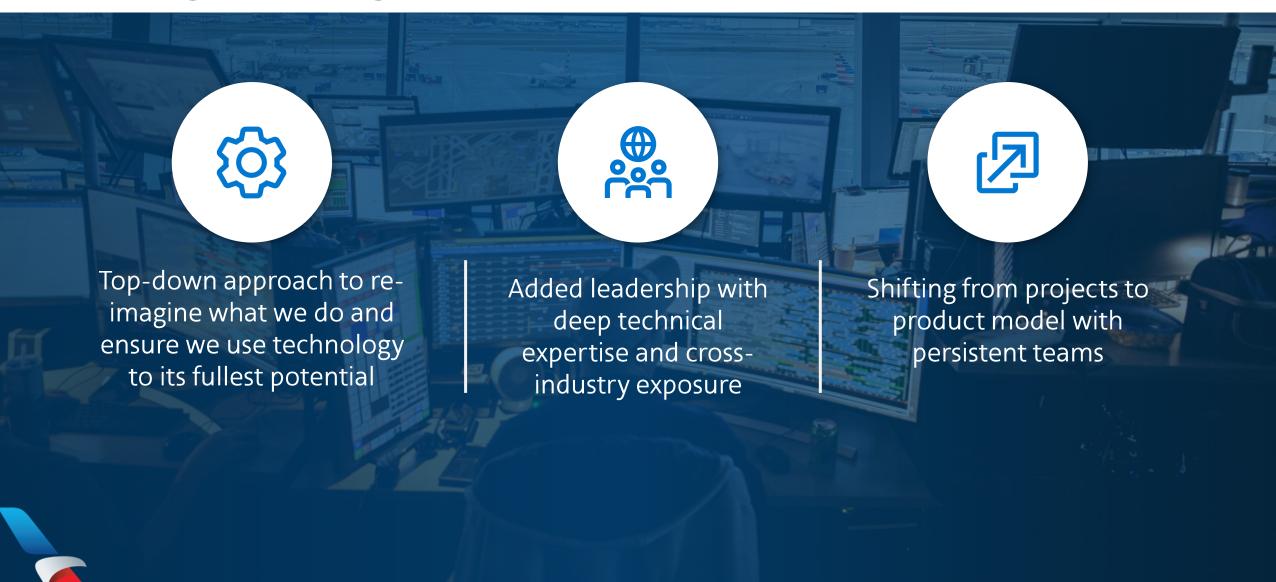
Bringing experience of tech transformation to American

Better, faster, happier and > 100% ROI over three years





Driving to an organization wide tech-first mindset



Leveraging technology to enable the strategy and reengineer the airline

Smart Gating

- Launched in November 2021 and developed in-house at American
- Uses real-time flight data and machine learning to improve performance
- Helps shorten taxi times by 17 hours/day and saves >1.4M gallons of fuel/year



- Launched in April 2022 and developed in-house at American
- Adjusts operations during major weather events
- Prevented more than 1,000 cancellations since launch

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eAML: Electronic Aircraft Maintenance Log

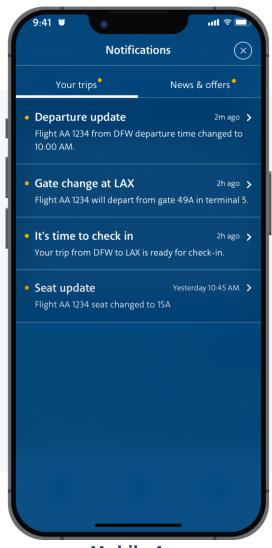


- Developed in-house at American
- Digital replacement of an aircraft's physical maintenance logbook, utilizing best-in-class satellite Wi-Fi
- Less customer disruption and higher NPS due to fewer delays and higher completion factor

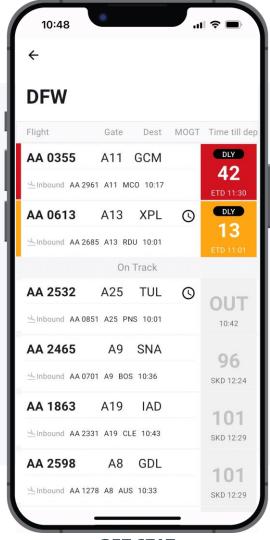
Leveraging technology to enable the strategy and

reengineer the airline

- Simpler, more intuitive user interface for customers and team members
- Microservices, platforms and cloud hosting to enable scalability
- Agile development and delivery mindset



Mobile AppCustomer notifications



GET STATSituational Turn Awareness Tool

Technology is driving efficiencies and delivering best-in-class products



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Launching industry-leading digital products with higher levels of personalization, resiliency and security





Fostering accountability and high-performing teams



Introduction and joining American



Hiring: The right talent in the right place



Culture of performance and accountability



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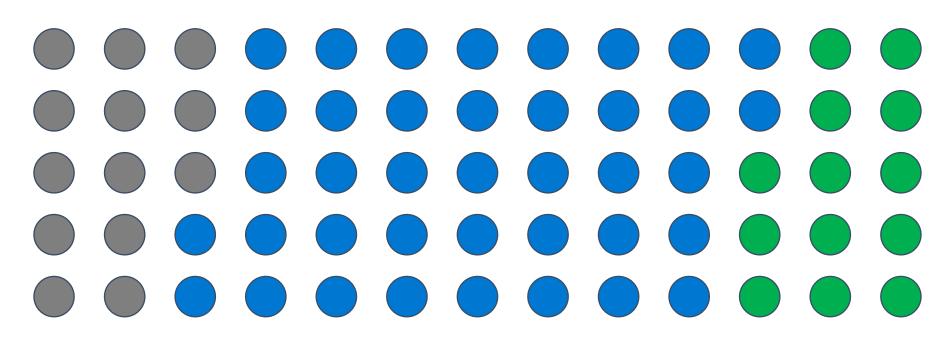


Culture of performance and accountability





Officer team







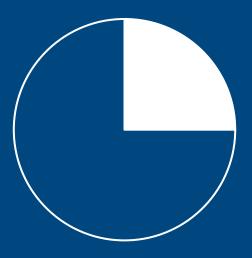


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Source: Internal data.

We continue to attract talent for roles across the airline



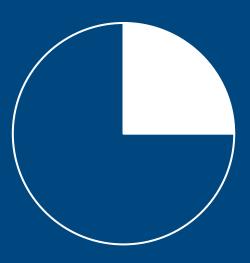


Since the pandemic, **25%** of the team is new to American.

In the past 18 months, we hired more than **40,000** team members across the workgroups representing the airline.

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In the past 18 months, we brought on more than **40,000** team members, including:

- 4,200 Pilots
- 2,300 Dispatchers and Technical Operations

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Introduction and joining American



Hiring: The right talent in the right place



Culture of performance and accountability



Fostering accountability and high-performing teams



- Revamped our talent, planning and performance management processes
- More rigorous approach to assess, select, hire, promote and reward talent





A culture of performance and accountability



Winning for our stakeholders



Right talent in the right place



Unleash and empower team members



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Fleet transformation: 2014-2022

- 630 new deliveries and 580 retirements
- Largest reconfiguration program in aviation history
 - 505 aircraft
 - Added premium seats
 - Optimized configuration
 - Wi-Fi, large bins
- Result is incredibly consistent and efficient fleet



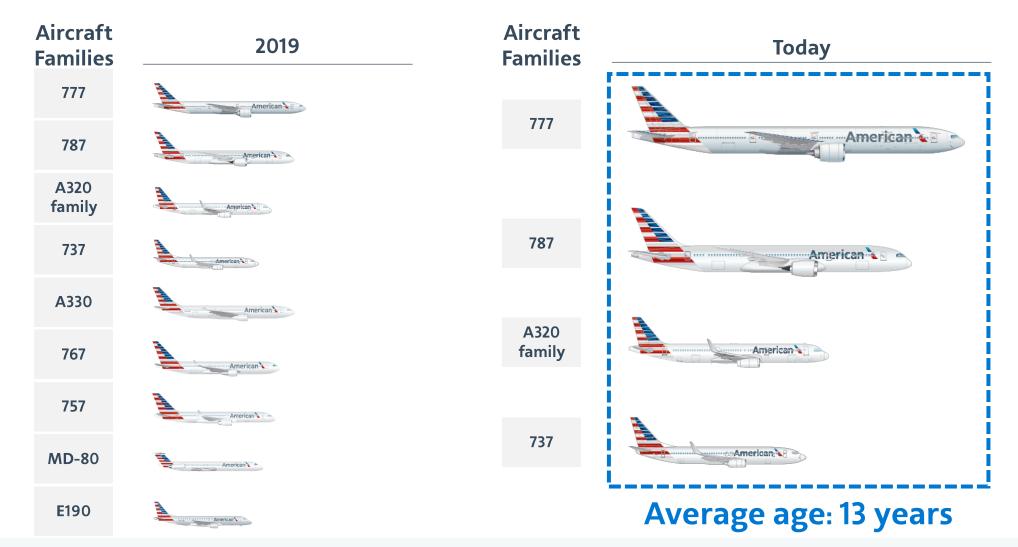
Fleet simplification

Prior to simplification, American operated nine different fleet types



Fleet simplification

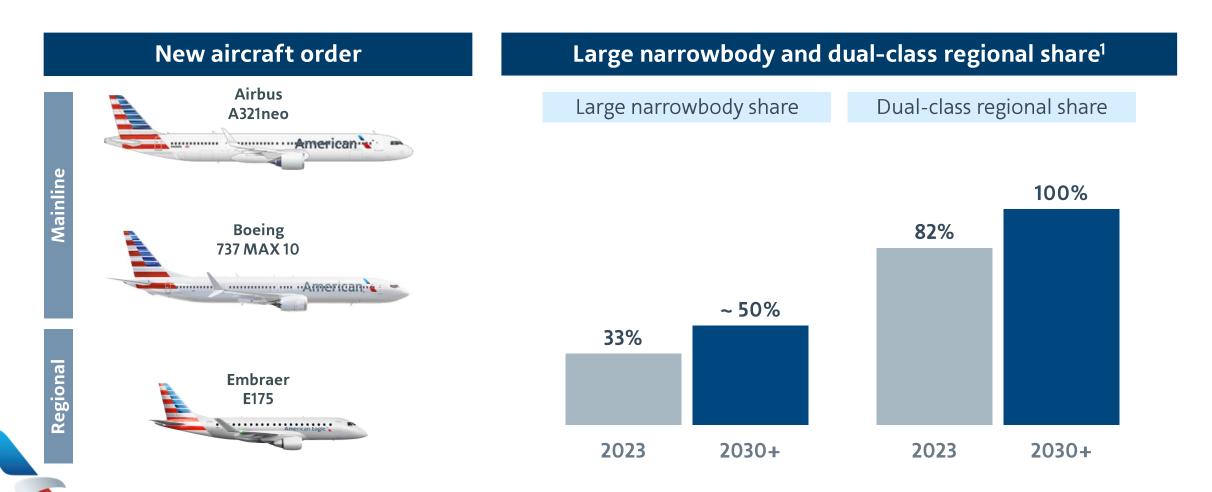
Mainline fleet reduced to four aircraft families



Order supports gauge and premium growth

New aircraft order for 85 Airbus A321neo, 85 Boeing 737 MAX 10 and 90 Embraer E175

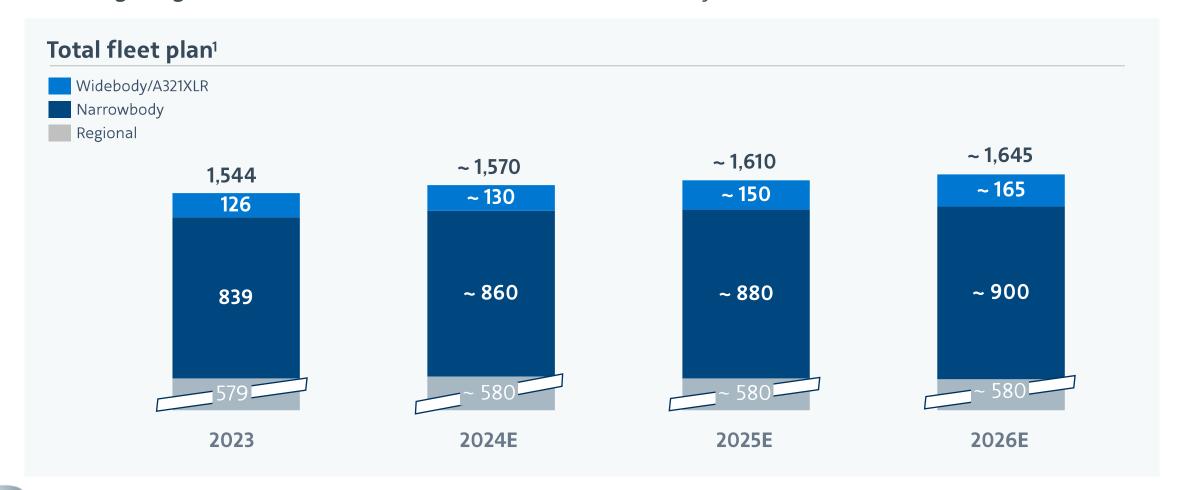
Smooths deliveries and aircraft capex over the decade (\$3-\$3.5B)



Fleet plan enables flexibility

No mainline retirements required through 2030

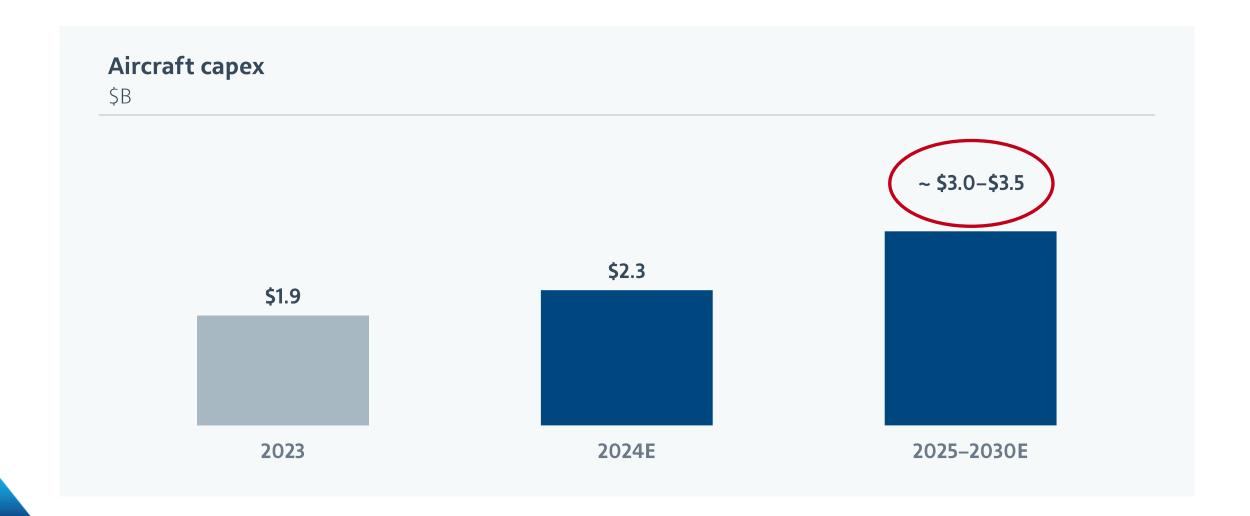
Focus on larger regional aircraft will continue to drive network connectivity



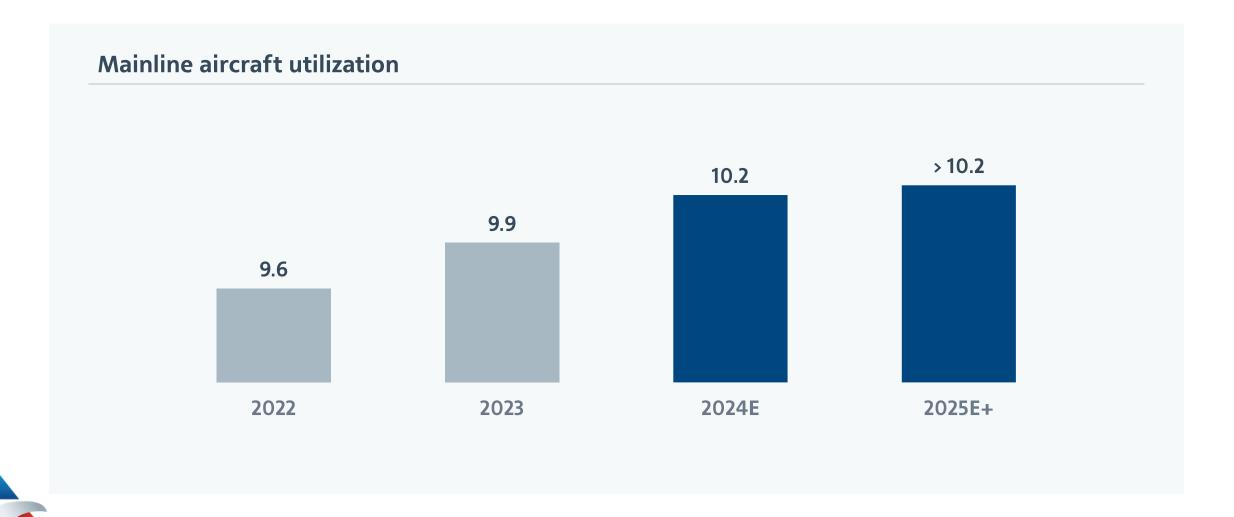
^{1.} Fleet counts at year end. 2023 regional count is inclusive of 23 regional aircraft planned to return to service in 2024. Delivery schedule represents our best estimate as of the date of this presentation. Actual delivery dates are subject to change, which could be material based on various potential factors including production delays by the manufacturer and regulatory concerns.

Source: Internal data.

Modest aircraft capex requirements

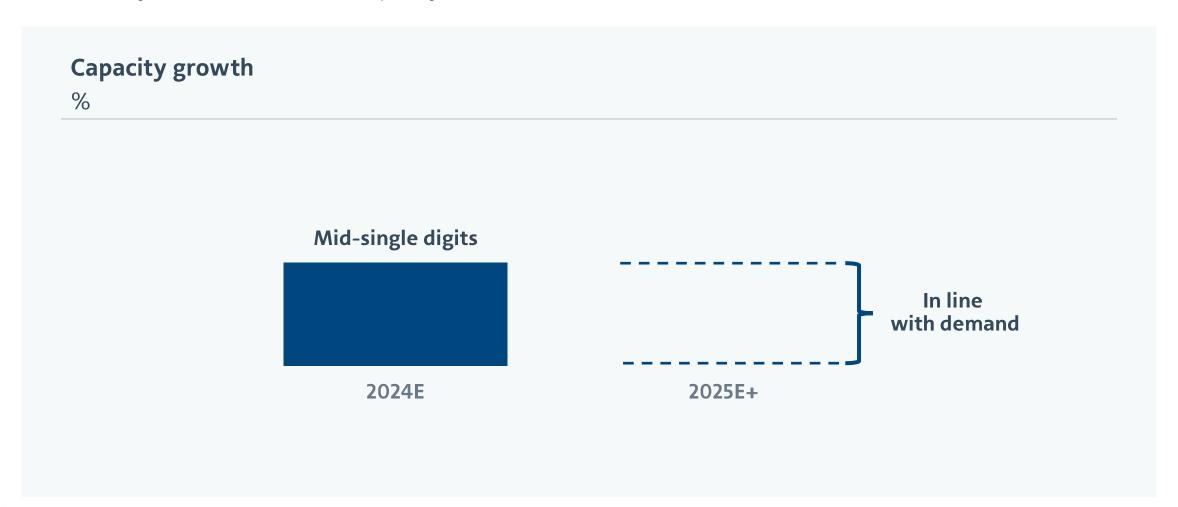


Optimized fleet and strong operation allows for improved aircraft utilization



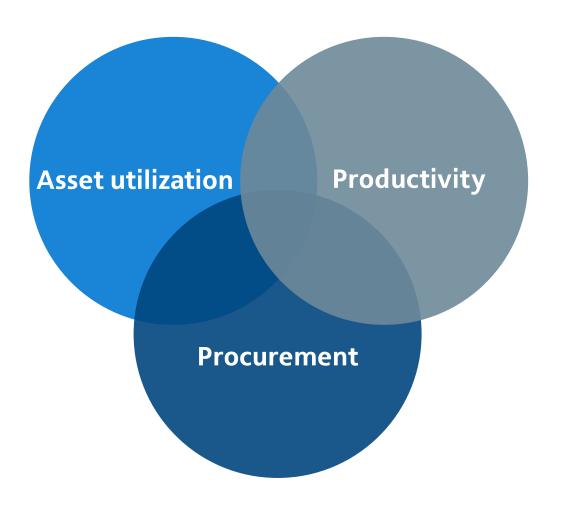
Capacity expectations

Fleet flexibility allows us to match capacity with demand





Reengineering the business targets over \$1B in run-rate savings



Improve asset utilization

Full supportability of the regional fleet

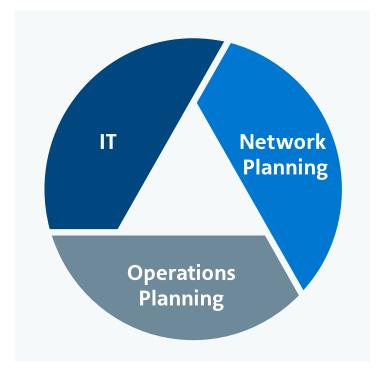
Regional aircraft underutilized

2023 2024E 2025E 2026E

Increase productive aircraft counts



Network efficiency



Enhancing productivity



Modern
planning
scheduling
tools



Onboarding & training



Day-of optimization



Individual data & accountability

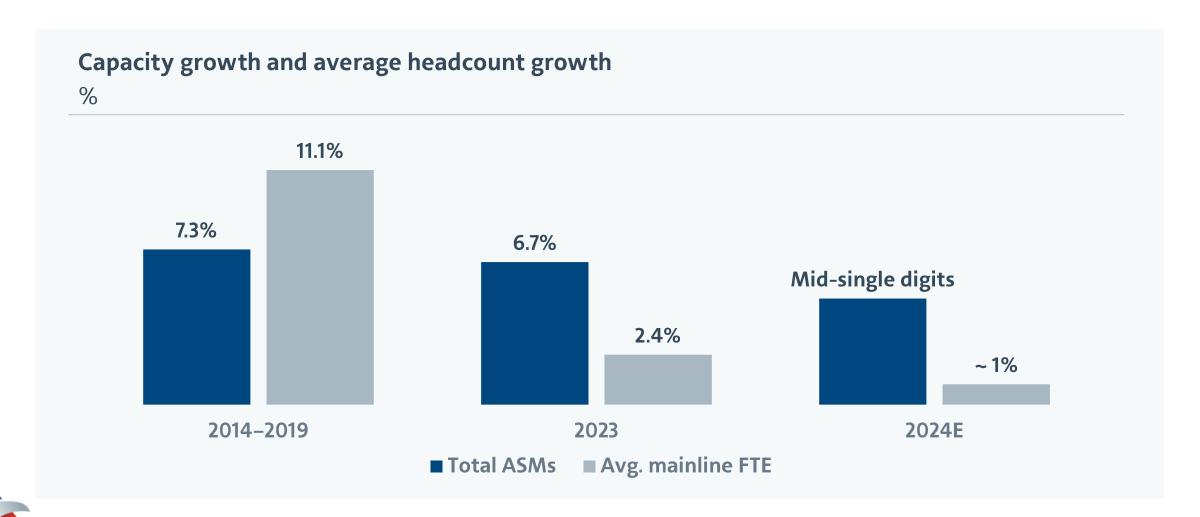


Self-service tools

Underpinned by modern technology and streamlined processes

Growing efficiently and enhancing productivity

New tools and processes enable efficient and productive growth to drive unit cost improvement



Transforming procurement

Our focus



Modernize procurement operating model



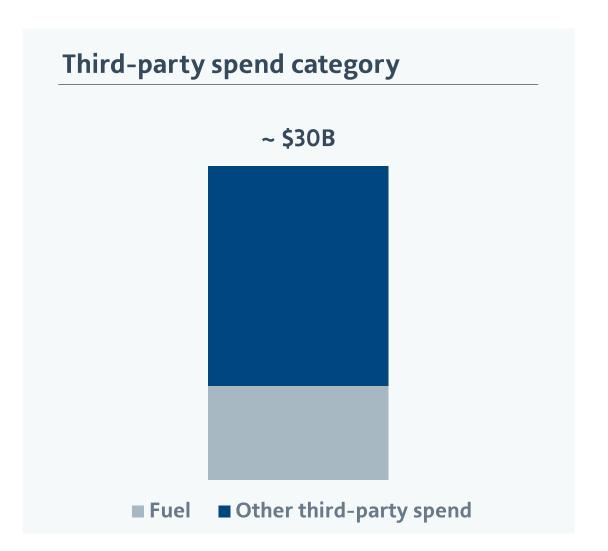
Strategic category management



Improve net working capital



Digital automation

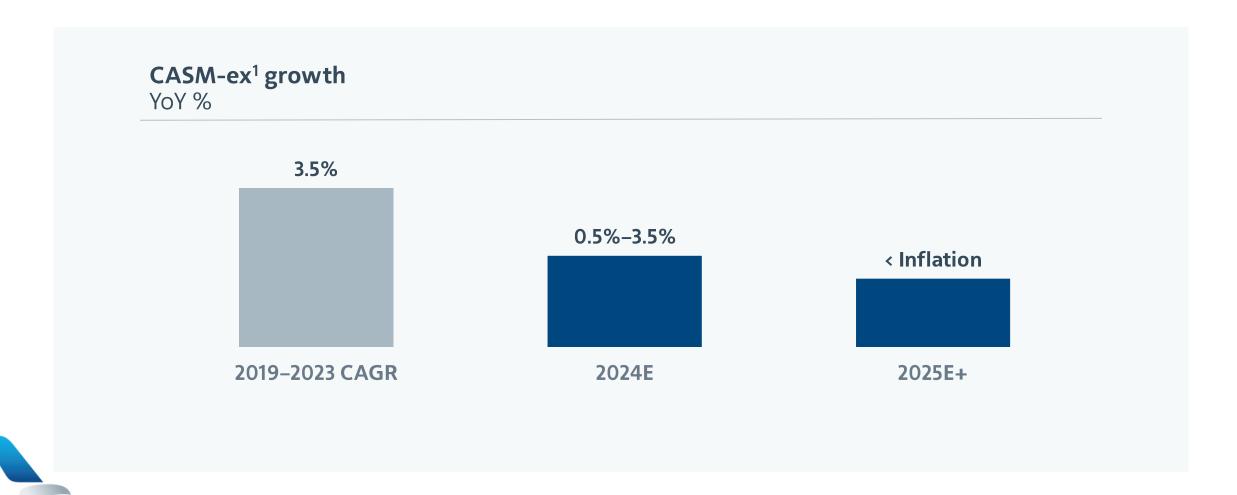


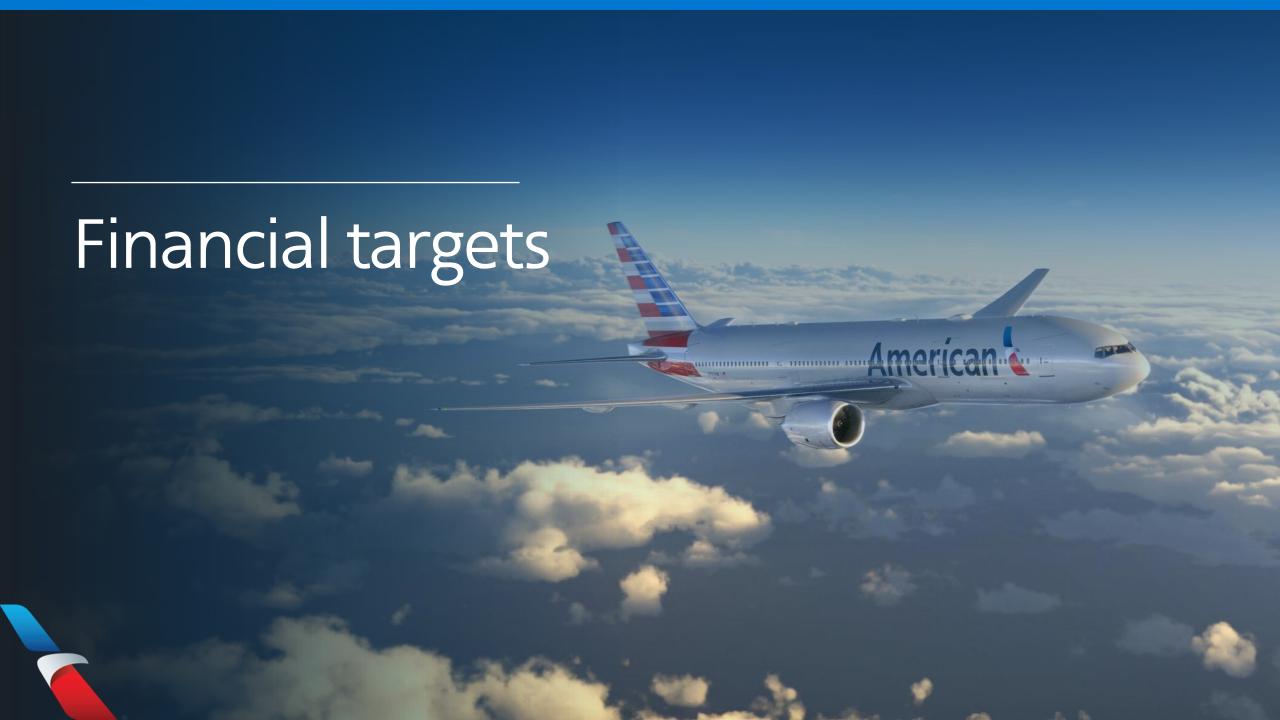
Best-in-class unit cost performance

Focus on cost control and fleet-related efficiencies has resulted in the lowest unit cost growth among network carriers



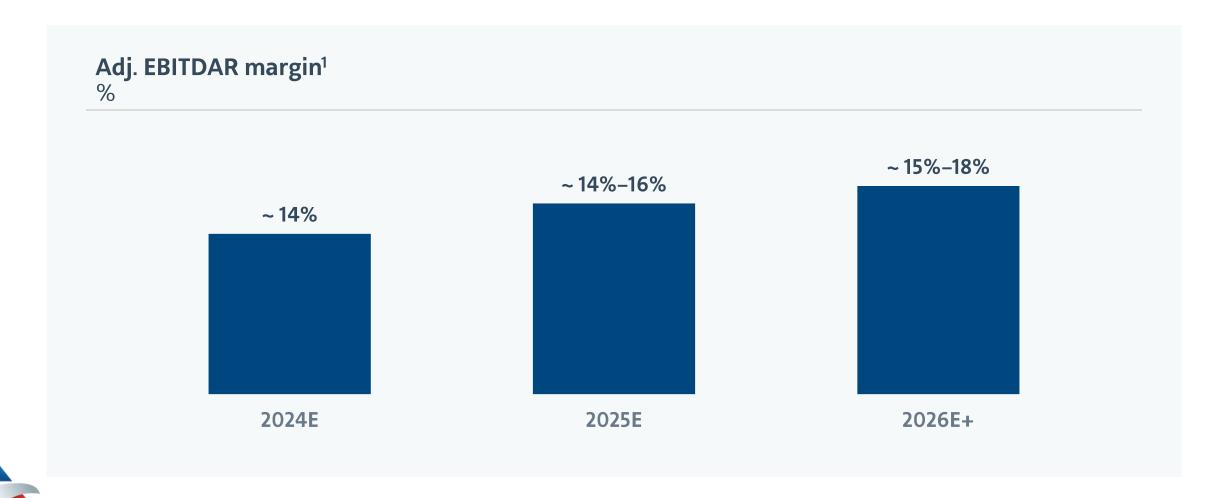
CASM-ex inside inflation





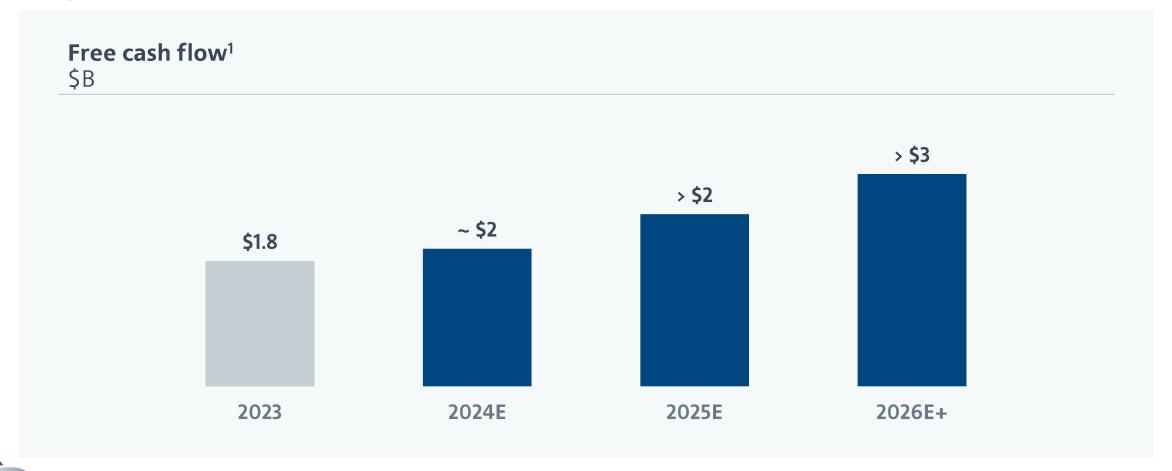
Adj. EBITDAR margin expansion

We expect to expand margins with continued operational outperformance, commercial innovation and unit cost efficiency



Free cash flow generation

Earnings targets coupled with moderate capex profile are expected to result in FCF of at least \$2B per year through 2025



Balance sheet strengthening

Total debt reduced by \sim \$11.4 billion¹ from peak levels and have achieved over 75% of our \$15 billion debt reduction goal²



¹ As of Docombor 31 2023

^{2.} Goal to reduce total debt from peak levels in 2Q 2021 by \$15 billion by YE 2025.

3. Total debt includes debt, finance and operating lease liabilities and pension obligations.

Financial targets

	2024E	2025E	2026E+
Adj. EBITDAR margin ¹	~ 14%	~ 14%–16%	~ 15%–18%
Free cash flow ²	~ \$2B	> \$2B	> \$3B
Total debt ³	~ \$41B	~ \$39B	< \$35B



Note: The Company is unable to fully reconcile certain forward-looking guidance to the corresponding GAAP measure because the full nature and amount of net special items cannot be determined at this time.

1. Adjusted EBITDAR margin is a non-GAAP measure. Adjusted EBITDAR is defined as earnings excluding the impact of net special items before net interest and other nonoperating expenses, taxes, depreciation, amortization and aircraft rent.

2. Adjusted free cash flow is a non-GAAP measure. Adjusted free cash flow is defined as net cash provided by operating activities less net cash used in investing activities, adjusted for (1) net sales of short-term investments and (2) change in restricted cash.

3. Total debt includes debt, finance and operating lease liabilities and pension obligations.

American is well-positioned to create value





Fleet





Network



Rewards

Focused execution



Operational excellence



Reengineering the business

Margin expansion

Long-term free cash flow generation



GAAP to non-GAAP reconciliation

The Company sometimes uses financial measures that are derived from the condensed consolidated financial statements or otherwise provided in the form of guidance but that are not presented in accordance with GAAP to understand and evaluate its current operating performance and to allow for period-to-period comparisons. The Company believes these non-GAAP financial measures may also provide useful information to investors and others. These non-GAAP measures may not be comparable to similarly titled non-GAAP measures of other companies, and should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for or superior to, any measure of performance, cash flow or liquidity prepared in accordance with GAAP. The Company is providing a reconciliation of reported non-GAAP financial measures to their comparable financial measures on a GAAP basis. The tables below present the reconciliation of pre-tax income (loss) (GAAP measure) to pre-tax income (loss) excluding net special items (non-GAAP measure) and total operating costs per ASM (CASM) to CASM excluding net special items, fuel and profit sharing to evaluate the Company's current operating performance and to allow for period-to-period comparisons. Net special items may vary from period-to-period in nature and amount. The price of fuel, over which the Company has no control, impacts the comparability of period-to-period financial performance. Excluding profit sharing allows a more meaningful comparison of the Company's core operating costs to the airline industry. These adjustments provide an additional tool to understand and analyze the Company's non-fuel costs and core operating performance.

	12 Months Ended December 31,									
Reconciliation of Pre-Tax Income (Loss) Excluding Net Special Items	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
					(in mi	llions)				
Pre-tax income (loss) as reported	\$	2,256	\$	(11,453)	\$	(2,548)	\$	186	\$	1,121
Pre-tax net special items:										
Mainline operating special items, net (1)		635		(657)		(4,006)		193		971
Regional operating special items, net (2)		6		(309)		(449)		5		8
Nonoperating special items, net (3)		3		170		60		74		362
Total pre-tax net special items		644		(796)		(4,395)		272		1,341
Pre-tax income (loss) excluding net special items	\$	2,900	\$	(12,249)	\$	(6,943)	\$	458	\$	2,462

	12 Months Ended Dec			
Reconciliation of CASM Excluding Net Special Items, Fuel and Profit Sharing	2019	2023	CAGR 2019 to 2023	
	(in cents)			
Total operating expenses per ASM as reported	14.98	17.92		
Mainline operating special items, net (1)	(0.22)	(0.35)		
Regional operating special items, net (2)	-	-		
Aircraft fuel and related taxes	(3.30)	(4.41)		
Profit sharing	(0.07)	(0.09)		
Total operating expenses per ASM excluding net special items, fuel and profit sharing	11.38	13.05	3.5%	

Note: Amounts may not recalculate due to rounding.

GAAP to non-GAAP reconciliation

Footnotes:

(1) The 2019 twelve month period mainline operating special items, net principally included \$271 million of fleet restructuring expenses, a \$213 million non-cash impairment charge principally related to the retirement of the Company's Embraer E190 fleet and \$191 million of merger integration expenses, offset in part by a \$53 million credit to reduce certain litigation reserves.

The 2020 twelve month period mainline operating special items, net principally included \$3.7 billion of Payroll Support Program (PSP) financial assistance, offset in part by \$1.5 billion of fleet impairment charges, \$1.4 billion of salary and medical costs primarily associated with certain team members who opted into voluntary early retirement programs offered as a result of reductions to the CowID-19 pandemic and \$228 million of one-time labor contract expenses due to the ratification of a new contract with the Company's maintenance and fleet service team members, including signing bonuses and adjustments to vacation accruals resulting from pay rate increases. Fleet impairment charges resulted from the retirement of certain aircraft earlier than planned driven by the severe decline in air travel due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2021 twelve month period mainline operating special items, net principally included \$4.2 billion of PSP financial assistance, offset in part by \$168 million of salary and medical costs primarily associated with certain team members who opted into voluntary early retirement programs offered as a result of reductions to the CovID-19 pandemic.

The 2022 twelve month period mainline operating special items, net principally included a non-cash impairment charge to write down the carrying value of the Company's retired Airbus A330 fleet to the estimated fair value due to the market conditions for certain used aircraft. The Company retired its Airbus A330 fleet in 2020 as a result of the severe decline in demand for air travel due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2023 twelve month period mainline operating special items, net principally included \$989 million of one-time charges resulting from the ratification of a new collective bargaining agreement with our mainline pilots, including a one-time payment of \$754 million as well as adjustments to other benefit-related items of \$235 million.

(2) The 2020 twelve month period regional operating special items, net included \$444 million of PSP financial assistance, offset in part by a \$117 million non-cash charge to write down regional aircraft and spare parts associated with certain Embraer 140 and Bombardier CRJ200 aircraft, which were retired as a result of the severe decline in air travel due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2021 twelve month period regional operating special items, net principally included \$539 million of PSP financial assistance, offset in part by a \$61 million charge associated with the regional pilot retention program which provides for, among other things, a cash retention bonus paid in the fourth quarter of 2021 to eligible captains at the wholly owned regional airlines included on the pilot seniority list as of September 1, 2021 and a \$27 million non-cash charge to write down regional aircraft resulting from the retirement of the remaining Embraer 140 fleet earlier than planned.

(3) Principally included charges associated with debt refinancings and extinguishments as well as mark-to-market net unrealized gains and losses associated with certain equity investments and treasury rate lock derivative instruments.

GAAP to non-GAAP reconciliation

Adjusted net cash used in investing activities

The Company's free cash flow summary is presented in the table below, which is a non-GAAP measure that management believes is useful information to investors and others in evaluating the Company's ability to generate cash from its core operating performance that is available for use to reinvest in the business or to reduce debt. The Company defines free cash flows as net cash provided by operating activities less net cash used in investing activities, adjusted for (1) net sales of short-term investments and (2) change in restricted cash. We believe that calculating free cash flow as adjusted for these items is more useful for investors because short-term investment activity and restricted cash are not representative of activity core to our operations.

This non-GAAP measure may not be comparable to similarly titled non-GAAP measures of other companies, and should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for or superior to, any measure of performance, cash flow or liquidity prepared in accordance with GAAP. Our calculation of free cash flow is not intended, and should not be used, to measure the residual cash flow available for discretionary expenditures because, among other things, it excludes mandatory debt service requirements and certain other non-discretionary expenditures.

Reconciliation of Free Cash Flow	(ir	(in millions)	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	3,803	
Adjusted net cash used in investing activities (1)		(1,997)	
Free cash flow	\$	1,806	
(1) The following table provides a reconciliation of adjusted net cash used in investing activities for the year ended December 31, 2023 (in millions):			
Net cash used in investing activities Adjustments:	\$	(502)	
Net sales of short-term investments		(1,538)	
Decrease in restricted cash		43	

Year Ended December 31, 2023

(1,997)