# **American Airlines Group Inc.** Baird's 2019 Global Industrial Conference

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Doug Parker Chairman and CEO

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## Focused on Delivering Value for Shareholders

- 3Q19 pre-tax income:<sup>1</sup> \$835 million, up 16% vs. 3Q18
- 3Q19 earnings per diluted share:<sup>1</sup> \$1.42, up 20% vs. 3Q18
- Returned \$935 million to shareholders in stock repurchases and dividends through 3Q19 and more than \$13 billion since 2014
- But, 2019 should have been much better for American...
  - MAX fleet grounding impacted earnings by estimated \$540 million in 2019
  - Summer operations impacted by negotiations
- Excited about value creation prospects in 2020 and beyond







1/ Excludes net special items. Please refer to the Company's GAAP to Non-GAAP reconciliation in the appendix.

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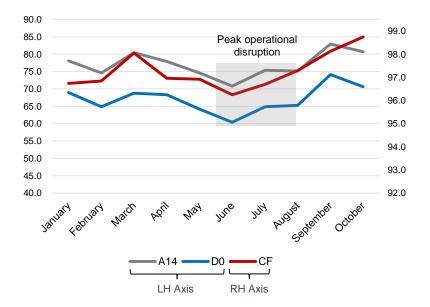
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### **Return to Operational Excellence**

- Committed to returning to operational excellence in 2020
- Improvement over the summer, gives us confidence we are on the right path
  - On-time Arrivals: Sept. was best since Nov. 2017 and 7th best in history
  - Completion Factor: Oct. was best since Nov. 2017 and 7th best in history
- Continuing to focus on improving our operations

AA System Operational Performance<sup>1</sup> 2019 YTD



1/ American Airlines Group DOT reported data for arrivals within 14 minutes, on-time departures, and percentage of completed flights.

## Planning for Operational Excellence

- Labor agreement with Ramp and Mechanic team members
- Operational improvements focused on three key areas:
  - Aircraft availability
  - Turn management
  - Operations Management
- We are implementing a coordinated fleet improvement plan that will drive operational excellence



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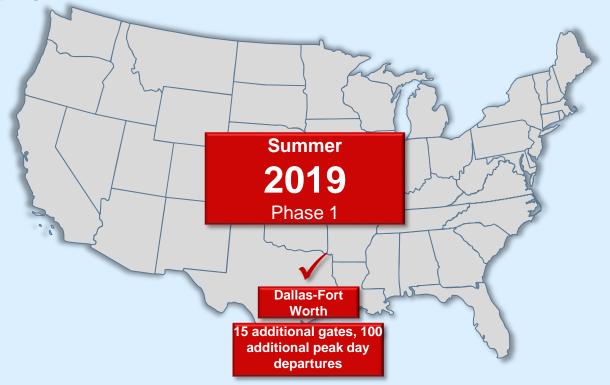
- Expect to grow network by ~5% in 2020
- Capacity growth in 2020 will be low cost and efficient:
  - 737 MAX grounding costs already in the business
  - Additional gates at most profitable hubs
  - Standardized cabins on narrowbody aircraft and upgauged fleet creates growth with low marginal costs
  - Operational excellence to improve completion factor
- Three year growth plan initiated in 2019 and already creating value



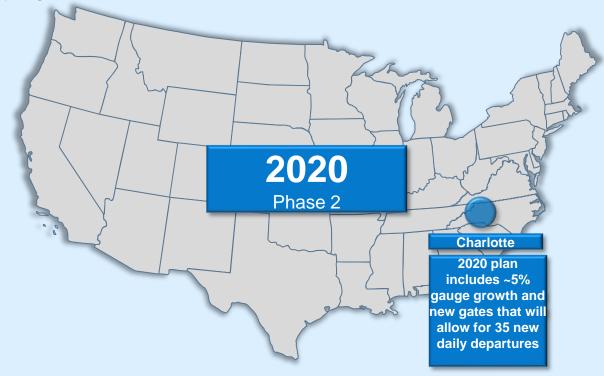




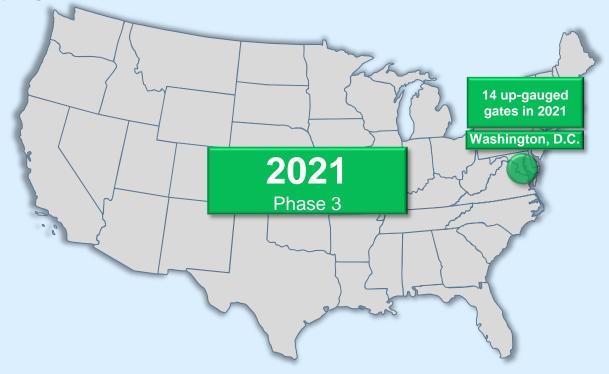
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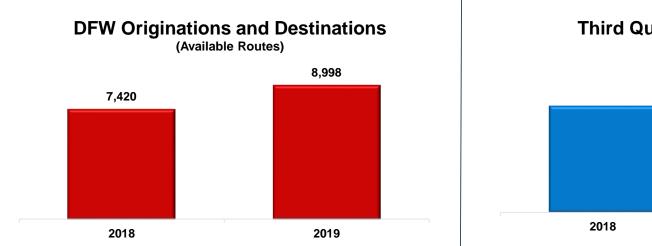


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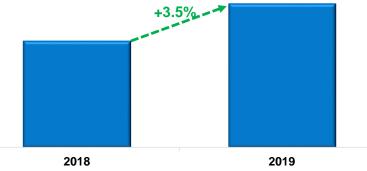


## Hub Growth Plan is Already Delivering Value

- Addition of 100 daily departures to DFW drove network schedule breadth and depth, creating more utility to customers
- 3Q DFW domestic capacity grew by 9% resulting in PRASM growth of 3.5%



Third Quarter DFW PRASM<sup>1</sup>



## Additional Future Revenue Opportunities

#### Initiatives expected to grow revenue and improve earnings



**Cabin standardization** – All Boeing 737s standardized at 172 seats and A321 classics at 190



Load factor initiatives – Closing load factor gap to other airlines in off-peak periods



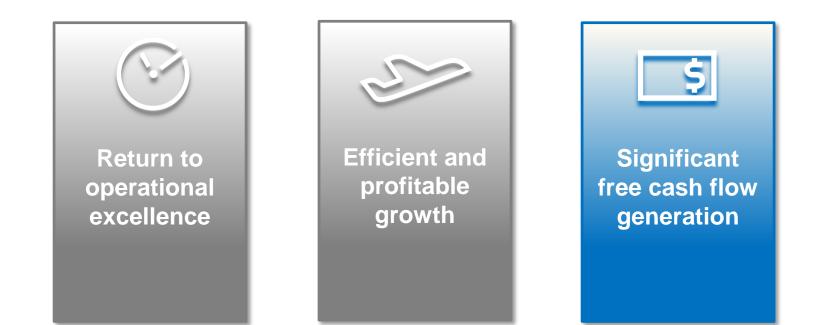
**Instant upsell** – Allows customers to upgrade their seat post-purchase



**Handling oversales** – Auction process will reward customer flexibility, reduce stress at the gate, and drive higher yields

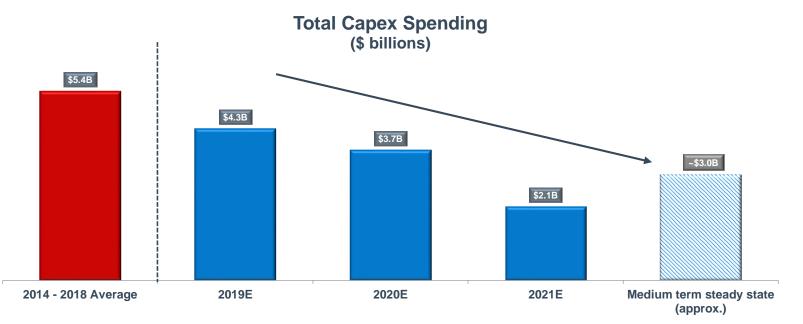
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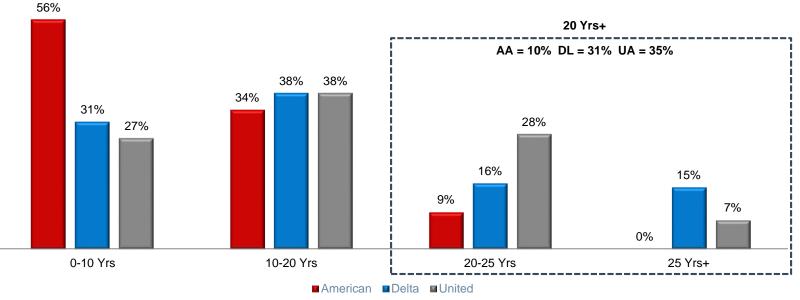
## Significant Free Cash Flow

- Post-merger capex requirements winding down; expect to be much lower starting in 2020
- By the end of 2019, will have invested more than \$30 billion in the airline



## Youngest Fleet of the Network Airlines

- 56% of American's mainline fleet is 10 years old or less
- Future fleet replacement needs are lower than peers

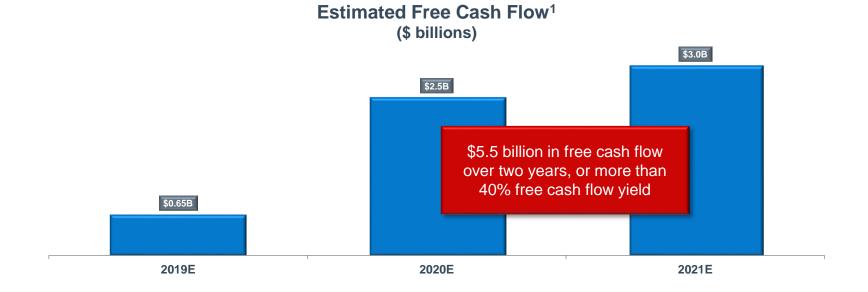


#### Mainline Fleet Breakdown by Age<sup>1</sup>

1/ Source: company filings and Cirium Fleets Analyzer Database. All data as of September 30, 2019

## Significant Free Cash Flow Generation

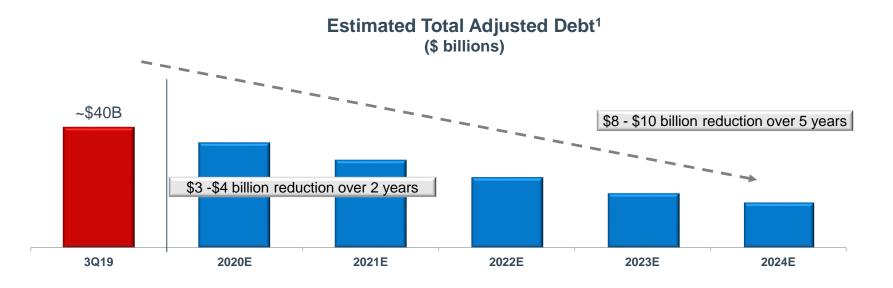
• Lower future capex requirements allow for significant free cash flow in 2020 and beyond, even without growth in earnings



1/ Free Cash Flow defined as operating cash flow minus total capital expenditures plus proceeds from sale leaseback transactions. Earnings constant analysis assumes 2019 net income excluding net special items of approximately \$2.2 billion. Free cash flow yield is total free cash flow divided by current market capitalization.

## Significant Free Cash Flow Allows for Deleveraging

 Total adjusted debt is expected to reduce by \$3 - \$4 billion over the next two years and by \$8 - \$10 billion by 2024



1/ Data based on internal company projections and assumes debt is retired as it comes due. Total Adjusted Debt includes total long-term debt and finance leases, operating lease liabilities, and postretirement benefits.

## Why American?

- To deliver value for our shareholders, in 2020 and 2021 we will:
  - Relentlessly pursue operational excellence
  - Efficiently grow capacity at our most profitable hubs and pursue initiatives to grow revenue
  - Deliver significant free cash flow

## **Questions?**



## GAAP to non-GAAP Reconciliations

Reconciliation of Pre-Tax Income Excluding Net Special Items		3 Months Ended September 30, 2019 2018			
		2019			Change
		(in mi	llions)		
Pre-tax income as reported	\$	557	\$	496	
Pre-tax net special items: Mainline operating special items, net		228		207	
Regional operating special items, net		6		207	
Nonoperating special items, net		44		15	
Total pre-tax net special items		278		224	
Pre-tax income excluding net special items	\$	835	\$	720	16.0%
Calculation of Pre-Tax Margin					
Pre-tax income as reported	s	557	\$	496	
Total operating revenues as reported	\$	11,911	\$	11,559	
Pre-tax margin		4.7%		4.3%	
Calculation of Pre-Tax Margin Excluding Net Special Items					
Pre-tax income excluding net special items	\$	835	\$	720	
Total operating revenues as reported	\$	11,911	\$	11,559	
Pre-tax margin excluding net special items		7.0%		6.2%	
Reconciliation of Net Income Excluding Net Special Items					
Net income as reported Net special items:	\$	425	\$	372	
Total pre-tax net special items		278		224	
Net tax effect of net special items		(73)		(49)	
Net income excluding net special items	\$	630	\$	547	15.2%
Reconciliation of Basic and Diluted Earnings Per Share Excluding Net Special Item	15				
Net income excluding net special items	\$	630	\$	547	
Shares used for computation (in thousands):					
Basic		441,915		460,526	
Diluted		442,401		461,507	
Earnings per share excluding net special items:					
Basic	\$	1.43	\$	1.19	
Diluted	\$	1.42	\$	1.19	20.2%

## **Total Adjusted Debt**

Total Adjusted Debt (\$ billion)	<u>Septem</u> t	September 30, 2019			
Current maturities of long-term debt and finance leases	\$	3.6			
Long-term debt and finance leases, net of current maturities		21.6			
Pension and postretirement benefits		5.6			
Total operating lease liabilities		9.2			
Total Adjusted Debt	\$	40.0			