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Aircastle Announces Second Quarter 2023 Results

Highlights for the Three Months Ended August 31, 2023

- Total revenues of \$168 million and net income of \$6 million
- Adjusted EBITDA⁽¹⁾ of \$152 million
- Acquired 1 Embraer E2 aircraft; total number of new technology aircraft increased 61% compared to second quarter 2022
- Sold six aircraft with an average age of 18 years for a gain on sale of \$4 million.

Liquidity

- Received \$200 million of shareholder equity, the first tranche of a \$500 million commitment. The remaining \$300 million is expected in the first quarter of fiscal 2024
- Issued \$650 million 6.50% unsecured senior notes
- Expanded revolving credit facilities by \$130 million, resulting in total available capacity of \$1.9 billion
- Net debt-to-equity ratio was 2.3 times at August 31, 2023
- Total liquidity as of October 6, 2023 of \$2.8 billion includes \$1.8 billion of undrawn facilities, \$0.6 billion of projected adjusted operating cash flows and sales through October 6, 2024, \$0.3 billion of equity commitments and \$0.1 billion of unrestricted cash
- 201 unencumbered aircraft with a net book value of \$5.2 billion

⁽¹⁾ Refer to the selected financial information accompanying this press release for a reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP numbers.

Mike Inglese, Aircastle's Chief Executive Officer, commented, "Across aviation, demand for narrow-body passenger aircraft exceeds capacity. In the second quarter, IATA reported global domestic passenger traffic exceeding 2019 levels. The extended OEM production delays and maintenance challenges associated with new technology engines has resulted in further demand for current technology aircraft. These overlapping conditions have us optimistic about the sustaining logic of our unique business model."

Mr. Inglese concluded, "Having now received the first \$200 million tranche of our shareholders' \$500 million equity commitment, we're looking forward to expanding our fleet of the most sought-after narrow-body passenger aircraft available. This long-term shareholder commitment, our considerable liquidity position, along with our IG Rating, and Aircastle's experienced team of solutions-focused aviation experts, have us well-poised for the disciplined future growth."

Aviation Assets

As of August 31, 2023, Aircastle owned 239 aircraft and other flight equipment having a net book value of \$6.8 billion. We also manage 9 aircraft with a net book value of \$278 million on behalf of our joint venture with Mizuho Leasing.

Owned Aircraft	Aug	As of ust 31, 2023	Aug	As of ust 31, 2022
Net Book Value of Flight Equipment (\$ mils.)	\$	6,751	\$	6,493
Net Book Value of Unencumbered Flight Equipment (\$ mils.)	\$	5,208	\$	5,447
Number of Aircraft		239		243
Number of Unencumbered Aircraft		201		212
Number of Lessees		73		74
Number of Countries		43		45
Weighted Average Fleet Age (Years) ⁽¹⁾		9.7		10.3
Weighted Average Remaining Lease Term (Years) ⁽¹⁾		5.2		5.0
Weighted Average Fleet Utilization for the three months ended ⁽²⁾		98.3 %		94.9 %
Managed Aircraft on behalf of Joint Ventures				
Net Book Value of Flight Equipment (\$ mils.)	\$	278	\$	292
Number of Aircraft		9		9

^{1.} Weighted by Net Book Value.

Conference Call

In connection with this press release, management will host a conference call on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 9:00 A.M. Eastern Time. All interested parties are welcome to participate on the live call. The conference call can be accessed by dialing 1 (877) 870-4263 (from within the U.S. and Canada) or +1 (412) 317-0790 (outside the U.S. and Canada) ten minutes prior to the scheduled start. Please reference our company name "Aircastle" when prompted by the operator.

^{2.} Aircraft on-lease days as a percent of total days in period weighted by Net Book Value.

A simultaneous webcast of the conference call will be available to the public on a listen-only basis at www.aircastle.com. Please allow extra time prior to the call to visit the site and download the necessary software required to listen to the internet broadcast.

For those who are not available to listen to the live call, a replay will be available on Aircastle's website shortly after the live call.

About Aircastle Limited

Aircastle Limited acquires, leases and sells commercial jet aircraft to airlines throughout the world. As of August 31, 2023, Aircastle owned and managed on behalf of its joint ventures 248 aircraft leased to 74 airline customers located in 43 countries.

Safe Harbor

All statements in this press release, 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 proposed public offering of notes and our ability to acquire, sell, lease or finance aircraft, raise capital, pay dividends, and increase revenues, earnings, EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA 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 forwardlooking 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 press release. 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 Item 1A of Aircastle's most recent Form 10-K and any subsequent filings with the SEC. 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 press release. Aircastle expressly disclaims any obligation to revise or update publicly any forward-looking statement to reflect future events or circumstances.

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

	 August 31, 2023	F	ebruary 28, 2023
	Unaudited)		
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 726,428	\$	231,861
Accounts receivable	11,729		12,855
Flight equipment held for lease, net	6,501,828		6,567,606
Net investment in leases, net	248,734		67,694
Unconsolidated equity method investment	41,367		40,505
Other assets	318,851		346,330
Total assets	\$ 7,848,937	\$	7,266,851
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
LIABILITIES			
Borrowings from secured financings, net	\$ 913,864	\$	752,298
Borrowings from unsecured financings, net	3,991,875		3,842,454
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	211,810		206,473
Lease rentals received in advance	53,486		66,816
Security deposits	62,067		61,734
Maintenance payments	526,589		465,618
Total liabilities	5,759,691		5,395,393
Commitments and Contingencies			
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Preference shares, \$0.01 par value, 50,000,000 shares authorized, 400 (aggregate liquidation preference of \$400,000) shares issued and outstanding at August 31, 2023 and February 28, 2023	_		_
Common shares, \$0.01 par value, 250,000,000 shares authorized, 14,048 shares issued and outstanding at August 31, 2023 and February 28, 2023	_		_
Additional paid-in capital	2,078,774		1,878,774
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	10,472		(7,316)
Total shareholders' equity	2,089,246		1,871,458
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 7,848,937	\$	7,266,851

Aircastle Limited and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Income (Loss) and Comprehensive Income (Loss) (Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended August 31,				Six Months Ended August 31,			
	2023		2022		2023		2022	
Revenues:								
Lease rental revenue	\$ 150,351	\$	146,508	\$	297,086	\$	290,652	
Direct financing and sales-type lease revenue	5,085		2,265		6,158		4,863	
Amortization of lease premiums, discounts and incentives	(7,124)		(5,518)		(14,331)		(10,906)	
Maintenance revenue	15,046		20,114		49,566		47,213	
Total lease revenue	163,358		163,369		338,479		331,822	
Gain on sale of flight equipment	4,453		10,049		47,047		13,736	
Other revenue	145		161		921		3,585	
Total revenues	167,956		173,579		386,447		349,143	
Operating expenses:								
Depreciation	86,328		82,106		175,117		163,424	
Interest, net	57,035		50,587		113,926		100,881	
Selling, general and administrative	18,882		17,393		39,717		37,309	
Provision for credit losses	(834)		109		6,125		689	
Impairment of flight equipment	1,100		33,671		2,197		38,099	
Maintenance and other costs	8,854		5,212		17,387		13,277	
Total operating expenses	171,365		189,078		354,469		353,679	
Other income (expense):								
Loss on extinguishment of debt	_		_		_		(463)	
Other	3,372		2,072		4,709		2,072	
Total other income	3,372		2,072		4,709		1,609	
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes and								
earnings of unconsolidated equity method investment	(37)		(13,427)		36,687		(2,927)	
Income tax provision (benefit)	(5,099)		(4,068)		9,261		(739)	
Earnings of unconsolidated equity method investment, net of tax	456		666		862		1,177	
Net income (loss)	\$ 5,518	\$	(8,693)	\$	28,288	\$	(1,011)	
Preference share dividends	(10,500)		(10,500)		(10,500)		(10,500)	
Net income (loss) available to common shareholders	\$ (4,982)	\$	(19,193)	\$	17,788	\$	(11,511)	
Total comprehensive income (loss) available to common shareholders	\$ (4,982)	\$	(19,193)	\$	17,788	\$	(11,511)	

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

		Six Months Ended August 31.			
		2023		2022	
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net income (loss)	\$	28,288	\$	(1,011)	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash and restricted cash provided by operating activities:					
Depreciation		175,117		163,424	
Amortization of deferred financing costs		8,321		7,095	
Amortization of lease premiums, discounts and incentives		14,331		10,906	
Deferred income taxes		6,179		6,588	
Collections on net investment in leases		1,598		4,016	
Security deposits and maintenance payments included in earnings		(9,895)		(2,133)	
Gain on sale of flight equipment		(47,047)		(13,736)	
Loss on extinguishment of debt				463	
Impairment of flight equipment		2,197		38,099	
Provision for credit losses		6,125		689	
Other		(845)		(1,179)	
Changes in certain assets and liabilities:					
Accounts receivable		1,437		5,808	
Other assets		(9,723)		(8,223)	
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities		(3,833)		(2,284)	
Lease rentals received in advance		14,165		7,094	
Net cash and restricted cash provided by operating activities		186,415		215,616	
<u>Cash flows from investing activities</u> :					
Acquisition and improvement of flight equipment		(379,349)		(372,474)	
Proceeds from sale of flight equipment		126,011		171,065	
Aircraft purchase deposits and progress payments, net of returned deposits and aircraft sales deposits		6,852		4,504	
Other		(4,026)		1,500	
Net cash and restricted cash used in investing activities		(250,512)		(195,405)	
Cash flows from financing activities:		(230,312)		(175,405)	
Proceeds from issuance of common shares		200,000		_	
Proceeds from secured and unsecured debt financings		1,273,709		75,000	
Repayments of secured and unsecured debt financings		(963,507)		(58,355)	
Debt extinguishment costs		_		(291)	
Deferred financing costs		(7,536)		(1,903)	
Security deposits and maintenance payments received		77,006		63,758	
Security deposits and maintenance payments returned		(10,508)		(11,239)	
Dividends paid		(10,500)		(10,500)	
Net cash and restricted cash provided by (used in) financing activities	_	558,664		56,470	
Net increase in cash and restricted cash		494,567		76,681	
Cash and restricted cash at beginning of period	Ф	231,861	¢.	170,682	
Cash and restricted cash at end of period	\$	726,428	\$	247,363	

Aircastle Limited and Subsidiaries Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Measures EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation (Dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended August 31,			Six Months Ended August 31,					
	2023		2022		2023			2022	
Net income (loss)	\$	5,518	\$	(8,693)	\$	28,288	\$	(1,011)	
Depreciation		86,328		82,106		175,117		163,424	
Amortization of lease premiums, discounts and incentives		7,124		5,518		14,331		10,906	
Interest, net		57,035		50,587		113,926		100,881	
Income tax provision (benefit)		(5,099)		(4,068)		9,261		(739)	
EBITDA		150,906		125,450		340,923		273,461	
Adjustments:									
Impairment of flight equipment		1,100		33,671		2,197		38,099	
Loss on extinguishment of debt		_		_		_		463	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	152,006	\$	159,121	\$	343,120	\$	312,023	

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, 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.