



Flight Centre Limited
2009 Full Year Results

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2009 Highlights



PROFIT



Reasonable results in challenging conditions – \$99.8m trading profit, \$40.4m actual
Actual affected by impairment, write-downs, US trading losses and expenses

SALES



TTV up but boosted by full year of Liberty and GoGo results
2Q and 3Q slowdown in underlying sales, volumes recovering but at low yields

MARGIN



Income margin increased in comparison to record 2007/08

COSTS CONTAINED



Cost control and conservative cap-ex management led to strong 2H cash result
Leaner structure, wages contracting with revenue, freeze on support staff
numbers – sales staff now 82% of workforce

BALANCE SHEET STRENGTHENED



Improved net debt position
General cash \$161m at 30 June, borrowings down to \$128m

2009 results



RESULTS IN BRIEF

FULL YEAR RESULTS

	JUNE 2009	JUNE 2008 (Restated)	Variance %
\$' million			
TTV	\$11,240	\$10,880	3.3%
Gross Profit	\$1,516	\$1,452	4.4%
EBITDA	\$88.5	\$231.4	(61.8%)
EBIT	\$28.7	\$187.4	(84.7%)
Profit Before Tax (actual)	\$40.4	\$201.0	(79.9%)
Profit After Tax (actual)	\$38.2	\$134.8	(71.7%)
Effective tax rate (FLT utilised historic US tax losses during 2008/09, which led to a one-off reduction in effective tax rate)	5.5%	32.9%	
Dividends			
Interim Dividend	9.0 c	37.5 c	
Final Dividend	N/A	48.5 c	

Recent growth performance



	JUNE 2009	JUNE 2008 (restated)	JUNE 2007 (^ex abnormal)	JUNE 2006
TTV	\$11,240 m	\$10,880 m	\$8,880 m	\$7,810 m
Income margin	13.5%	13.3%	13.0%	12.9%
EBITDA	\$88.5 m	\$231.4 m	\$175.0 m	\$147.6 m
PBT	\$40.4 m	\$201.0 m	\$151.6 m	\$120.0 m
NPAT	\$38.2 m	\$134.8 m	\$103.5 m	\$79.9 m
EPS	38.3 c	138.0 c	109.6 c	84.6 c
DPS	9.0 c	86.0 c	66.0 c	52.0 c
ROE	6.2%	22.3%	21.3%	19.4%
Cap-ex	\$70.4 m	\$70.2 m	\$46.3 m	\$45.6 m
Building acquisitions	\$10.4 m	\$42.7 m	-	-
Selling staff	9,469	10,419	8,200	6,644
General cash	\$160.9 m	\$160.5 m	\$165.4 m	\$93.6 m
Client cash	\$531.8 m	\$578.1 m	\$303.8 m	\$200.3 m
Cash and cash equivalents	\$692.7 m	\$738.6 m	\$469.2 m	\$293.9 m
Available-for-sale investments & other financial assets	\$93.4 m	\$246.5 m	\$166.6 m	\$185.1 m
Cash and investments	\$786.1 m	\$985.1 m	\$635.8 m	\$479.0 m

^ Abnormal item relates to the sale of FLT's Brisbane CBD global headquarters. FLT recognised a \$22.4 million gain on sale before tax

Balance sheet and cash flows



BALANCE SHEET



Strengthened, despite challenging market conditions

GENERAL CASH



\$161m at 30 June
Strong growth during second half (up from \$125m at 31 December)

STRONGER CASH FLOWS



Large operating inflow during 2H, after large 1H outflow
Reflects business's seasonality and focus on cost control

REDUCED DEBT



Debt down to \$128m (\$161m at 30 June 2008 and \$190m at 31 December)
Reduction driven by property loan repayments

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO



Global investment portfolio approached \$800m at 30 June 2009
Cash weighting increased as part of more conservative treasury policy

Investment portfolio



INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO	REPORTING PERIOD		
	JUNE 2009	DEC 2008	JUNE 2008 (Restated)
\$' million			
Total investment portfolio	\$786	\$660	\$985
Cash	88%	68%	75%
Fixed and floating rate notes	10%	24%	19%
Corporate collateralised debt obligations (CDOs)	2%	3%	2%
Asset or mortgage-backed securities & hybrids	<1%	<1%	<1%
US Equities	-	5%	3%

Operational overview



MARKET CONDITIONS



Sales volumes stabilised during 4Q, after 2Q and 3Q slowdown
Cheap airfares and travel deals starting to stimulate demand

CUSTOMER ENQUIRY



Healthy throughout 2008/09 and strong in July 09
Liberty enquiry per consultant now in line with Australian business
Marketing budget maintained to create market share opportunities

LEISURE TRAVEL



Some sectors performing well – youth, adventure and online
Modest growth in overall shop numbers – focus on specialist areas

CORPORATE TRAVEL



Large growth in BDM numbers globally to win new accounts
New account wins partially offsetting effects of client downtrading

WHOLESALE



Continued expansion – Infinity, GoGo, Explore and Escape Holidays
Direct contracting model now in place (Global Product Powerhouse)

GEOGRAPHIC RESULTS



Most major regions profitable over full year
Losses in North America and Asia-Middle East only

Global review



AUSTRALIA



- TTV \$5.9b (down 7%), 1046 businesses
- 1000th business opened
- Flight Centre judged Australia's 14th most valuable brand at \$630m (Source: Interbrand)
- Nationwide Cruiseabout network created
- Promising results from recruitment marketing and cycle JVs – 99 Bikes same store sales up 35%

NEW ZEALAND



- TTV \$565.9m, down 15% (down 8% in local currency), 156 businesses
- Reasonable finish to 2008/09
- Specialist business travel and round-the-world shops launched, along with external wholesale brand, Escape Holidays

SOUTH AFRICA



- TTV \$405.7m, down 7% (up 4% in local currency), 152 businesses
- Brand diversity – Travel Associates network growing alongside Flight Centre and Student Flights
- 16 new BDMs employed to win leisure and corporate business
- New leadership structure implemented, now linked to UK

Global review



CANADA



- TTV \$695.4m, up 4% (up 6% in local currency), 184 businesses
- New brands introduced – Employment Office and Stage & Screen
- Infinity rebranded GoGo and now targeting external agency groups
- Reasonable corporate profit, leisure results adversely affected by swine flu concerns

USA



- TTV \$2.3b (acquired during 2007/08), 222 businesses
- Key FLT systems now introduced
- Annualized \$USD30m in expenses removed
- New revenue streams – Liberty Business Travel and discountcruises.com
- Wholesale expansion – GoGo profitable and key element in global product strategy
- 4Q breakeven after \$62m in losses, impairment and expenses earlier in year

Global review



UNITED KINGDOM



- TTV \$1.1b, down 8% (down 9% in local currency), 209 businesses
- Strong growth in BDM numbers
- New leisure travel service created for existing corporate clients
- Employment Office launched
- Boutique coach touring business acquired – Back Roads Touring

ASIA AND MIDDLE EAST



- TTV \$424.5m, 26 businesses
- Corporate businesses affected by global financial crisis
- BDM numbers doubled in Greater China, encouraging July results
- India results deconsolidated

Strategic priorities – 09/10



GROWTH



Increase market share in core, specialist travel and new businesses
Focus on increasing same store sales, supplemented by modest shop growth

CUSTOMER RETENTION



Build customer loyalty to increase repeat business and maximise marketing investment return

IMPROVED MARGINS



Increase range and available margin for all business units through enhanced global land and air product buying system

US IMPROVEMENT



Achieve a break-even result or small profit during 2009/10
Focusing on BDM numbers, enquiry and conversion, product breadth and depth, costs

CASH GENERATION



Improve cash position to ensure FLT has flexibility to pursue opportunities, respond to market condition improvements and ability to use cash to fund future initiatives

Outlook – 09/10



MARKET CONDITIONS	➔	Some positive momentum from 4Q, particularly in US Encouraging early trading results in 09/10
DEMAND	➔	Volumes recovering – cheap airfares and holidays stimulating demand
CONTRACTS	➔	Reasonable agency contracts in place with major suppliers, including Qantas
SALES NETWORK	➔	Network ready to capitalise, following investments made in 08/09 Sales conversion program initiated globally, shop of future roll-out completed BDMs recruited, trained and winning new business
US BUSINESS	➔	Further improvement expected as market recovers, benefits from new initiatives flow through
PROFIT	➔	Initially targeting pre-tax profit between \$125m and \$135m Strategies in place to ensure cash builds and greater shareholder value is created

Capital management



CASH FOCUS



Continuing focus on cash, cost containment and balance sheet strength
Aim to improve net debt position
Controlled capital expenditure program – significantly reduced from prior years

DIVIDEND POLICY



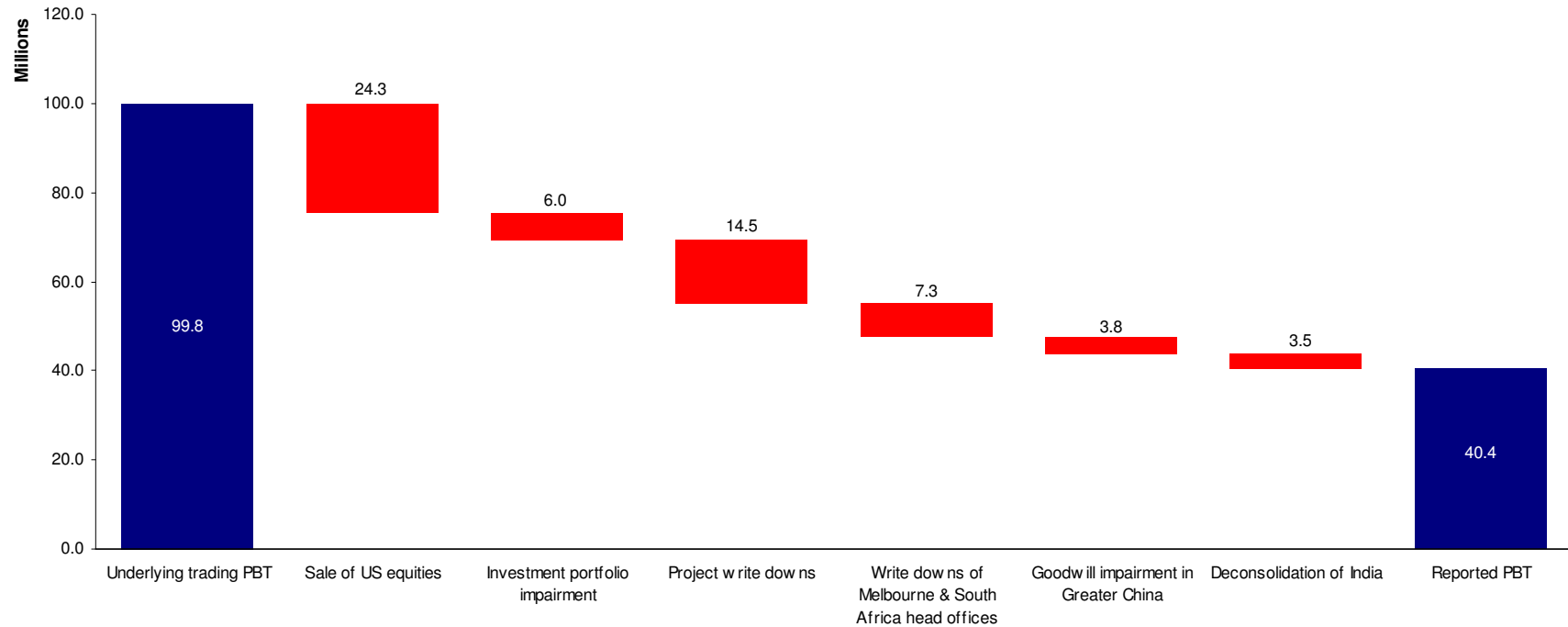
FLT maintaining a conservative short-term approach in improving but still uncertain global trading climate
As announced previously, no final dividend for 2008/09
Policy of returning 50-60% of NPAT to shareholders expected to be restored as soon as it is reasonable to do so

End of presentation



Questions

2009 PBT reconciliation



- Trading results in line with expectations globally and broke even in the United States leisure business during the fourth quarter
- Underlying PBT affected by \$59.4m in non-recurring impairment and asset write-downs resulting in an actual pre-tax result of \$40.4m