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A banner year

Southwest achieved numerous financial records in 2015

32.7%

ROIC, pre-tax¹

\$2.4B

net income²

\$19.6B

operating
revenues²

\$620M

profitsharing
for Employees

\$1.4B

returned to
Shareholders

\$1.3B

economic
fuel savings

83.6%

load factor

(2.0)%

nonfuel
CASM^{2,3}, y/y

¹ROIC is defined as annual pre-tax return on invested capital, excluding special items, for the last twelve months.

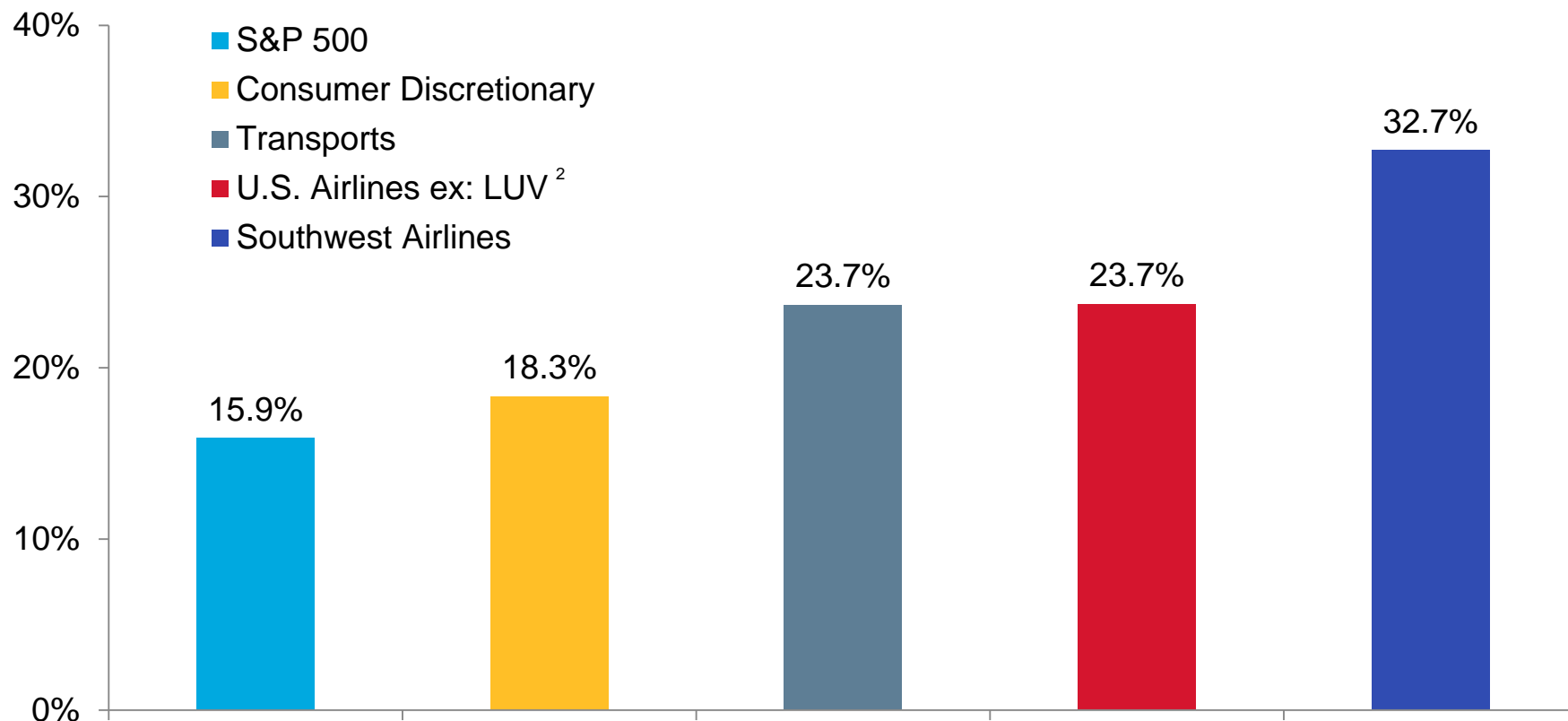
²excluding special items.

³excluding profitsharing.

Note: see reconciliation of reported amounts to non-GAAP financial measures.

Competitive ROIC¹ performance

Southwest's 2015 ROIC performance was highly competitive compared with the market



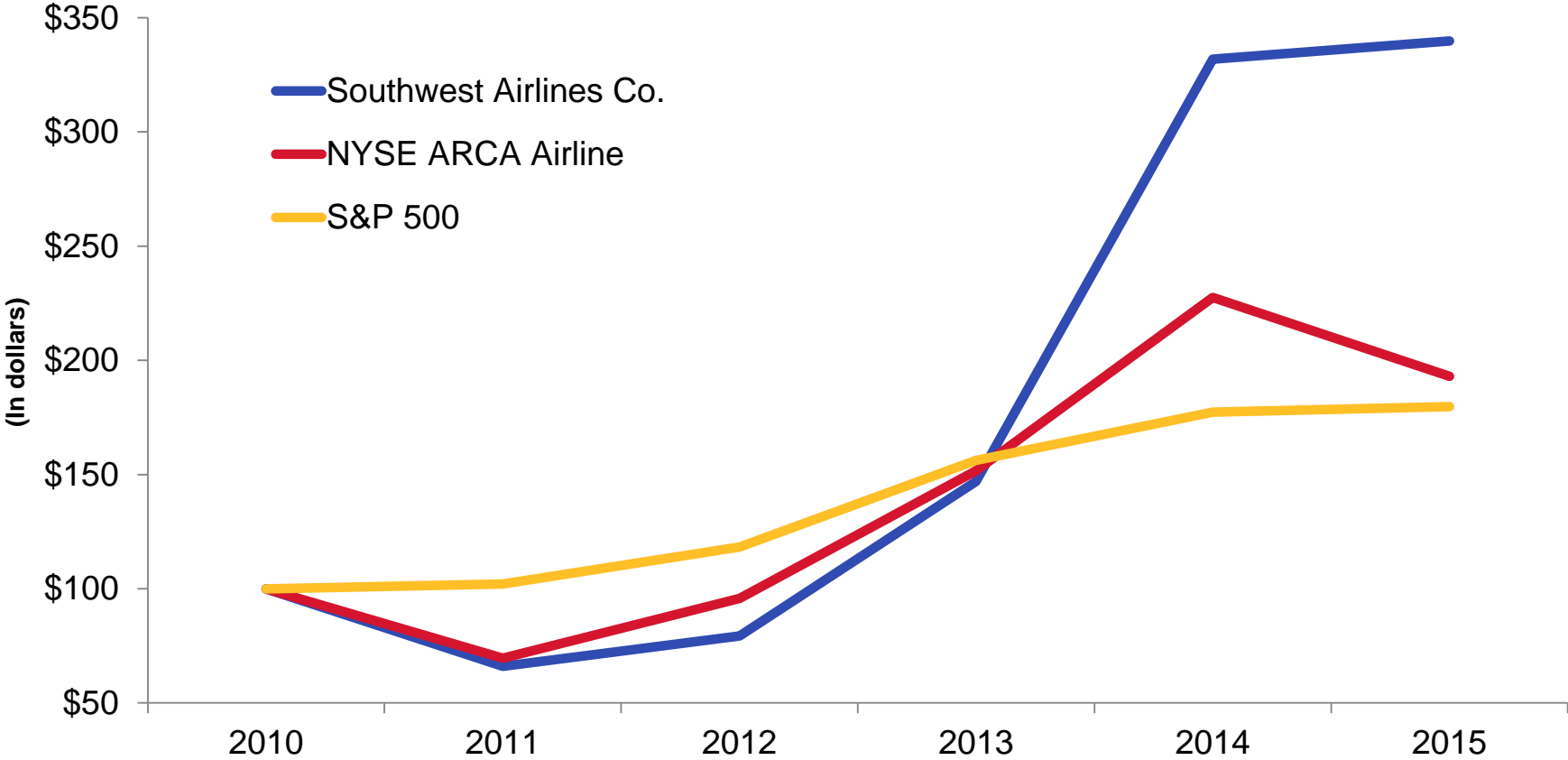
Source: Third party investment firm.

¹Southwest ROIC is defined as annual pre-tax return on invested capital, excluding special items, for the last twelve months. For all others, the standardized ROIC calculation methodology equal to (EBIT + Rent Expense) / Average Invested Capital. Invested Capital = Total Debt + Shareholder Equity + Preferred Equity + Noncontrolling Interest + Capitalized Rent. Rent capitalized at 7.0x for industrial companies and 8.0x for consumer discretionary companies; Excludes annual individual constituent company ROICs of greater than 100% or less than (100%).

²U.S. Airlines includes American, United, Delta, Alaska, JetBlue, Hawaiian, Virgin, Spirit and Allegiant.

Cumulative Shareholder return on LUV

Southwest's stock performance over the past five-year period has outperformed the S&P 500 and the NYSE ARCA Airline Index



Successful strategic initiatives

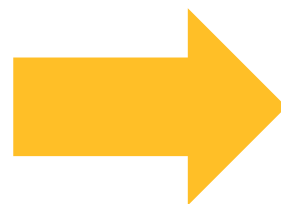
Southwest has far exceeded its 15% pre-tax ROIC target through transformational strategic initiatives

AirTran Integration

All New Rapid Rewards

International

**Fleet Modernization &
the Boeing 737-800s**



32.7%
ROIC, pre-tax¹

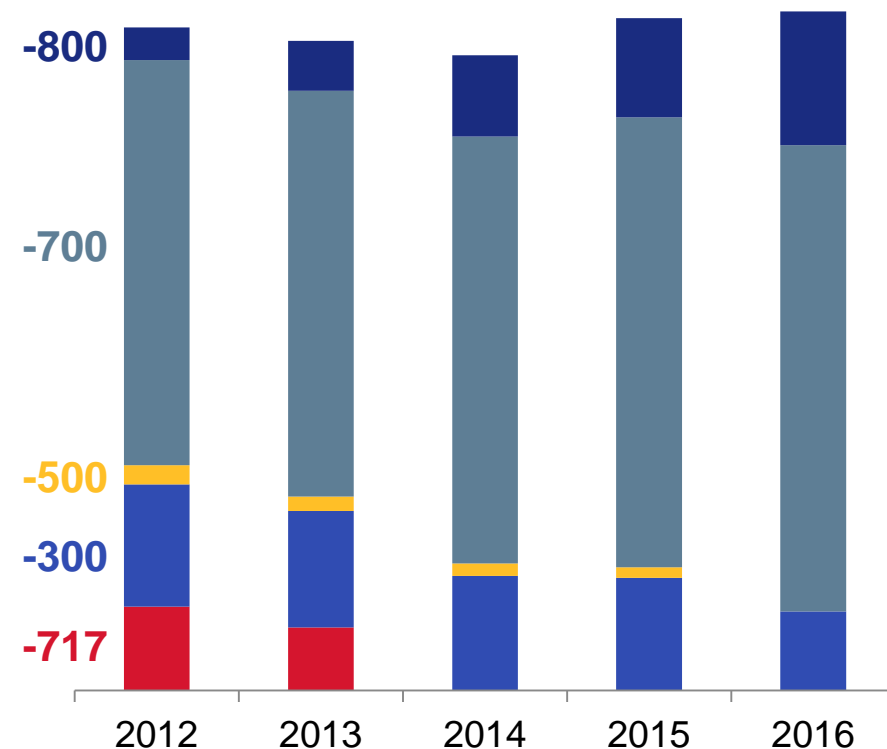
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Fleet modernization

Southwest's fleet modernization provides significant cost savings and enhanced Customer experience

Benefits include:

- Incremental revenue opportunities
- Significant unit cost improvement
- Fuel efficiency
 - MAX vs NG: ~14%
 - MAX vs Classic: ~20%
- Better utilization
- More capacity for slot-controlled or gate-restricted markets
- Improved Customer experience
 - WiFi equipped
 - Boeing Sky Interior



Note: guidance was provided on March 8, 2016 and is not being updated herein.

Capital investments

Southwest is making numerous capital investments that are expected to drive significant financial and operational benefits

Facilities

LAX | FLL | HOU | DAL

Operational
initiatives

Reliability | Hospitality

New reservation system

Single system

Significant revenue opportunities

Enhanced capabilities

Strong financial position

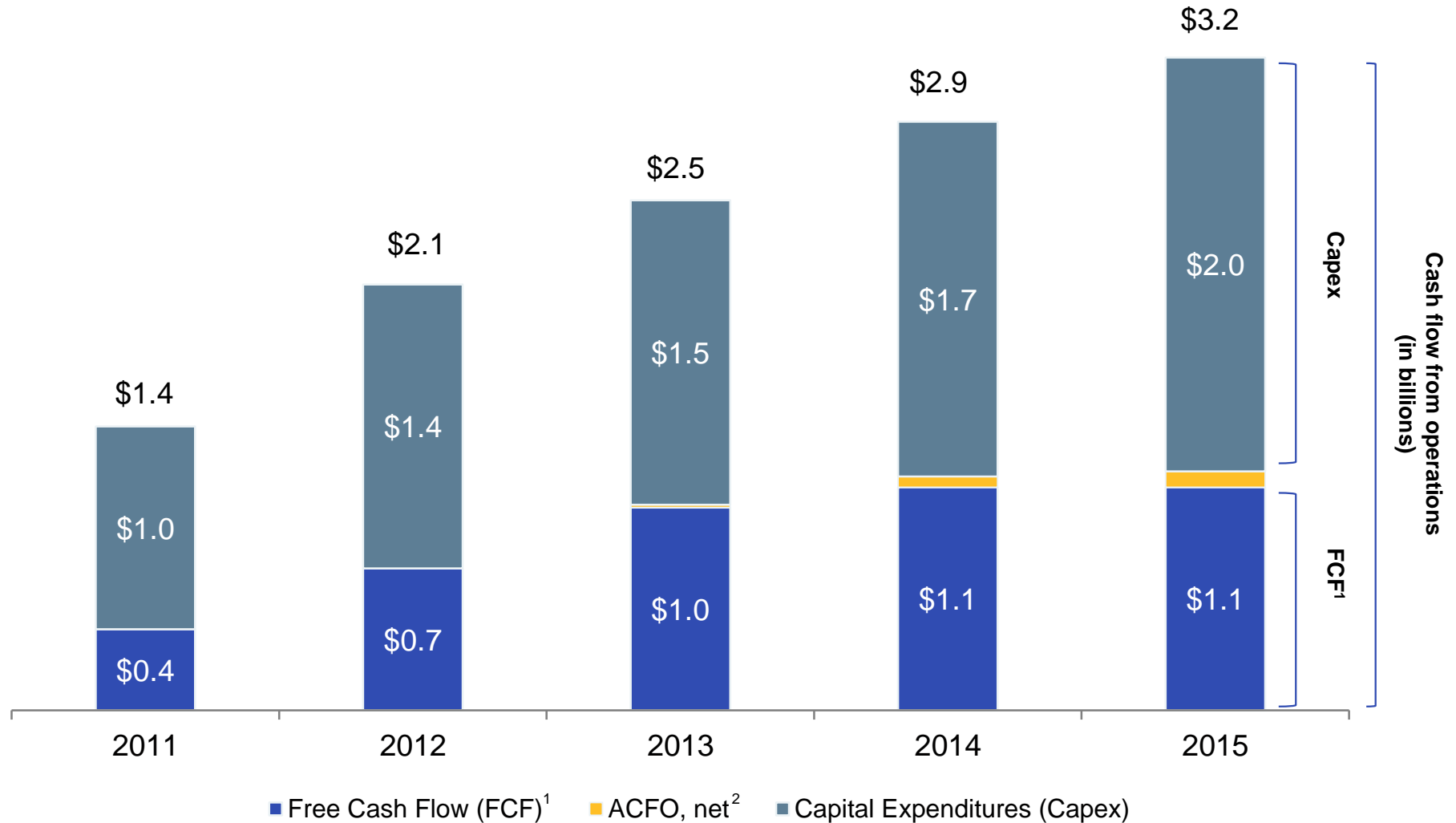
Southwest is focused on preserving our strong balance sheet and cash flows while returning significant value to Shareholders

- **\$3.1 billion** in unrestricted core cash and short term investments and **\$1 billion** line of credit fully undrawn and available
- Cash flow from operations of approx. **\$3.2 billion**
- Capital spending of **\$2.0 billion**
- Debt repayments of **\$213 million**
- Balance Sheet leverage of **33%**
- Investment grade rating by **all three** agencies
- Returned approximately **\$1.4 billion** to Shareholders

Note: Cash and short term investments, line of credit, and balance sheet leverage information is as of December 31, 2015.
All other information presented is for the year ended December 31, 2015.

Record cash flow from operations

Southwest has strong internally-generated cash flow that has consistently grown



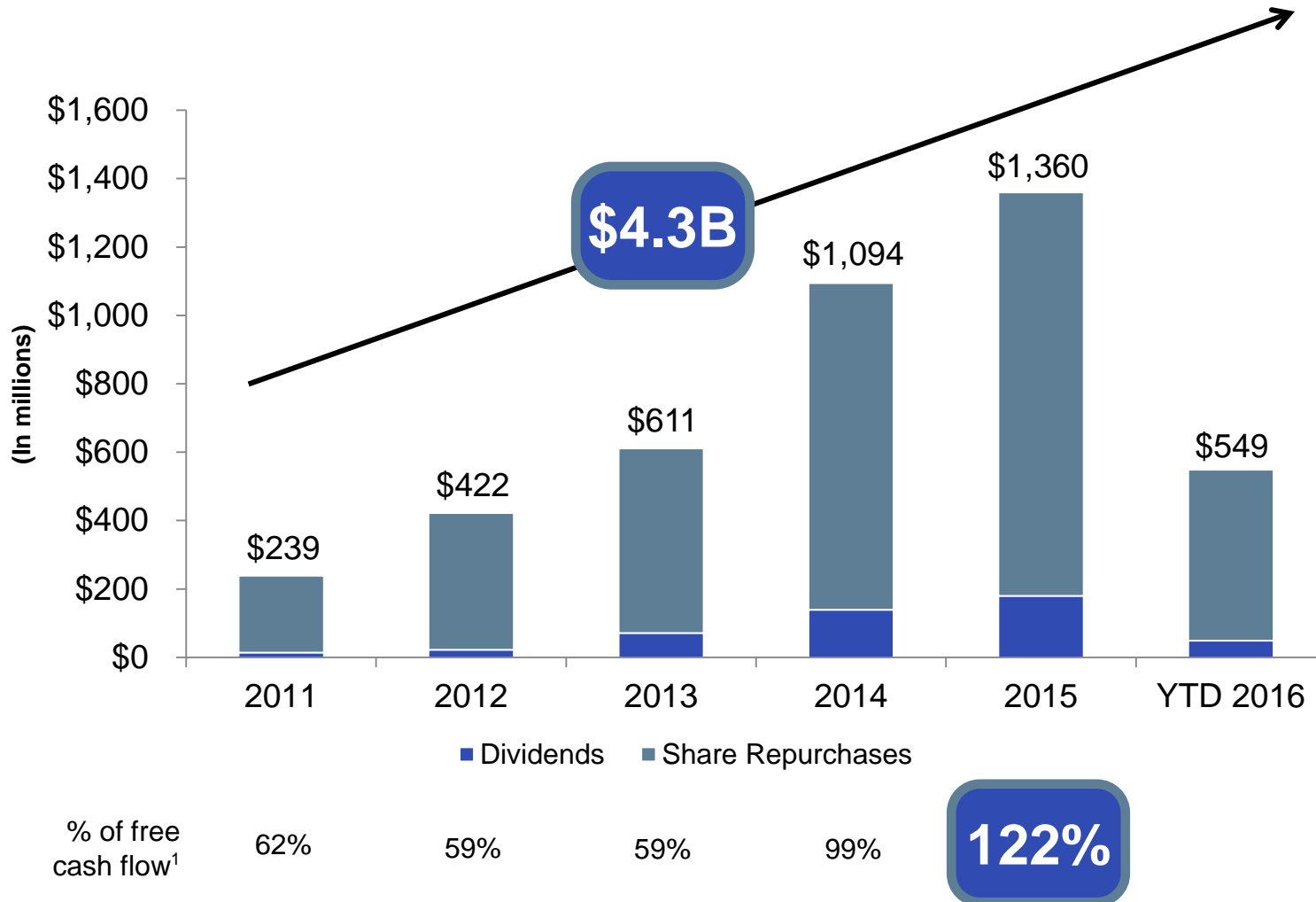
¹Free cash flow is calculated as operating cash flows less capital expenditures less ACFO, net.

²ACFO, net is calculated as assets constructed for others less reimbursements for assets constructed for others.

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Significant returns to Shareholders










Southwest is committed to enhancing Shareholder value, with returns to Shareholders in 2015 exceeding free cash flow



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Industry-leading balance sheet

Southwest is the only domestic airline with investment grade credit ratings from all three agencies

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Moody's	Caa1	B3	B2	B1	Ba3	Ba2	Ba1	Baa3	Baa2	Baa1	A3	A2	A1	
Standard & Poor's	CCC+	B-	B	B+	BB-	BB	BB+	BBB-	BBB	BBB+	A-	A	A+	
Fitch	CCC+	B-	B	B+	BB-	BB	BB+	BBB-	BBB	BBB+	A-	A	A+	

High Yield

Investment Grade

Source: Bloomberg, as of February 23, 2016.

Moody's Senior Unsecured rating used (if unavailable, Long Term Corporate Family rating used); S&P's Long-term Issuer rating used;

Fitch's Senior Unsecured rating used (if unavailable, Long-term Issuer rating used).

Unmatched profitability record¹

Southwest has remained profitable for 43 consecutive years

U.S. Airline Industry Bankruptcies, 2000-2011

Chapter 7



Chapter 11

¹In the U.S. Airline industry

FORTUNE'S 2016 World's Most Admired Companies

1. Apple
2. Alphabet (Google)
3. Amazon
4. Berkshire Hathaway
5. Walt Disney
6. Starbucks
- 7. Southwest Airlines**
8. Federal Express
9. Nike
10. General Electric



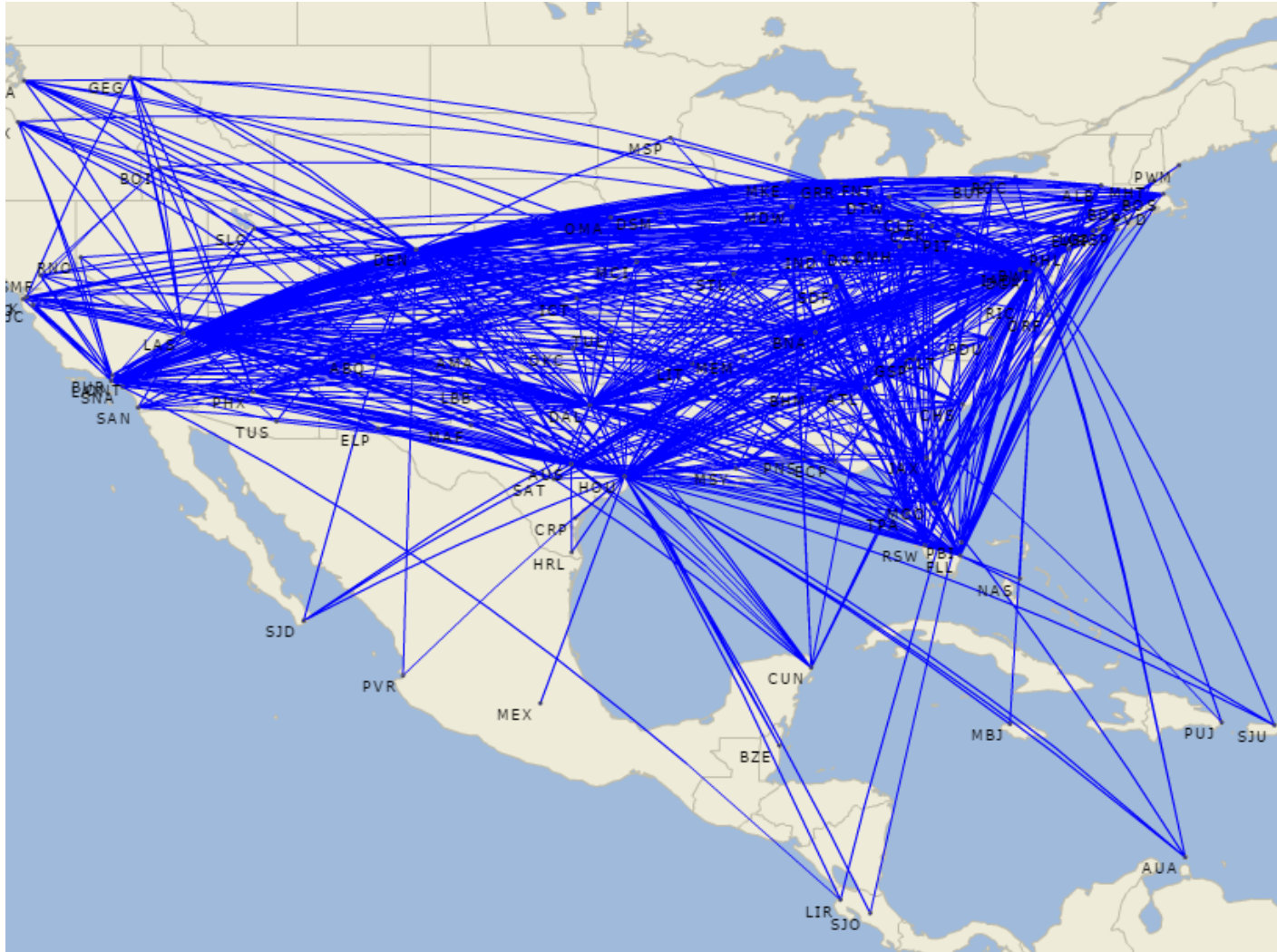
This honor belongs to our Employees!

Thanks to our People, Southwest is a World's Most Admired Company for 22 straight years. In fact, we're the **only commercial airline** to make Fortune's top 10 list!

#7 FORTUNE
World's Most Admired Companies

All in a day's work

Southwest's point-to-point network allows more Customers to fly direct



The nation's largest domestic airline

Southwest's market share remains strong, especially in our top 100 O&D city pairs

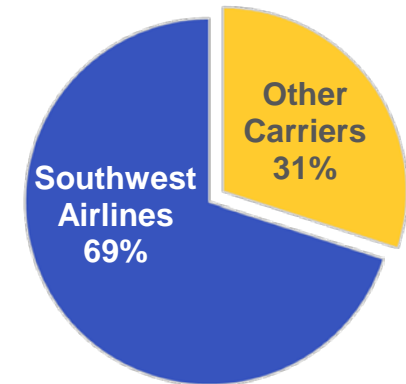
24% of total domestic market share

- Serves 24 of the top 25 U.S. metro areas¹
- Serves 94 of the top 100 domestic O&D city pairs (including co-terminal² airports), including 79 on a nonstop basis

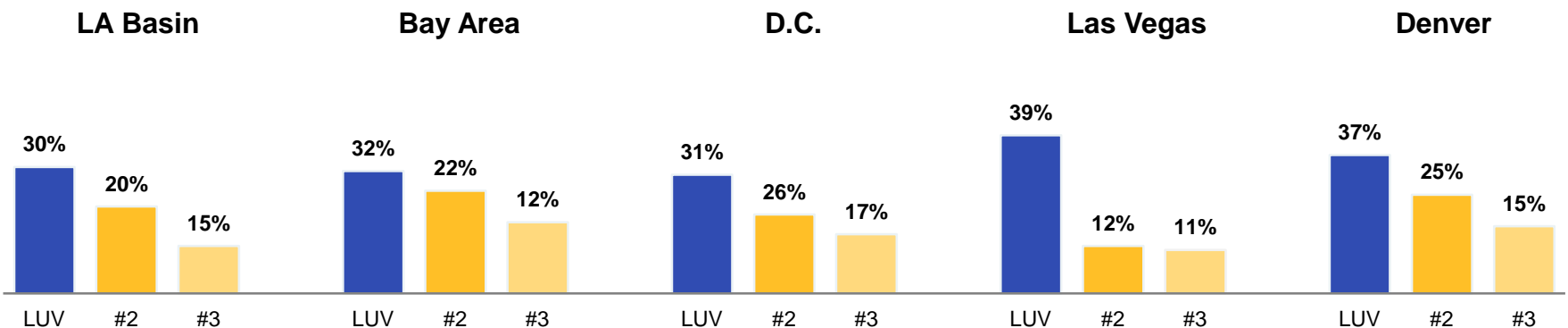
69% market share in our top 100 O&D city pairs

- #1 in market share in 49 of our 86 domestic airports
- #1 in market share in 91 of our top 100 O&D city pairs

Market share in Southwest Airlines top 100 O&D



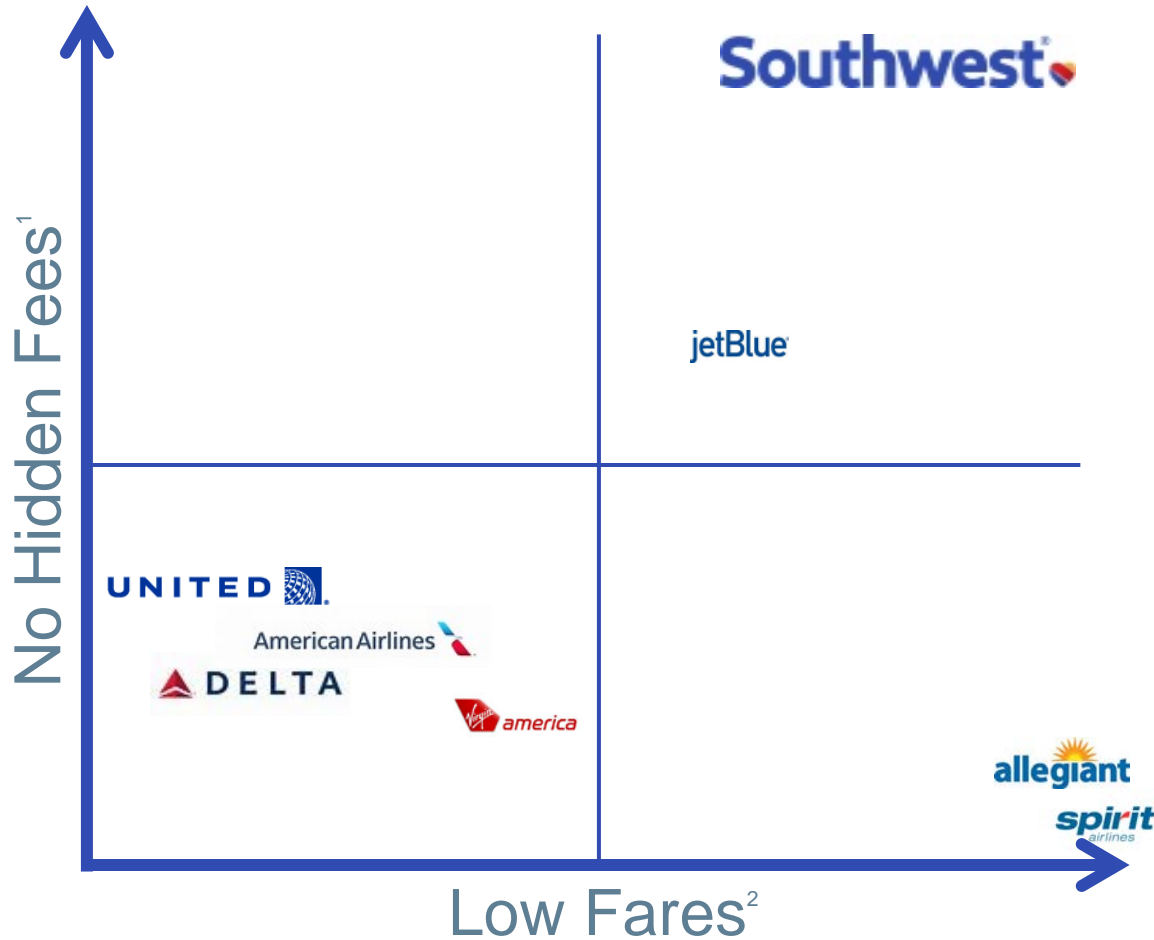
#1 market share in several greater metro areas



Source: Data presented herein as measured by the Department of Transportation O&D Survey for the twelve months ended September 30, 2015 based on domestic originating passengers boarded. O&D stands for Origin and Destination.
¹Metro Areas: An area around a city that includes multiple major airports.
²Co-terminal: Airports that share a common city or region; for example Newark, LaGuardia and JFK are considered co-terminals to one another.

Transparency

Southwest's brand reputation stands on its own



Transparency

How we behave:
Openly and honestly

+

Fare

More than a ticket
price, it's an entire
Customer experience

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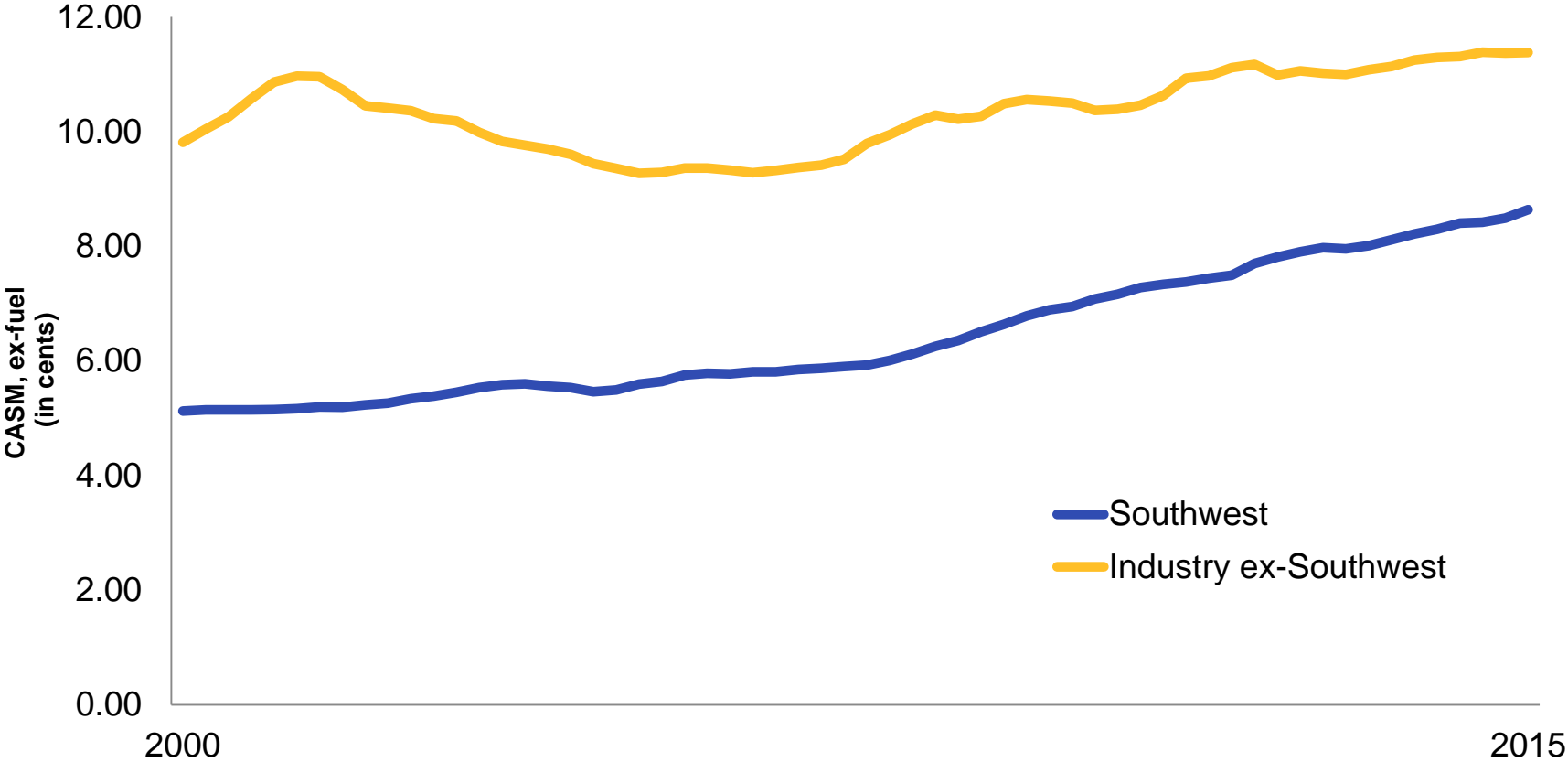
Transparency

¹No Hidden fees determined by having bag and reservation change/cancellation fees per domestic passenger below the industry average, as determined by Bureau of Transportation Statistics for the year ending September 30, 2015.

²Low fares defined by having an average domestic fare below the industry average US domestic fare, as determined by data from the Department of Transportation O&D survey for the year ending September 30, 2015.

Competitive cost advantage

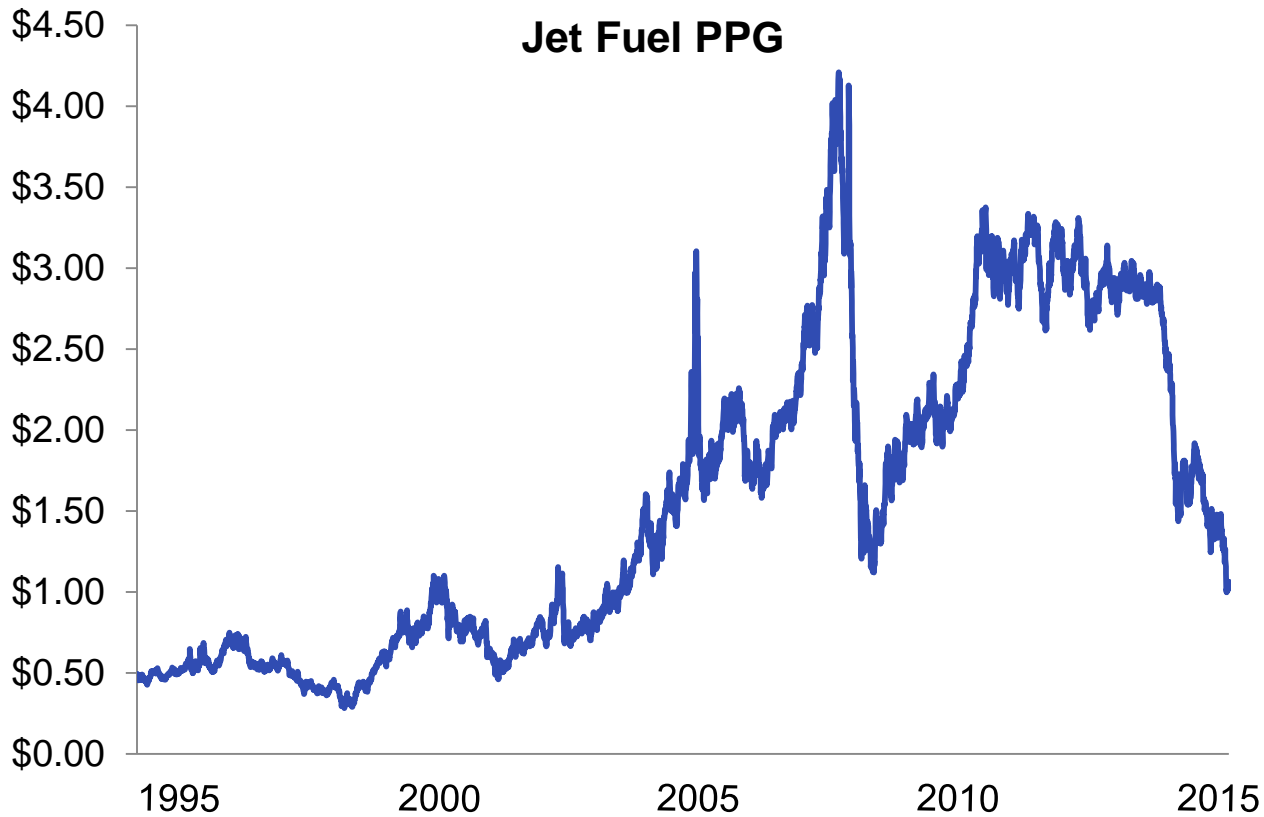
Southwest's low cost structure enables us to maintain our low fare brand



Source: DOT form 41 and T100 data, through September 30, 2015. Stage-length adjusted for Southwest's average stage-length, represents domestic mainline.

Volatile jet fuel market

Southwest's fuel hedging strategy serves as insurance against a volatile market



\$2.0B
economic fuel savings since 2000¹
(from fuel hedging)

¹Through December 31, 2015.

Proven business strategy

Southwest is in a category of its own

Unmatched **profitability** record¹

Best **People** in the airline industry

Outstanding **Customer Service** and **Hospitality**

Robust route **network**

Low fares with **Transparency**

Competitive **cost advantage**

¹In the U.S. Airline industry.

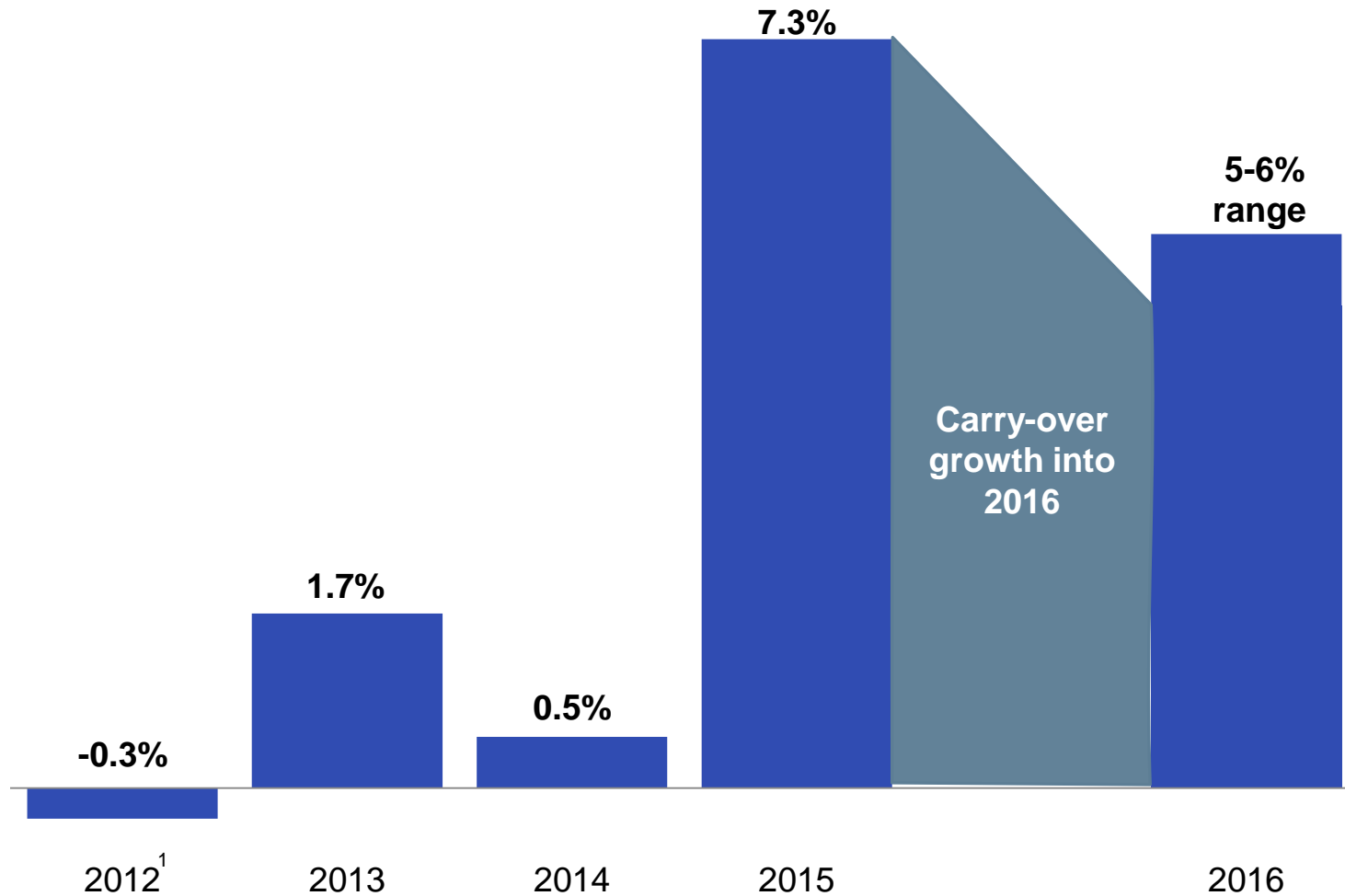
Outlook

- Based on current revenue and booking trends, we expect our first quarter 2016 operating unit revenues to be **in line with** our year-ago performance.
- Based on our fuel derivative contracts and market prices as of March 1, 2016, first quarter 2016 economic fuel costs are expected be **approximately \$1.75 per gallon**, compared with first quarter 2015 economic fuel costs of \$2.00 per gallon.
- Based on current trends and excluding fuel and oil expense, special items, and profitsharing expense, we expect our first quarter 2016 and annual 2016 unit costs to **increase in the 1 to 2 percent range, and approximately 1 percent, respectively**, as compared with the same periods last year.
- We continue to plan **for 5 to 6 percent year-over-year ASM growth** in 2016.
 - The annualized impact of 2015's expansion is expected to contribute **the majority** of 2016's year-over-year ASM growth.
- We continue to plan for modest year-over-year fleet growth through 2018 of **no more than 2 percent, on average**.

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2016 Capacity growth

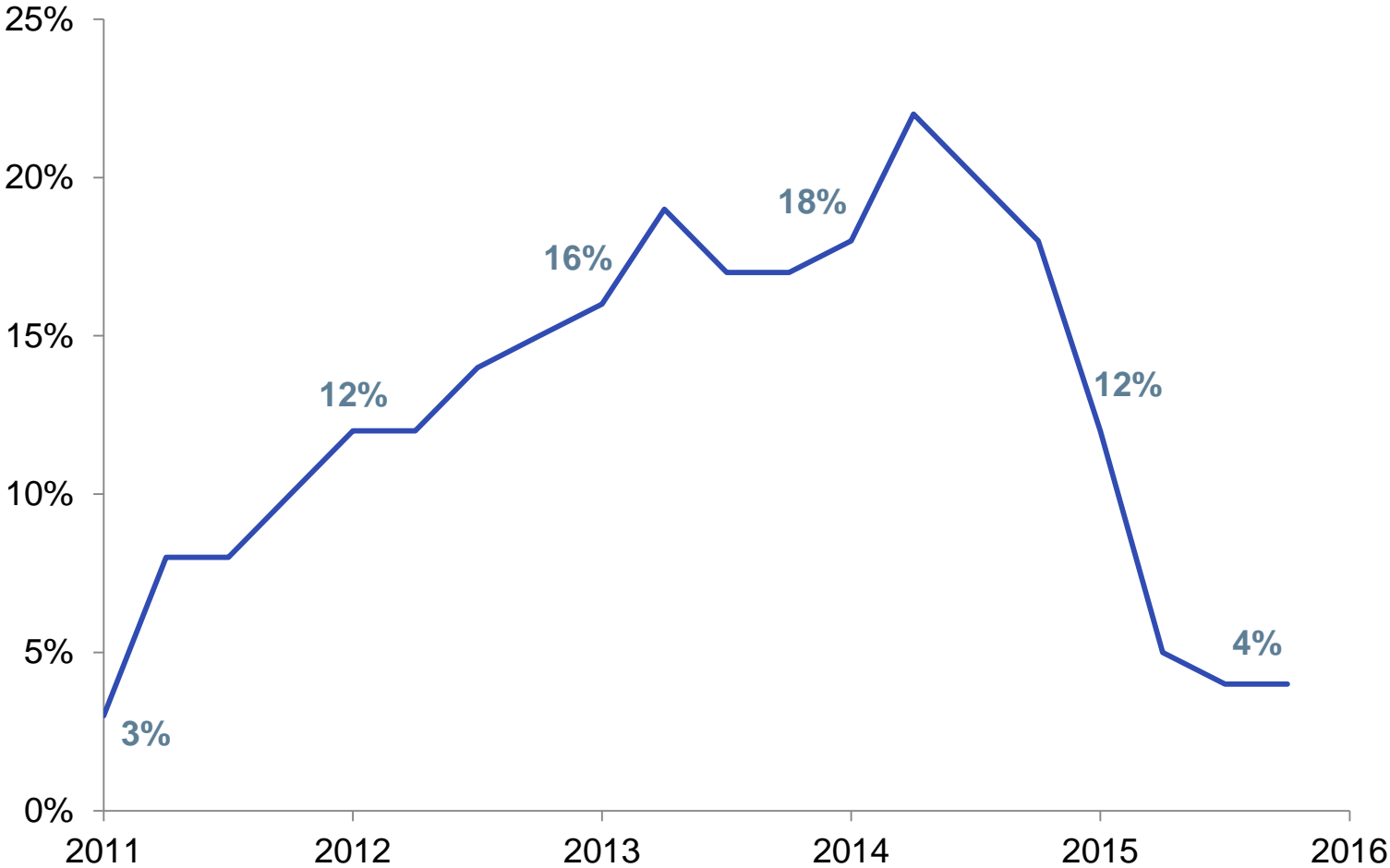
Southwest continues to plan for 5 to 6 percent ASM growth year-over-year



¹Year-over-year percent change calculation includes ASMs for AirTran prior to the May 2, 2011 acquisition date.
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Normalization of development markets

Southwest's markets under development are returning to historically normal levels



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Growth opportunities

Southwest has identified approximately 50 potential new markets, mostly beyond the Lower 48



Our **Purpose**

Connect People to what's important in their lives through friendly, reliable, and low-cost air travel.

Our **Vision**

To become the world's most loved, most flown, and most profitable airline.

NonGAAP Reconciliation

	Year Ended	
	2014	2015
Operating revenues, as reported		\$ 19,820
Deduct: Special revenue adjustment ¹		(172)
Operating revenues, Non-GAAP		<u>\$ 19,648</u>
Fuel and oil expense, unhedged	\$ 5,321	\$ 3,362
Add (Deduct): Fuel hedge (gains) losses included in Fuel and oil expense	(28)	254
Fuel and oil expense, as reported	\$ 5,293	\$ 3,616
Add (Deduct): Net impact from fuel contracts	(28)	323
Fuel and oil expense, (economic)	<u>\$ 5,265</u>	<u>\$ 3,939</u>
Total operating expenses, as reported	\$ 16,380	\$ 15,704
Add (Deduct): Net impact from fuel contracts	(28)	323
Deduct: Union contract bonuses	(9)	(334)
Deduct: Acquisition and integration costs ²	(126)	(39)
Add: Litigation settlement	-	37
Total operating expenses, non-GAAP	\$ 16,217	\$ 15,691
Deduct: ProfitSharing expense	(355)	(620)
Deduct: Fuel and oil expense, non-GAAP (economic)	(5,265)	(3,939)
Operating expenses, non-GAAP, excluding Profitsharing and fuel	<u>\$ 10,597</u>	<u>\$ 11,132</u>
Net income, as reported		\$ 2,181
Add: Mark-to-market impact from fuel contracts settling in future periods		373
Deduct: Ineffectiveness from fuel hedges settling in future periods		(9)
Deduct: Other net impact of fuel contracts settling in the current or a prior period (excluding reclassifications)		(251)
Deduct: Income tax impact of fuel contracts		(42)
Add: Acquisition and integration costs ^{2,3}		24
Deduct: Litigation settlement ²		(23)
Add: Union contract bonuses ²		210
Deduct: Special revenue adjustment ^{1,2}		(108)
Net income, non-GAAP		<u>\$ 2,355</u>

	Year Ended	
	2014	2015
Operating income, as reported		\$ 4,116
Deduct: Net impact from fuel contracts		(323)
Add: Acquisition and integration costs, net		39
Add: Union contract bonuses		334
Deduct: Litigation settlement		(37)
Deduct: Special revenue adjustment ¹		(172)
Operating Income, non-GAAP		<u>\$ 3,957</u>
Net adjustment for aircraft leases ⁴		114
Adjustment for fuel hedge accounting		(124)
Adjusted Operating Income, non-GAAP		<u>\$ 3,947</u>
Average invested capital⁵		11,037
Equity adjustment for hedge accounting		1,027
Adjusted average invested capital		<u>\$ 12,064</u>
ROIC, pre-tax		32.7%

	Year Ended				
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 1,356	\$ 2,064	\$ 2,477	\$ 2,902	\$ 3,238
Capital expenditures	(968)	(1,348)	(1,433)	(1,748)	(2,041)
Assets constructed for others	-	-	(14)	(80)	(102)
Reimbursements for assets constructed for others	-	-	-	27	24
Free cash flow	<u>\$ 388</u>	<u>\$ 716</u>	<u>\$ 1,030</u>	<u>\$ 1,101</u>	<u>\$ 1,119</u>

¹The Company recorded a special revenue adjustment during third quarter 2015 of \$172M related to its amended co-branded credit card agreement with Chase Bank USA, N.A.

²Amounts net of tax.

³Amounts net of profitsharing impact on charges incurred through March 31, 2011. Pursuant to the terms of the Company's ProfitSharing Plan, acquisition and integration costs were excluded from the calculation of profitsharing expense from April 1, 2011, through Dec. 31, 2013. These costs, totaling \$385 million, are being amortized on a pro rata basis as a reduction of operating profits, as defined by the ProfitSharing Plan, from 2014 through 2018, in the calculation of profitsharing. In addition, acquisition and integration costs incurred during 2014 and future periods will reduce operating profits, as defined, in the calculation of profitsharing.

⁴Net adjustment related to presumption that all aircraft in fleet are owned (i.e., the impact of eliminating aircraft rent expense and replacing with estimated depreciation expense for those same aircraft).

⁵Average Invested Capital is an average of the five most recent quarter end balances of debt, net present value of aircraft leases, and equity adjusted for hedge accounting.

