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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 10-Q**

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**
For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2010

or

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**
For the transition period from _____ to _____
Commission File number 001-32959
AIRCASTLE LIMITED
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or
organization)

98-0444035
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

c/o Aircastle Advisor LLC
300 First Stamford Place, 5th Floor, Stamford, CT
(Address of principal executive offices)

06902
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(203) 504-1020**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). YES NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). YES NO

As of May 1, 2010, there were 79,539,525 outstanding shares of the registrant's common shares, par value \$0.01 per share.

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

	December 31, 2009	March 31, 2010 (unaudited)
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 142,666	\$ 121,600
Accounts receivable	2,941	3,196
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	207,834	230,019
Restricted liquidity facility collateral	81,000	80,000
Flight equipment held for lease, net of accumulated depreciation of \$586,537 and \$640,544	3,812,970	3,771,806
Aircraft purchase deposits and progress payments	141,144	176,034
Leasehold improvements, furnishings and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$2,455 and \$2,556	802	701
Other assets	65,155	71,111
 Total assets	 \$ 4,454,512	 \$ 4,454,467
 LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY		
LIABILITIES		
Borrowings from securitizations and term debt financings (including borrowings of ACS Ireland VIEs of \$331,856 and \$327,701, respectively)	\$ 2,464,560	\$ 2,426,631
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	60,392	57,422
Dividends payable	7,955	7,951
Lease rentals received in advance	34,381	30,167
Liquidity facility	81,000	80,000
Security deposits	82,533	81,255
Maintenance payments	253,175	285,118
Fair value of derivative liabilities	179,279	189,196
 Total liabilities	 3,163,275	 3,157,740
 Commitments and Contingencies		
SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY		
Preference shares, \$.01 par value, 50,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding		
Common shares, \$.01 par value, 250,000,000 shares authorized, 79,550,421 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2009; and 79,503,885 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2010	796	795
Additional paid-in capital	1,479,995	1,480,852

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Retained earnings	70,294	81,222
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(259,848)	(266,142)
Total shareholders' equity	1,291,237	1,296,727
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 4,454,512	\$ 4,454,467

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2009	2010
Revenues:		
Lease rental revenue	\$ 125,994	\$ 130,122
Amortization of net lease discounts and lease incentives	(1,117)	(4,845)
Maintenance revenue	6,603	5,254
Total lease rentals	131,480	130,531
Interest income	633	
Other revenue	25	30
Total revenues	132,138	130,561
Expenses:		
Depreciation	51,561	54,145
Interest, net	43,411	40,959
Selling, general and administrative (including non-cash share based payment expense of \$1,658, and \$1,782, respectively)	11,095	11,673
Maintenance and other costs	5,776	2,200
Total expenses	111,843	108,977
Other income (expense)	92	(370)
Total other income (expense)	92	(370)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	20,387	21,214
Income tax provision	1,916	2,335
Net income	\$ 18,471	\$ 18,879
Earnings per common share Basic	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.24
Earnings per common share Diluted	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.24
Dividends declared per share	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
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	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2009	2010
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 18,471	\$ 18,879
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	51,561	54,145
Amortization of deferred financing costs	2,533	2,804
Amortization of net lease discounts and lease incentives	1,117	4,845
Deferred income taxes	1,599	1,234
Accretion of purchase discounts on debt investments	(158)	
Non-cash share based payment expense	1,658	1,782
Cash flow hedges reclassified into earnings	4,949	2,304
Ineffective portion of cash flow hedges	(129)	866
Security deposits and maintenance payments included in earnings	(3,451)	(267)
Other	(518)	370
Changes in certain assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(171)	(346)
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	5,086	(22,185)
Other assets	(1,548)	(946)
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	(9,951)	(9,309)
Lease rentals received in advance	(1,674)	(2,464)
Net cash provided by operating activities	69,374	51,712
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Improvement of flight equipment and lease incentives	(17,268)	(10,136)
Aircraft purchase deposits and progress payments	(7,906)	(39,551)
Principal repayments on debt investments	807	
Leasehold improvements, furnishings and equipment	(82)	
Net cash used in investing activities	(24,449)	(49,687)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Repurchase of shares from directors and employees	(247)	(926)
Securitization and term debt financing repayments	(30,131)	(37,929)
Deferred financing costs		(106)
Restricted secured liquidity facility collateral		1,000
Secured liquidity facility collateral		(1,000)
Security deposits received	6,950	2,413
Security deposits returned	(490)	(3,868)
Maintenance payments received	15,584	31,186

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Maintenance payments returned	(7,277)	(5,906)
Dividends paid	(7,862)	(7,955)
Net cash used in financing activities	(23,473)	(23,091)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	21,452	(21,066)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	80,947	142,666
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 102,399	\$ 121,600
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Cash paid for interest, net of capitalized interest	\$ 36,970	\$ 35,114
Cash paid for income taxes	\$ 1,448	\$ 2,429
Supplemental disclosures of non-cash financing activities:		
Advance lease rentals converted to maintenance reserves	\$	\$ 1,750

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited consolidated financial statements

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Organization

Aircastle Limited (Aircastle, the Company, we, us or our) is a Bermuda exempted company that was incorporated on October 29, 2004 by Fortress Investment Group LLC and certain of its affiliates (together, the Fortress Shareholders or Fortress) under the provisions of Section 14 of the Companies Act of 1981 of Bermuda. Aircastle's business is investing in aviation assets, including leasing, managing and selling commercial jet aircraft to airlines throughout the world and investing in aircraft related debt investments.

Basis of Presentation

Aircastle is a holding company that conducts its business through subsidiaries. Aircastle directly or indirectly owns all of the outstanding common shares of its subsidiaries. The consolidated financial statements presented are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (US GAAP). We operate in a single segment.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements are unaudited and have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) for interim financial reporting and, in our opinion, reflect all adjustments, including normal recurring items, which are necessary to present fairly the results for interim periods. Operating results for the periods presented are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the entire year. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with US GAAP have been omitted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC; however, we believe that the disclosures are adequate to make information presented not misleading. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009. The Company's management has reviewed and evaluated all events or transactions for potential recognition and/or disclosure since the balance sheet date of March 31, 2010 through the date on which the consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-Q were issued.

Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Aircastle and all of its subsidiaries. Aircastle consolidates five Variable Interest Entities (VIEs) of which Aircastle is the primary beneficiary. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

We consolidate VIEs in which we have determined that we are the primary beneficiary. We use judgment when deciding (a) whether an entity is subject to consolidation as a VIE, (b) who the variable interest holders are, (c) the potential expected losses and residual returns of the variable interest holders, and (d) which variable interest holder is the primary beneficiary. When determining which enterprise is the primary beneficiary, we consider (1) the entity's purpose and design, (2) which variable interest holder has the power to direct the activities that most significantly impact the entity's economic performance and, (3) the obligation to absorb losses of the entity or the right to receive benefits from the entity that could potentially be significant to the VIE. When certain events occur, we reconsider whether we are the primary beneficiary of VIEs. We do not reconsider whether we are a primary beneficiary solely because of operating losses incurred by an entity.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Effective January 1, 2010, the Company adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2009-17 (ASU 2009-17), *Consolidations (Topic 810): Improvements to Financial Reporting by Enterprises Involved with Variable Interest Entities*, which requires an enterprise to perform an analysis to determine whether the enterprise's variable interest, or interests, give it a controlling financial interest in a variable

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interest entity. The determination of whether a reporting entity is required to consolidate another entity is based on, among other things, the other entity's purpose and design and the reporting entity's ability to direct the activities of the other entity that most significantly impact the other entity's economic performance. This ASU amends certain guidance for determining whether an entity is a variable interest entity and requires ongoing reassessments of whether an enterprise is the primary beneficiary of a variable interest entity. ASU 2009-17 requires a reporting entity to provide additional disclosures about its involvement with variable interest entities and any significant changes in risk exposure due to that involvement. The adoption of ASU 2009-17 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements. See Note 4 – Variable Interest Entities.

In January 2010, the FASB issued ASU 2010-06 (ASU 2010-06), *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures (Topic 820): Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements*, which requires new disclosures (1) to disclose separately the amounts of significant transfers in and out of Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements and to describe the reasons for the transfers, and (2) in the reconciliation for fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3), to present separately information about purchases, sales issuances, and settlements on a gross basis rather than as one net number. ASU 2010-06 is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2009, except for the disclosures about purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements in the roll forward of activity in Level 3 fair value measurements. Those disclosures are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010, and for interim periods within those fiscal years. The adoption of ASU 2010-06 did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

Note 2. Fair Value Measurements

Fair value measurements and disclosures require the use of valuation techniques to measure fair value that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize use of unobservable inputs. These inputs are prioritized as follows:

Level 1: Observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable, either directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities or market corroborated inputs.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs for which there is little or no market data and which require us to develop our own assumptions about how market participants price the asset or liability.

The valuation techniques that may be used to measure fair value are as follows:

Market approach – Uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or liabilities.

Income approach – Uses valuation techniques to convert future amounts to a single present amount based on current market expectation about those future amounts.

Cost approach – Based on the amount that currently would be required to replace the service capacity of an asset (replacement cost).

The following tables set forth our financial assets and liabilities as of December 31, 2009 and March 31, 2010 that we measured at fair value on a recurring basis by level within the fair value hierarchy. Assets and liabilities measured at fair value are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to their fair value measurement.

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Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2009
Using Fair Value Hierarchy

	Fair Value as of December 31, 2009	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant		Valuation Technique
			Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	
Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 142,666	\$ 142,666	\$	\$	Market
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	207,834	207,834			Market
Total	\$ 350,500	\$ 350,500	\$	\$	
Liabilities:					
Derivative liabilities	\$ 179,279	\$	\$ 140,372	\$ 38,907	Income

Fair Value Measurements at March 31, 2010
Using Fair Value Hierarchy

	Fair Value as of March 31, 2010	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant		Valuation Technique
			Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	
Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 121,600	\$ 121,600	\$	\$	Market
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	230,019	230,019			Market
Total	\$ 351,619	\$ 351,619	\$	\$	
Liabilities:					
Derivative liabilities	\$ 189,196	\$	\$ 144,156	\$ 45,040	Income

Our cash and cash equivalents, along with our restricted cash and cash equivalents balances, consist largely of money market securities that are considered to be highly liquid and easily tradable. These securities are valued using inputs observable in active markets for identical securities and are therefore classified as Level 1 within our fair value hierarchy. Our interest rate derivatives included in Level 2 consist of United States dollar denominated interest rate derivatives, and their fair values are determined by applying standard modeling techniques under the income approach to relevant market interest rates (cash rates, futures rates, swap rates) in effect at the period close to determine appropriate reset and discount rates and incorporates an assessment of the risk of non-performance by the interest rate derivative counterparty in valuing derivative assets and an evaluation of the Company's credit risk in valuing derivative liabilities.

Our interest rate derivatives included in Level 3 consist of United States dollar denominated interest rate swaps on Term Financing No. 1 with a guaranteed notional balance. The guaranteed notional balance has an upper notional band that matches the hedged debt and a lower notional band. The notional balance is guaranteed to match the hedged debt balance if the debt balances decreases within the upper and lower notional band. The fair value of the interest rate derivative is determined based on the upper notional band using cash flows discounted at the relevant market interest rates in effect at the period close and incorporates an assessment of the risk of non-performance by the interest rate derivative counterparty in valuing derivative assets and an evaluation of the Company's credit risk in valuing derivative liabilities. The range of the guaranteed notional between the upper and lower band represents an option that may not be exercised independently of the debt notional and is therefore valued based on unobservable market inputs.

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The following table reflects the activity for the classes of our assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the three months ended March 31, 2010:

Three Months Ended March 31, 2010	Derivative Liabilities
Balance as of December 31, 2009	\$ (38,907)
Transfers into Level 3	
Transfers out of Level 3	
Total gains or (losses):	
Included in interest income	
Included in other income (expense)	(139)
Included in interest expense	(51)
Included in other comprehensive income	(5,943)
Balance as of March 31, 2010	\$ (45,040)

We measure the fair value of certain assets and liabilities on a non-recurring basis, when US GAAP requires the application of fair value, including events or changes in circumstances that indicate that the carrying amounts of assets may not be recoverable. Assets subject to these measurements include aircraft. We record aircraft at fair value when we determine the carrying value may not be recoverable. Fair value measurements for aircraft in impairment tests are based on an income approach that uses Level 3 inputs, which include the Company's assumptions and appraisal data as to future cash proceeds from leasing and selling aircraft. No assets and liabilities were measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis for the three months ended March 31, 2010.

Our financial instruments, other than cash, consist principally of cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, amounts borrowed under financings and interest rate derivatives. The fair value of cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable approximates the carrying value of these financial instruments because of their short term nature.

The fair values of our securitizations which contain third-party credit enhancements are estimated using a discounted cash flow analysis, based on our current incremental borrowing rates of borrowing arrangements that do not contain third-party credit enhancements. The fair values of our term debt financings are estimated using a discounted cash flow analysis, based on our current incremental borrowing rates for similar types of borrowing arrangements.

The carrying amounts and fair values of our financial instruments at December 31, 2009 and March 31, 2010 are as follows:

	December 31, 2009		March 31, 2010	
	Carrying Amount of Asset (Liability)	Fair Value of Asset (Liability)	Carrying Amount of Asset (Liability)	Fair Value of Asset (Liability)
Securitizations and term debt financings	\$(2,324,972)	\$(2,037,718)	\$(2,289,352)	\$(2,050,697)
ECA term financings	(139,588)	(140,984)	(137,279)	(140,700)

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Note 3. Lease Rental Revenues and Flight Equipment Held for Lease

Minimum future annual lease rentals contracted to be received under our existing operating leases of flight equipment at March 31, 2010 were as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Amount
Remainder of 2010	\$ 378,291
2011	475,340
2012	414,452
2013	314,073
2014	239,082
2015	185,871
Thereafter	329,568
Total	\$ 2,336,677

Geographic concentration of lease rental revenue earned from flight equipment held for lease was as follows:

Region	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2009	2010
Europe	45%	45%
Asia	22%	20%
North America	16%	16%
Latin America	6%	9%
Middle East and Africa	11%	10%
Total	100%	100%

The classification of regions in the tables above and the table and discussion below is determined based on the principal location of the lessee of each aircraft.

For each of the three months ended March 31, 2009 and March 31, 2010, one customer accounted for 9% of lease rental revenue and two additional customers accounted for a combined 13% of lease rental revenue. No other customer accounted for more than 5% of lease rental revenue.

The following table sets forth revenue attributable to individual countries representing at least 10% of total revenue based on each lessee's principal place of business:

Country	Revenue	Three Months Ended March 31,		Revenue	2010	
		Percent of Total Revenue	Number of Lessees		Percent of Total Revenue	Number of Lessees
United States	\$16,789	13%	3	\$16,645	13%	4
Netherlands	14,709	11%	4	14,012	11%	3
China ^(a)				13,806	11%	5

- (a) Total revenue attributable to China was less than 10% for the three months ended March 31, 2009.

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Geographic concentration of net book value of flight equipment held for lease was as follows:

Region	December 31, 2009		March 31, 2010	
	Number of Aircraft	Net Book Value %	Number of Aircraft	Net Book Value %
Europe	58	46%	58	46%
Asia	30 ⁽¹⁾	20%	30	20%
North America	15	12%	15	12%
Latin America	10	9%	10	9%
Middle East and Africa	13	12%	12	12%
Off-lease	3 ⁽²⁾	1%	4 ⁽³⁾	1%
Total	129	100%	129	100%

(1) Includes one Boeing Model 737-400 aircraft which was being converted to freighter configuration and for which we have an executed lease with a carrier in Asia post-conversion and which we delivered in the first quarter of 2010.

(2) Includes one Boeing Model 737-300 aircraft which was returned to us on a consensual early lease termination in the third quarter of 2009 which we are actively

marketing for sale or lease and two Boeing Model 757-200 aircraft which were returned to us early on a consensual basis in the third quarter of 2009 for which we have an executed sale agreement with expected delivery dates in the second and third quarters of 2010.

- (3) Includes one Boeing Model 737-300 aircraft which was returned to us on a consensual early lease termination in the third quarter of 2009 which we are actively marketing for sale or lease, one Boeing Model 737-500 aircraft which was returned to us in late March 2010 and placed on lease to a new customer in early April 2010, and two Boeing Model 757-200 aircraft which were returned to us early on a consensual basis in the third

quarter of 2009 for which we have an executed sale agreement with expected delivery dates in the second and third quarters of 2010.

The following table sets forth net book value of flight equipment attributable to individual countries representing at least 10% of total assets based on each lessee's principal place of business as of:

Country	December 31, 2009			March 31, 2010		
	Net Book Value	Net Book Value %	Number of Lessees	Net Book Value	Net Book Value %	Number of Lessees
Netherlands	\$435,796	11%	3	\$429,377	11%	3
United States ^(a)				384,264	10%	4

(a) The net book value of flight equipment attributable to the United States was less than 10% as of December 31, 2009.

At December 31, 2009 and March 31, 2010, the amounts of lease incentive liabilities recorded in maintenance payments on the consolidated balance sheets were \$14,859 and \$20,257, respectively.

At December 31, 2009 and March 31, 2010, the amounts of prepaid lease incentives, net of amortization, recorded in other assets on the consolidated balance sheets were \$9,560 and \$9,761 respectively.

Note 4. Variable Interest Entities

As described in Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, effective January 1, 2010 ASU 2009-17 provided additional guidance for determining when to consolidate certain entities in which the investors do not have the characteristics of a controlling financial interest or the total equity investment at risk is not sufficient to permit the legal entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support by any parties, including equity holders.

Aircastle consolidates five VIEs of which it is the primary beneficiary. ACS Aircraft Finance Ireland plc (ACS Ireland), ACS Aircraft Finance Ireland 2 Limited (ACS Ireland 2), ACS Ireland 3 Limited (ACS Ireland 3), Air Knight 1 Leasing Limited (Air Knight 1) and Air Knight 2 Leasing Limited (Air Knight 2). The operating

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activities of these VIEs are limited to acquiring, owning, leasing, maintaining, operating and, under certain circumstances, selling the seventeen aircraft.

Securitizations and Term Financing

In connection with Securitization No. 1, two of our subsidiaries, ACS Ireland and ACS Aircraft Finance Bermuda Limited (ACS Bermuda) issued Class A-1 notes and each have fully and unconditionally guaranteed the other's obligations under the notes. In connection with Securitization No. 2, two of our subsidiaries, ACS Ireland 2 and ACS 2007-1 Limited (ACS Bermuda 2) issued Class A-1 notes and each have fully and unconditionally guaranteed the other's obligations under the notes. In connection with Term Financing No. 1, two of our subsidiaries, ACS Ireland 3 and ACS 2008-1 Limited (ACS Bermuda 3) entered into a seven year term debt facility and each have fully and unconditionally guaranteed the other's obligations under the term debt facility. ACS Bermuda, ACS Bermuda 2 and ACS Bermuda 3 are collectively referred to as the ACS Bermuda Group . At March 31, 2010, the assets of the three VIEs include fifteen aircraft transferred into the VIEs at historical cost basis in connection with Securitization No. 1, Securitization No 2 and Term Financing No. 1.

Aircastle is the primary beneficiary of ACS Ireland, ACS Ireland 2 and ACS Ireland 3 (collectively, the ACS Ireland VIEs) as we have both the power to direct the activities of the VIEs that most significantly impact the economic performance of such VIEs and we bear the significant risk of loss and participate in gains through Class E-1 Securities. Although Aircastle has not guaranteed the ACS Ireland VIEs debt, Aircastle wholly owns the ACS Bermuda Group which has fully and unconditionally guaranteed the ACS Ireland VIEs obligations. The activity that most significantly impacts the economic performance is the leasing of aircraft. Aircastle Advisor (Ireland) Limited (Aircastle's wholly owned subsidiary) is the Remarketing Servicer and is responsible for the leasing of the aircraft. An Irish charitable trust owns 95% of the common shares of the ACS Ireland VIEs. The Irish charitable trust's risk is limited to its annual dividend of \$2 per VIE.

The combined assets of the ACS Ireland VIEs as of March 31, 2010 are \$490,279. The combined liabilities of the ACS Ireland VIEs, net of \$96,016 Class E-1 Securities held by the Company which is eliminated in consolidation, as of March 31, 2010 are \$431,847.

ECA Term Financings

Air Knight 1 and Air Knight 2 (collectively, the Air Knight VIEs) entered into two different twelve-year term loans, one with Citibank International Plc and one with Calyon, both of which are supported by a guarantee from Compagnie Francaise d Assurance pour le Commerce Extérieur, (COFACE), the French government sponsored export credit agency (ECA), for the financing of two new Airbus Model A330-200 aircrafts. The Air Knight VIEs are owned by a charitable trust. We refer to these COFACE-supported financings as ECA Term Financings.

Aircastle is the primary beneficiary of the Air Knight VIEs as we have the power to direct the activities of the VIEs that most significantly impact the economic performance of such VIEs and we bear the significant risk of loss and participate in gains through a finance lease. The activity that most significantly impacts the economic performance is the leasing of aircraft of which Aircastle Advisor LLC (Aircastle's wholly owned subsidiary) is the Servicer and is responsible for the leasing of the aircraft. There is a cross collateralization guarantee between the Air Knight VIEs. In addition, Aircastle guarantees the debt of the Air Knight VIEs.

The only assets that the Air Knight VIEs have on their books are financing leases that are eliminated in the consolidated financial statements. The consolidated liabilities of the Air Knight VIEs as of March 31, 2010 are \$146,807.

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Note 5. Securitizations and Term Debt Financings

The outstanding amounts of our securitizations, term debt financings and borrowings under our credit facilities were as follows:

	At December 31, 2009	Outstanding Borrowings	Outstanding Borrowings	At March 31, 2010	
	Interest Rate ⁽¹⁾			Final Stated Maturity ⁽²⁾	
Debt Obligation Securitizations and Term Debt Financings:					
Securitization No. 1	\$ 436,091	\$ 430,938	0.50%	6/20/31	
Securitization No. 2	1,061,566	1,050,978	0.49%	6/14/37	
Term Financing No. 1	708,710	696,485	1.98%	5/02/15	
Term Financing No. 2	118,605	110,951	2.91%	9/23/13	
ECA Term Financings	139,588	137,279	4.48% and 3.96%	5/27/21 and 12/03/21	
Total	\$ 2,464,560	\$ 2,426,631			

(1) Reflects floating rate in effect at the applicable reset date except for the ECA Term Financings, which are fixed rate.

(2) For Securitization No. 1, Securitization No. 2 and Term Financing No. 1, all cash flows available after expenses and interest will be applied to debt

amortization, if the debt is not refinanced by June 2011, June 2012, and May 2013, respectively.

The following securitizations and term debt financing structures include liquidity facility commitments described in the table below:

Facility	Liquidity Facility Provider	Available Liquidity		Unused Fee	Interest Rate on any Advances
		December 31, 2009	March 31, 2010		
Securitization No. 1	Calyon	\$42,000	\$42,000	0.45%	1M Libor + 1.00%
Securitization No. 2	HSH Nordbank AG ⁽¹⁾	79,617	78,823	0.50%	1M Libor + 0.75%
Term Financing No. 1	Calyon	14,174	13,930	0.60%	1M Libor + 1.20%

(1) Following a ratings downgrade with respect to the liquidity facility provider in May 2009, the liquidity facility was drawn and the proceeds, or permitted investments thereof, remain available to provide liquidity if required. Amounts drawn following a ratings downgrade with respect to the liquidity facility provider do not bear interest; however, net investment earnings will be paid to the liquidity facility provider and the unused fee continues to

apply.

Term Financing No. 1

A maintenance-adjusted appraisal of Term Financing No. 1 Portfolio must be completed each year before a date in early May by a specified appraiser. To determine the maintenance-adjusted values, the appraiser applies upward or downward adjustments of its half-life current market values for the aircraft in the Term Financing No. 1 Portfolio based upon the maintenance status of the airframe, engines, landing gear and auxiliary power unit (APU), and applies certain other upward or downward adjustments for equipment and capabilities and for utilization. Compliance with the loan to value ratio is measured each month by comparing the 75% minimum ratio against the most recently completed maintenance-adjusted appraised value, less 0.5% for each month since such appraisal was provided to the lenders, plus 75% of the cash maintenance reserve balance held on deposit for the Term Financing No. 1 Portfolio. Noncompliance with the loan to value ratio will require us to make supplemental principal payments but will not by itself result in a default under Term Financing No. 1.

In March 2010, we completed the maintenance-adjusted appraisal for the Term Financing No. 1 Portfolio and determined that, based upon the appraiser s current market values for the aircraft and the relevant maintenance adjustments, the 2010 appraisal indicated an April 2010 loan to value ratio of approximately 78% and therefore we do

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not meet the loan to value requirement until supplemental principal payments are made. We estimate that approximately \$20 million in supplemental principal payments will be required to be made over the next twelve months before any excess cash flow from Term Financing No. 1 is paid to us.

Note 6. Dividends

On December 22, 2008, our board of directors declared a fourth quarter dividend of \$0.10 per common share or an aggregate of \$7,862, for the three months ended December 31, 2008, which was paid on January 15, 2009 to shareholders of record on December 31, 2008. On March 13, 2009, our board of directors declared a first quarter dividend of \$0.10 per common share, or an aggregate of \$7,923, for the three months ended March 31, 2009, which was paid on April 15, 2009 to shareholders of record on March 31, 2009.

On December 14, 2009, our board of directors declared a fourth quarter dividend of \$0.10 per common share or an aggregate of \$7,955, for the three months ended December 31, 2009, which was paid on January 15, 2010 to shareholders of record on December 31, 2009. On March 12, 2010, our board of directors declared a first quarter dividend of \$0.10 per common share, or an aggregate of \$7,951, for the three months ended March 31, 2010, which was paid on April 15, 2010 to shareholders of record on March 31, 2010.

Note 7. Earnings Per Share

We include all common shares granted under our incentive compensation plan which remain unvested (restricted common shares) and contain non-forfeitable rights to dividends or dividend equivalents, whether paid or unpaid (participating securities), in the number of shares outstanding in our basic and diluted earnings per share calculations using the two-class method. All of our restricted common shares are currently participating securities.

Under the two-class method, earnings per common share are computed by dividing the sum of distributed earnings allocated to common shareholders and undistributed earnings allocated to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. In applying the two-class method, distributed and undistributed earnings are allocated to both common shares and restricted common shares based on the total weighted average shares outstanding during the period as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2009	2010
Weighted-average shares:		
Common shares outstanding	77,941,201	78,415,702
Restricted common shares	1,282,208	1,237,988
Total weighted-average shares	79,223,409	79,653,690
Percentage of weighted-average shares:		
Common shares outstanding	98.4%	98.4%
Restricted common shares	1.6%	1.6%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

The calculations of both basic and diluted earnings per share are as follows:

**Three Months Ended
March 31,**

	2009	2010
Earnings per share Basic:		
Net income	\$ 18,471	\$ 18,879
Less: Distributed and undistributed earnings allocated to restricted common shares ^(a)	(299)	(293)
Earnings available to common shareholders Basic	\$ 18,172	\$ 18,586
Weighted-average common shares outstanding Basic	77,941,201	78,415,702

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	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2009	2010
Earnings per common share Basic	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.24
 Earnings per share Diluted:		
Net income	\$ 18,471	\$ 18,879
Less: Distributed and undistributed earnings allocated to restricted common shares	(299)	(293)
Earnings available to common shareholders Diluted	\$ 18,172	\$ 18,586
Weighted-average common shares outstanding Basic	77,941,201	78,415,702
Effect of dilutive shares	(b)	(b)
Weighted-average common shares outstanding Diluted	77,941,201	78,415,702
Earnings per common share Diluted	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.24

(a) For the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2010, distributed and undistributed earnings to restricted shares is 1.6% and 1.6%, respectively, of net income. The amount of restricted share forfeitures for all periods present is immaterial to the allocation of distributed and

undistributed earnings.

- (b) For the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2010, we have no dilutive shares.

Note 8. Income Taxes

Income taxes have been provided for based upon the tax laws and rates in countries in which our operations are conducted and income is earned. The Company received an assurance from the Bermuda Minister of Finance that it would be exempted from local income, withholding and capital gains taxes until March 2016. Consequently, the provision for income taxes recorded relates to income earned by certain subsidiaries of the Company which are located in, or earn income in, jurisdictions that impose income taxes, primarily the United States and Ireland.

The sources of income from continuing operations before income taxes for the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2010 were as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2009	2010
U.S. operations	\$ 457	\$ 535
Non-U.S. operations	19,930	20,679
Total	\$ 20,387	\$ 21,214

All of our aircraft-owning subsidiaries that are recognized as corporations for U.S. tax purposes are non-U.S. corporations. These non-U.S. subsidiaries generally earn income from sources outside the United States and typically are not subject to U.S. federal, state or local income taxes unless they operate within the U.S., in which case they may be subject to federal, state and local income taxes. We also have a U.S.-based subsidiary which provides management services to our non-U.S. subsidiaries and is subject to U.S. federal, state and local income taxes.

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Differences between statutory income tax rates and our effective income tax rates applied to pre-tax income consisted of the following:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2009	2010
Notional U.S. federal income tax expense at the statutory rate	\$ 7,135	\$ 7,425
U.S. state and local income tax, net	23	31
Non-U.S. operations	(5,268)	(5,970)
Non-deductible expenses in the U.S.	8	854
Other	18	(5)
Provision for income taxes	\$ 1,916	\$ 2,335

Note 9. Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Total comprehensive income (loss) includes net income, the changes in the fair value and the reclassification into earnings of amounts previously deferred relating to our derivative financial instruments which qualify for hedge accounting and the change in unrealized fair value of debt securities classified as available-for-sale. Total comprehensive income (loss) for the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2010 was as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2009	2010
Net income	\$ 18,471	\$ 18,879
Net change in fair value of derivatives, net of tax expense of \$231 and \$83, respectively	13,972	(8,598)
Derivative loss reclassified into earnings	4,949	2,304
Net change in unrealized fair value of debt investments	(1,074)	
Total comprehensive income	\$ 36,318	\$ 12,585

The following table sets forth the components of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax where applicable, at December 31, 2009 and March 31, 2010:

	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)
December 31, 2009, net of tax benefit of \$3,057	\$ (259,848)
Net change in fair value of derivatives, net of tax expense of \$83	(8,598)
Derivative loss reclassified into earnings	2,304
March 31, 2010	\$ (266,142)

Note 10. Commitments and Contingencies

On June 20, 2007, we entered into an acquisition agreement (the Airbus A330 Agreement), under which we agreed to acquire new A330 aircraft (the New A330 Aircraft), from Airbus S.A.S. We currently have ten New A330 Aircraft remaining to be delivered, with two scheduled for delivery in 2010, seven in 2011 and one in 2012. During 2009, we acquired two New A330 Aircraft.

Committed amounts to acquire, convert, and modify aircraft including, where applicable, our estimate of adjustments for configuration changes, engine acquisition costs, contractual price escalations and other adjustments, net of amounts already paid, are approximately \$206,317 in 2010, \$423,806 in 2011 and \$60,345 in 2012.

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Note 11. Derivatives

The objective of our hedging policy is to adopt a risk averse position with respect to changes in interest rates. Accordingly, we have entered into a number of interest rate derivatives to hedge the current and expected future interest rate payments on our variable rate debt. Interest rate derivatives are agreements in which a series of interest rate cash flows are exchanged with a third party over a prescribed period. The notional amount on an interest rate derivative is not exchanged. Our interest rate derivatives typically provide that we make fixed rate payments and receive floating rate payments to convert our floating rate borrowings to fixed rate obligations to better match the largely fixed rate cash flows from our investments in flight equipment.

We held the following interest rate derivatives as of March 31, 2010:

Hedged Item	Current			Liability Derivatives Future Maximum			Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value
	Notional Amount	Effective Date	Maturity Date	Notional Amount	Floating Rate	Fixed Rate		
Interest rate derivatives designated as cash flow hedges :								
Securitization No. 1	\$ 444,749	Jun-06	Jun-16	\$ 444,749	1M LIBOR + 0.27%	5.78%	Fair value of derivative liabilities	\$ 54,068
Securitization No. 2	1,042,262	Jun-07	Jun-12	1,042,262	1M LIBOR	5.25% to 5.36%	Fair value of derivative liabilities	86,815
Term Financing No. 1 ⁽¹⁾	632,350	Jun-08	May-13	632,350	1M LIBOR	4.04%	Fair value of derivative liabilities	38,222
Term Financing No. 1 ⁽¹⁾		May-13	May-15	491,718	1M LIBOR	5.31%	Fair value of derivative liabilities	6,818
Total interest rate derivatives designated as cash flow hedges	2,119,361			2,611,079				185,923

**Interest rate
derivatives not
designated as cash
flow hedges:**

Term Financing No. 2 ⁽²⁾	99,749	Oct-08	Sep-13	99,749	3M LIBOR	3.17%	Fair value of derivative liabilities	3,273
Total interest rate derivatives not designated as cash flow hedges	99,749			99,749				3,273
Total interest rate derivatives	\$ 2,219,110			\$ 2,710,828				\$ 189,196

(1) The interest payments related to Term Financing No. 1 are being hedged by two consecutive interest rate derivatives. When the first matures in May 2013, the next becomes effective.

(2) Although we entered into this interest rate derivative to hedge the variable rate interest payments in connection with Term Financing No. 2, it has not been designated as a hedge for accounting purposes.

Our interest rate derivatives involve counterparty credit risk. As of March 31, 2010, our interest rate derivatives are held with the following counterparties: JP Morgan Chase Bank NA, Citibank Canada NA, HSH Nordbank AG and

DVB Bank SE. All of our counterparties or guarantors of these counterparties are considered investment grade (senior unsecured ratings of A3 or above by Moody's Investors Service and long-term foreign issuer ratings of BBB+ or above by Standard and Poor's). As a result, we do not anticipate that any of these counterparties will fail to meet their obligations.

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In addition to the derivative liability above, another component of the fair value of our interest rate derivatives is accrued interest. As of March 31, 2010, accrued interest payable included in accounts payable, accrued expenses, and other liabilities on our consolidated balance sheet was \$6,075 related to interest rate derivatives designated as cash flow hedges and \$72 for interest rate derivatives not designated as cash flow hedges.

Historically, the Company acquired its aircraft using short term credit facilities and equity. The short term credit facilities were refinanced by securitizations or term debt facilities secured by groups of aircraft. The Company completed two securitizations and two term financings during the period 2006 through 2008. The Company entered into interest rate derivatives to hedge interest payments on variable rate debt for acquired aircraft as well as aircraft that it expected to acquire within certain future periods. In conjunction with its financing strategy, the Company used interest rate derivatives for periods ranging from 5 to 10 years to fix the interest rates on the variable rate debt that it incurred to acquire aircraft in anticipation of the expected securitization or term debt re-financings.

At the time of each re-financing, the initial interest rate derivatives were terminated and new interest rate derivatives were executed as required by each specific debt financing. At the time of each interest rate derivative termination, certain interest rate derivatives were in a gain position and others were in a loss position. Since the hedged interest payments for the variable rate debt associated with each terminated interest rate derivative were probable of occurring, the gain or loss was deferred in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) and is being amortized into interest expense over the relevant period for each interest rate derivative.

Prior to the securitizations and term debt financings, our interest rate derivatives typically required us to post cash collateral to the counterparty when the value of the interest rate derivative exceeded a defined threshold. When the interest rate derivatives were terminated and became part of a larger aircraft portfolio financing, there were no cash collateral posting requirements associated with the new interest rate derivative. As of March 31, 2010, we did not have any cash collateral pledged under our interest rate derivatives, nor do we have any existing agreements that require cash collateral postings.

Following is the effect of interest rate derivatives on the statement of financial performance for the three months ended March 31, 2010:

Derivatives in	Effective Portion		Amount of Gain or (Loss) Reclassified from Accumulated OCI into Income	Ineffective Portion	
	Amount of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in OCI on Derivative	Location of Gain or (Loss) Reclassified from Accumulated OCI into Income		Location of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative	Amount of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative
ASC 815	(a)	Interest	(b)	Interest	(c)
Cash Flow	\$ (33,057)	expense	\$ (26,316) ⁽¹⁾	expense	\$ (975) ⁽¹⁾
Hedging					
Relationships					
Interest rate derivatives					

(a) This represents the change in fair market value of our

interest rate derivatives since year end, net of taxes, offset by the amount of actual cash paid related to the net settlements of the interest rate derivatives for the three months ended March 31, 2010.

- (b) This represents the amount of actual cash paid, net of taxes, related to the net settlements of the interest rate derivatives for each month of the three months ended March 31, 2010 plus any effective amortization of net deferred interest rate derivative losses.
- (c) This represents both realized and unrealized ineffectiveness incurred during the three months ended March 31, 2010.
- (1) Excludes accelerated deferred loss of \$447 which was charged to interest expense during the three months ended

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as a result of
changes in
projected future
debt related to
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Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments under ASC 815	Location of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income On Derivative	Amount of Gain or (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative
Interest rate derivatives.	Other income (expense)	\$(370)

Generally, our interest rate derivatives are hedging current interest payments on debt and future interest payments on long-term debt. In the past, we have entered into forward-starting interest rate derivatives to hedge the anticipated interest payment on long-term financings. These interest rate derivatives were terminated and new, specifically tailored interest rate derivatives were entered into upon closing of the relevant long-term financing. We have also early terminated interest rate derivatives in an attempt to manage our exposure to collateral calls.

The following table summarizes the deferred (gains) and losses and related amortization into interest expense for our terminated interest rate derivative contracts for the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2010:

	Original	Deferred	Loss	Amount of Deferred (Gain) or Loss Amortized (including Accelerated Amortization) into Interest Expense for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2009	Amount of Deferred (Gain) or Loss Amortized into Interest Expense for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2010	Expected to be Amortized over the Next Twelve Months				
Hedged Item	Maximum Notional Amount	Fixed Maturity Date	Rate Termination Date	Termination Upon	at March 31, 2010	Expected to be Amortized over the Next Twelve Months				
Securitization No. 1	\$ 400,000	Dec-05	Aug-10	4.61	Jun-06	\$ (13,397)	\$ (1,102)	\$ (783)	\$ (745)	\$ (1,102)
Securitization No. 1	200,000	Dec-05	Dec-10	5.03	Jun-06	(2,541)	(241)	(94)	(56)	(241)
Securitization No. 2	500,000	Mar-06	Mar-11	5.07	Jun-07	(2,687)	(625)	(180)	(173)	(625)
Securitization No. 2	200,000	Jan-07	Aug-12	5.06	Jun-07	(1,850)	(783)	(93)	(90)	(345)
Securitization No. 2	410,000	Feb-07	Apr-17	5.14	Jun-07	(3,119)	(1,916)	(102)	(94)	(335)
Term Financing No. 1	150,000	Jul-07	Dec-17	5.14	Mar-08	15,281	10,909	527	492	1,882

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Term Financing No. 1	440,000	Jun-07	Feb-13	4.88	Partial Mar-08 Full Jun-08	26,281	14,494	1,535	1,434	5,486
Term Financing No. 1	248,000	Aug-07	May-13	5.33	Jun-08	9,888	5,388	569	979	1,832
Term Financing No. 2	55,000	May-08	Mar-14	5.41	Jun-08	2,380				
Term Financing No. 2	360,000	Jan-08	Feb-19	5.16	Partial Jun-08 Full Oct-08	23,077	11,436	695	557	1,847
Repurchase Agreement	74,000	Feb-06	Jul-10	5.02	Feb-08	878				
Repurchase Agreement	5,000	Dec-05	Sep-09	4.94	Mar-08	144				
Repurchase Agreement	2,900	Jun-05	Mar-13	4.21	Jun-08	(19)				
ECA Term Financing and New A330 Aircraft future debt	238,000	Jan-11	Apr-16	5.23	Dec-08	19,430	18,445	615		
New A330 Aircraft future debt and securitization	231,000	Apr-10	Oct-15	5.17	Partial Jun-08 Full Dec-08	15,310	12,437	674		1,224
New A330 Aircraft future debt and securitization	203,000	Jun-07	Jan-12	4.89	Dec-08	2,728 ⁽¹⁾		465		
New A330 Aircraft future debt and securitization	238,000	Jul-11	Sep-16	5.27	Dec-08	17,254	15,969	1,121		
Total						\$ 109,038	\$ 84,411	\$ 4,949	\$ 2,304	\$ 9,623

(1) The deferred loss for this swap is related to the period prior to de-designation.

The amount of loss expected to be reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (OCI) into interest expense over the next 12 months consists of net interest settlements on active interest rate derivatives disclosed above, in the amount of \$90,762 and the amortization of deferred net losses in the amount of \$9,623. For the three months ended March 31, 2010, the amount of loss reclassified from OCI into interest expense consisted of net interest

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settlements on active interest rate derivatives in the amount of \$24,989, and the amortization of deferred net losses (including accelerated amortization) in the amount of \$2,304 as disclosed below.

The following table summarizes amounts charged directly to the consolidated statement of income for the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2010, respectively, related to our interest rate derivatives:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2009	2010
Interest Expense:		
Hedge ineffectiveness (gains) losses (unrealized)	\$ (129)	\$ 867
Amortization:		
Accelerated amortization of deferred losses	2,875	447
Amortization of deferred losses	2,074	1,857
Total Amortization	4,949	2,304
Total charged to interest expense	\$ 4,820	\$ 3,171
Other Income (Expense):		
Mark to market gains (losses) on undesignated interest rate derivatives	\$ 92	\$ (370)
Total charged to other income (expense)	\$ 92	\$ (370)

The weighted average interest pay rates of these derivatives at December 31, 2009 and March 31, 2010 were 4.91% and 4.92% , respectively.

Note 12. Interest, Net

The following table shows the components of interest, net:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2009	2010
Interest on borrowings, net settlements on interest rate derivatives, and other liabilities	\$ 36,770	\$ 35,598
Hedge ineffectiveness (gains) losses (unrealized)	(129)	867
Amortization of interest rate derivatives related to deferred losses	4,949	2,304
Amortization of deferred financing fees	2,533	2,804
Interest Expense	44,123	41,573
Less interest income	(441)	(10)
Less capitalized interest	(271)	(604)
Interest, net	\$ 43,411	\$ 40,959

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This management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations contains forward-looking statements that involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. You should read the following discussion in conjunction with our historical consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this report. The results of operations for the periods reflected herein are not necessarily indicative of results that may be expected for future periods, and our actual results may differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements as a result of various factors, including but not limited to those described under "Risk Factors" and included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Our consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, or US GAAP. All references to dollars and \$ in this report are to, and all monetary amounts in this report are presented in, U.S. dollars.

Certain items in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (this "report"), and other information we provide from time to time, may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 including, but not necessarily limited to, statements relating to our ability to acquire, sell and lease aircraft, raise capital, pay dividends, and increase revenues, earnings and EBITDA and the global aviation industry and aircraft leasing sector. Words such as "anticipates," "expects," "intends," "plans," "projects," "believes," "may," "will," "would," "seeks," "estimates" and variations on these words and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These statements are based on management's current expectations and beliefs 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 Limited can give no assurance that its expectations will be attained. Accordingly, you should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements contained in this report. Factors that could have a material adverse effect on our operations and future prospects or that could cause actual results to differ materially from Aircastle Limited's expectations include, but are not limited to, prolonged capital markets disruption and volatility, which may adversely affect our continued ability to obtain additional capital to finance our working capital needs, our pre-delivery payment obligations and other aircraft acquisition commitments, our ability to extend or replace our existing financings, and the demand for and value of aircraft; our exposure to increased bank and counterparty risk caused by credit and capital markets disruptions; volatility in the value of our aircraft or in appraisals thereof, which may, among other things, result in increased principal payments under our term financings and reduce our cash flow available for investment or dividends; general economic conditions and business conditions affecting demand for aircraft and lease rates; our continued ability to obtain favorable tax treatment in Bermuda, Ireland and other jurisdictions; our ability to pay dividends; high or volatile fuel prices, lack of access to capital, reduced load factors and/or reduced yields, operational disruptions caused by volcanic activity and other factors affecting the creditworthiness of our airline customers and their ability to continue to perform their obligations under our leases; termination payments on our interest rate hedges; and other risks detailed from time to time in Aircastle Limited's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, including "Risk Factors" as previously disclosed in Aircastle's 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K, and elsewhere in this report. 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 report. Aircastle Limited expressly disclaims any obligation to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect any change in its expectations with regard thereto or change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any statement is based.

WEBSITE AND ACCESS TO COMPANY'S REPORTS

The Company's Internet website can be found at www.aircastle.com. Our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act are available free of charge through our website under "Investors" "SEC Filings" as soon as reasonably practicable after they are electronically filed with, or furnished to, the SEC.

The information on the Company's website is not part of, or incorporated by reference, into this report, or any other report we file with, or furnish to, the SEC.

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OVERVIEW

We are a global company that acquires leases and sells high-utility commercial jet aircraft to passenger and cargo airlines throughout the world. High-utility aircraft are generally modern, operationally efficient jets with a large operator base and long useful lives. As of March 31, 2010, our aircraft portfolio consisted of 129 aircraft and we had 59 lessees located in 33 countries. At March 31, 2010, the average age of the aircraft in our portfolio was 11.1 years and the average remaining lease term was 4.8 years, in each case weighted by net book value. Our revenues and income from continuing operations for the three months ended March 31, 2010 were \$130.6 million and \$21.2 million, respectively.

Although current market conditions have improved compared to the conditions prevailing in 2009, the availability of equity and debt capital remains limited. We plan to grow our business and profits over the long term by continuing to employ our fundamental business strategy which includes:

- (1) Selectively investing in additional commercial jet aircraft and other aviation assets when attractively priced opportunities and cost effective financing are available;
- (2) Maintaining an efficient capital structure by using varying long-term debt structures to obtain cost effective financing and leveraging the efficient operating platform and strong track record we have established; and
- (3) Reinvesting a portion of the cash flows generated by our business and from selective asset dispositions in additional aviation assets and/or our own debt and equity securities.

We believe our team's capabilities in the global leasing market for both passenger and cargo aircraft place us in a favorable position to explore new income-generating activities as capital becomes available for such activities. However, though we see some recent signs of improvement, the financing markets continue to have limited capacity, which may constrain our ability to undertake new transactions. As such, during the near term, we intend to continue to focus our efforts on investment opportunities that both tap commercial financing capacity where it is accessible on reasonable terms and also where there is potential availability of debt financing that benefits from government guarantees either from the European Export Credit Agencies, or ECAs, or from the Export-Import Bank of the United States, or EXIM. In any case, there can be no assurance that we will be able to access capital on a cost-effective basis, and a failure to do so could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Thus far in 2010, air traffic data has continued to demonstrate improvement in both the passenger and cargo markets, with passenger and cargo traffic demand increasing by 8.6% and 27.8%, respectively, for the first three months of 2010 as compared to the same period in 2009, according to the International Air Transport Association. We are encouraged by the recent trends and believe that passenger and cargo traffic will likely continue to improve as the global economy recovery continues, and that demand for high-utility aircraft will strengthen as a result, although we are carefully monitoring our European customers in particular following the temporary closing of European airspace resulting from the eruption of the Eyjafjallajökull volcano. Going forward, we believe the market will be driven to a large extent by expansion in larger emerging markets and rising levels of per capita, air travel.

We intend to pay regular quarterly dividends to our shareholders. On March 12, 2010, our board of directors declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.10 per common share, or an aggregate of \$8.0 million, for the three months ended March 31, 2010, which was paid on April 15, 2010 to holders of record on March 31, 2010. This dividend may not be indicative of the amount of any future dividends.

Revenues

Our revenues are comprised primarily of operating lease rentals on flight equipment held for lease. In addition, we recognize revenue from retained maintenance payments related to lease expirations and lease termination payments.

Typically, our aircraft are subject to net operating leases whereby the lessee pays lease rentals and is generally responsible for maintaining the aircraft and paying operational, maintenance and insurance costs, although in a majority of cases, we are obligated to pay a portion of specified maintenance or modification costs. Our aircraft lease agreements generally provide for the periodic payment of a fixed amount of rent over the life of the lease and the amount of the contracted rent will depend upon the type, age, specification and condition of the aircraft, and market conditions at the time the lease is committed. The amount of rent we receive will depend on a number of factors,

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including the credit-worthiness of our lessees and the occurrence of delinquencies, restructurings and defaults. Our lease rental revenues are also affected by the extent to which aircraft are off-lease and our ability to remarket aircraft that are nearing the end of their leases in order to minimize their off-lease time. Our success in re-leasing aircraft is affected by market conditions relating to our aircraft and by general industry conditions and trends. An increase in the percentage of off-lease aircraft or a reduction in lease rates upon remarketing would negatively impact our revenues.

2010 Lease Expirations and Lease Placements

Scheduled lease expirations placements. For our 19 aircraft originally having lease expirations in 2010, we have executed lease renewals, or commitments to lease or renew, with respect to 15 aircraft, we have signed sales agreements to sell two aircraft and we are actively remarketing the remaining two aircraft and are also remarketing an aircraft originally scheduled to expire in 2009 but delayed into 2010 by the existing customer. We estimate that for these 19 aircraft, excluding the two we expect to sell, the weighted average lease term for the new leases or renewals will be between 3.5 and 4.0 years with monthly lease rates that are approximately 30% to 35% percent lower than the previous rentals. The drop in lease rates for these placements reflects more challenging market conditions when these new leases or renewals were executed, as well as a comparatively stronger lease placement environment, on average, when the previous leases were put in place. Given more challenging market conditions, we generally continue to seek shorter lease terms for placements so as to allow for the opportunity to benefit more quickly from possible market improvements.

Aircraft acquisitions placements. We are scheduled to take delivery of two of the New A330 Aircraft in 2010, both in the second half of the year. We have executed lease agreements for both aircraft with an affiliate of the HNA Group, the parent company of Hainan Airlines. We currently have no other commitment to acquire aircraft in 2010.

2011 Lease Expirations and Lease Placements

Scheduled lease expirations placements. We have 13 aircraft with lease expirations scheduled in 2011. We have executed lease renewals, or commitments to lease or renew, with respect to three of these aircraft, and we have a signed sale agreement to sell one aircraft. We are actively remarketing the remaining nine aircraft.

Aircraft acquisitions placements. We are scheduled to take delivery of seven of the New A330 Aircraft in 2011. We executed a lease agreement for one of the New A330 Aircraft scheduled for delivery in 2011 with an affiliate of the HNA Group, and we executed lease agreements for six of the New A330 Aircraft scheduled for delivery in 2011 with South African Airways PTY LTD. We currently have no other commitment to acquire aircraft in 2011.

2012-2014 Lease Expirations and Lease Placements

Scheduled lease expirations placements. Taking into account lease and sale commitments, we currently have 72 aircraft with lease expirations scheduled in the period 2012-2014.

Aircraft acquisitions placements. We are scheduled to take delivery of one of the New A330 Aircraft in 2012 and we are actively remarketing it. We currently have no other commitment to acquire aircraft in the period 2012-2014.

Operating Expenses

Operating expenses are comprised of depreciation of flight equipment held for lease, interest expense, selling, general and administrative expenses, or SG&A, aircraft impairment charges and maintenance and other costs. Because our operating lease terms generally require the lessee to pay for operating, maintenance and insurance costs, our portion of maintenance and other costs relating to aircraft reflected in our statement of income has been nominal; however, to the extent our customers failed to pay operating, maintenance, insurance or transition costs, our portion of these expenses for unscheduled lease terminations reflected in our income statement increased significantly during 2009 as compared to prior years.

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We have obtained an assurance from the Minister of Finance of Bermuda under the Exempted Undertakings Tax Protection Act 1966 that, in the event that any legislation is enacted in Bermuda imposing any tax computed on profits or income, or computed on any capital asset, gain or appreciation or any tax in the nature of estate duty or inheritance tax, such tax shall not, until March 28, 2016, be applicable to us or to any of our operations or to our shares, debentures or other obligations except insofar as such tax applies to persons ordinarily resident in Bermuda or to any taxes payable by us in respect of real property owned or leased by us in Bermuda. Consequently, the provision for income taxes recorded relates to income earned by certain subsidiaries of the Company which are located in, or earn income in, jurisdictions that impose income taxes, primarily Ireland and the United States.

All of our aircraft-owning subsidiaries that are recognized as corporations for U.S. tax purposes are non-U.S. corporations. These non-U.S. subsidiaries generally earn income from sources outside the United States and typically are not subject to U.S. federal, state or local income taxes unless they operate within the U.S., in which case they may be subject to federal, state and local income taxes. We also have a U.S.-based subsidiary which provides management services to our non-U.S. subsidiaries and is subject to U.S. federal, state and local income taxes. In addition, those subsidiaries that are resident in Ireland are subject to Irish tax.

Acquisitions and Dispositions

On June 20, 2007, we entered into an acquisition agreement, which we refer to as the Airbus A330 Agreement, under which we agreed to acquire new A330 aircraft, which we refer to as the New A330 Aircraft, from Airbus S.A.S. During 2009, we acquired two New A330 Aircraft. We currently have ten New A330 Aircraft remaining to be delivered, with two scheduled for delivery in 2010, seven in 2011 and one in 2012.

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to the aircraft owned by us as of March 31, 2010:
AIRCASTLE AIRCRAFT INFORMATION (Dollars in millions)

	Owned Aircraft as of March 31, 2010⁽¹⁾
Flight Equipment Held for Lease	\$ 3,772
Number of Aircraft	129
Number of Lessees	59
Number of Countries	33
Weighted Average Age Passenger (years) ⁽²⁾	11.3
Weighted Average Age Freighter (years) ⁽²⁾	10.5
Weighted Average Age Combined (years) ⁽²⁾	11.1
Weighted Average Remaining Passenger Lease Term (years) ⁽³⁾	3.6
Weighted Average Remaining Cargo Lease Term (years) ⁽³⁾	7.4
Weighted Average Remaining Combined Lease Term (years) ⁽³⁾	4.8
Weighted Average Fleet Utilization during First Quarter 2010 ⁽⁴⁾	98%

(1) Calculated using net book value as of March 31, 2010.

(2) Weighted average age (years) by net book value.

- (3) Weighted average remaining lease term (years) by net book value.
- (4) Aircraft on-lease days as a percent of total days in period weighted by net book value, excluding aircraft in freighter conversion.

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	Owned Aircraft as of March 31, 2010	
	Number of Aircraft	% of Net Book Value
Aircraft Type		
Passenger:		
Narrowbody	83	44%
Midbody	24	25%
Widebody	1	2%
Total Passenger	108	71%
Freighter	21	29%
Total	129	100%
Manufacturer		
Boeing	86	64%
Airbus	43	36%
Total	129	100%
Regional Diversification		
Europe	58	46%
Asia	30	20%
North America	15	12%
Latin America	10	9%
Middle East and Africa	12	12%
Off-lease ⁽¹⁾	4	1%
Total	129	100%

(1) Includes one Boeing Model 737-300 aircraft which was returned to us on a consensual early lease termination in the third quarter of 2009 which we are actively

marketing for sale or lease, one Boeing Model 737-500 aircraft which was returned to us in late March 2010 and placed on lease to a new customer in early April 2010, and two Boeing Model 757-200 aircraft which were returned to us early on a consensual basis in the third quarter of 2009 for which we have an executed sale agreement with expected delivery dates in the second and third quarters of 2010.

Our largest customer represents less than 8% of the net book value of flight equipment held for lease at March 31, 2010. Our top 15 customers for aircraft we owned at March 31, 2010, representing 56 aircraft and 61% of the net book value of flight equipment held for lease, are as follows:

Percent of Net Book Value	Customer	Country	Number of Aircraft
Greater than 6% per customer	Martinair ⁽¹⁾	Netherlands	5
	Emirates	United Arab Emirates	2
	US Airways	USA	8
3% to 6% per customer	Avianca	Colombia	2
	China Eastern Airlines ⁽²⁾	China	8
	Iberia Airlines	Spain	6
	GOL ⁽³⁾	Brazil	6
	Airbridge Cargo ⁽⁴⁾	Russia	1
	KLM ⁽¹⁾	Netherlands	1
	World Airways	USA	2
Less than 3% per customer	Swiss International Air Lines	Switzerland	2

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Icelandair ⁽⁵⁾	Iceland	5
Korean Air	South Korea	2
Cimber-Sterling	Denmark	4
SriLankan Airlines	Sri Lanka	2

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- (1) Martinair is a wholly owned subsidiary of KLM. Although KLM does not guarantee Martinair's obligations under the relevant lease, if combined, the two, together with another affiliated customer, represent 11% of flight equipment held for lease.
- (2) Includes the aircraft leased to Shanghai Airlines, which was recently acquired by China Eastern Airlines. China Eastern Airlines does not guarantee the obligations of the aircraft we lease to Shanghai Airlines.
- (3) GOL has guaranteed the obligations of an affiliate, VRG Linhas Aereas, and accordingly, the two are shown combined in the above table.

- (4) Guaranteed by
Volga-Dnepr.

- (5) Icelandair
Group hf, the
parent company
of Icelandair,
has guaranteed
the obligations
of an affiliate,
SmartLynx, and
accordingly, the
two are shown
combined in the
above table.

Our owned aircraft portfolio as of March 31, 2010 is listed in Exhibit 99.1 to this report. Approximately 88% of the total aircraft and 87% of the freighters we owned as of March 31, 2010 are what we consider to be the most current technology for the relevant airframe and engine type and airframe size, as listed under the headings Latest Generation Narrowbody Aircraft, Latest Generation Midbody Aircraft, Latest Generation Widebody Aircraft and Latest Generation Widebody Freighter Aircraft in Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Finance

Our debt financing arrangements are typically secured by aircraft and related operating leases, and in the case of our securitizations and pooled aircraft term financings, the financing parties have limited recourse to Aircastle Limited. While such financing has historically been available on reasonable terms given the loan to value profile we have pursued, the recent financial markets turmoil has reduced the availability of both debt and equity capital. Though financing market conditions have recovered recently and we expect them to continue to improve in time, current market conditions remain difficult, and we are presently taking a cautious approach to incremental financing and with respect to refinancing risk, which may constrain our ability to undertake new transactions. During the near term, we intend to focus our efforts on investment opportunities that both tap commercial financial capacity where it is accessible on reasonable terms and also where there is potential availability of debt financing that benefit from government guarantees either from the ECAs or from EXIM.

To the extent that we acquire additional aircraft directly, we intend to fund such investments through medium to longer-term financings and cash on hand. We may repay all or a portion of such borrowings from time to time with the net proceeds from subsequent long-term debt financings, additional equity offerings or cash generated from operations. Therefore, our ability to execute our business strategy, particularly the acquisition of additional commercial jet aircraft or other aviation assets, depends to a significant degree on our ability to obtain additional debt and equity capital on terms we deem attractive.

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	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2009	2010
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Revenues:		
Lease rental revenue	\$ 125,994	\$ 130,122
Amortization of net lease discounts and lease incentives	(1,117)	(4,845)
Maintenance revenue	6,603	5,254
Total lease rentals	131,480	130,531
Interest income	633	
Other revenue	25	30
Total revenues	132,138	130,561
Expenses:		
Depreciation	51,561	54,145
Interest, net	43,411	40,959
Selling, general and administrative	11,095	11,673
Maintenance and other costs	5,776	2,200
Total operating expenses	111,843	108,977
Other income (expense):		
Other income (expense)	92	(370)
Total other income (expense)	92	(370)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	20,387	21,214
Income tax provision	1,916	2,335
Net income	\$ 18,471	\$ 18,879

Revenues:

Total revenues decreased by 1% or \$1.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010 as compared to the three months ended March 31, 2009, primarily as a result of the following:

Lease rental revenue. The increase in lease rental revenue of \$4.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010 as compared to the same period in 2009 was primarily the result of increases of:

\$4.9 million of revenue from two new aircraft purchased in 2009; and

\$3.8 million of revenue as a result of lease transitions.

These increases were offset partially by a decrease in revenue of:

\$3.5 million of revenue due to lower floating rate lease rentals and lease extensions; and

\$1.1 million of revenue due to three aircraft sold during 2009.

Amortization of net lease discounts and lease incentives. The increase in amortization of net lease discounts and lease incentives of \$3.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010 as compared to the same period in 2009 results from an increase in amortization of lease incentives of \$2.8 million for 18 aircraft transitions during 2009 and a decrease in amortization of net lease discounts of \$0.9 million.

Maintenance revenue. The decrease in maintenance revenue of \$1.3 million is the result of \$1.2 million of higher maintenance revenue from scheduled lease terminations (\$4.6 million in the three months ended March 31, 2010 as compared to \$3.4 million in the three months ended March 31, 2009) and \$2.5 million of lower maintenance revenue from early terminations of leases (\$0.7 million in the three months ended March 31, 2010 as compared to \$3.2 million in the three months ended March 31, 2009).

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Interest income. The decrease in interest income of \$0.6 million was due primarily to the sale of our debt investments in the third and fourth quarters of 2009.

Operating Expenses:

Total operating expenses decreased by 3% or \$2.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010 as compared to the three months ended March 31, 2009 primarily as a result of the following:

Depreciation expense increased by \$2.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010 over the same period in 2009. The net increase is primarily the result of:

a \$2.3 million increase in depreciation for capitalized aircraft improvements; and

a \$1.4 million increase in depreciation for two new aircraft acquired in 2009;

These increases were offset partially by:

a \$1.1 million decrease in depreciation for aircraft sold.

Interest, net consisted of the following:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2009	2010
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Interest on borrowings, net settlements on interest rate derivatives, and other liabilities	\$ 36,770	\$ 35,598
Hedge ineffectiveness (gains) losses (unrealized)	(129)	867
Amortization of interest rate derivatives related to deferred losses	4,949	2,304
Amortization of deferred financing fees	2,533	2,804
Interest Expense	44,123	41,573
Less interest income	(441)	(10)
Less capitalized interest	(271)	(604)
Interest, net	\$ 43,411	\$ 40,959

Interest, net decreased by \$2.5 million, or 6%, over the three months ended March 31, 2009. The net decrease is primarily a result of:

a \$1.2 million decrease in interest expense on our borrowings primarily due to a lower average cost of borrowing compared to the same period in 2009; and

a \$2.6 million decrease in amortization of deferred losses on interest rate derivatives primarily due to:

a \$2.3 million decrease related to accelerated amortization of deferred losses from terminated interest rate derivatives for borrowings that we no longer anticipate making (i.e., that are no longer probable of occurring) as a result of a lower forecasted debt financings; and

a \$0.3 million decrease related to amortization of deferred losses on terminated interest rate derivatives for borrowings we anticipate making in the future (i.e., that are probable of occurring). The deferred losses are amortized into interest expense as the interest payments being hedged occur.

These decreases were offset partially by:

a \$0.4 million decrease in interest income earned on our cash balances reflecting significantly lower interest rates during the first quarter of 2010 compared to the same period in 2009; and

a \$1.0 million increase in losses from measured hedge ineffectiveness.

Selling, general and administrative expenses, or SG&A, for the three months ended March 31, 2010 increased slightly over the same period in 2009 due primarily to higher personnel costs. Non-cash share based expense was

\$1.7 million and \$1.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2010, respectively.

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Maintenance and other costs were \$2.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010, a decrease of \$3.6 million over the same period in 2009. The net decrease is primarily a result of:

a \$2.7 million decrease in aircraft maintenance and other transitions costs primarily relating to unscheduled lease terminations for eight aircraft returned to us in the fourth quarter of 2008; and

a \$1.0 million decrease in aircraft maintenance and other transitions costs relating to unscheduled and scheduled lease terminations in 2009.

Other income (expense):

Total other expense for the three months ended March 31, 2010 was \$0.4 million as compared to \$0.1 million of income for the same period in 2009. The change is primarily a result of \$0.5 million lower mark-to-market adjustments on our undesignated interest rate derivatives.

Income Tax Provision

Our provision for income taxes for the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2010 was \$1.9 million and \$2.3 million, respectively. Income taxes have been provided based on the applicable tax laws and rates of those countries in which operations are conducted and income is earned, primarily Ireland and the United States. The increase in our income tax provision of approximately \$0.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010 as compared to the same period in 2009, was attributable to an increase in operating income subject to tax in the U.S. and an increase in tax expense related to the vesting of stock awards, partially offset by a decrease in operating income subject to tax in Ireland.

All of our aircraft-owning subsidiaries that are recognized as corporations for U.S. tax purposes are non-U.S. corporations. These non-U.S. subsidiaries generally earn income from sources outside the United States and typically are not subject to U.S. federal, state or local income taxes, unless they operate within the U.S., in which case they may be subject to federal, state and local income taxes. We also have a U.S.-based subsidiary which provides management services to our non-U.S. subsidiaries and is subject to U.S. federal, state and local income taxes. In addition, those subsidiaries that are resident in Ireland are subject to Irish tax.

The Company received an assurance from the Bermuda Minister of Finance that it would be exempted from local income, withholding and capital gains taxes until March 2016. Consequently, the provision for income taxes recorded relates to income earned by certain subsidiaries of the Company which are located in, or earn income in, jurisdictions that impose income taxes, primarily the United States and Ireland.

Other comprehensive income:

Other comprehensive income was \$12.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010, a decrease of \$23.7 million over the \$36.3 million of other comprehensive income for the three months ended March 31, 2009. The decrease in other comprehensive income is primarily a result of:

a \$22.6 million decrease in deferred losses resulting from a decrease in the net change in the fair value of outstanding interest rate derivatives qualifying for and designated as cash flow hedges due in part to a decreases in the 1-Month LIBOR rates during the period. 1-Month LIBOR rates as of March 31, 2010 and 2009 were 0.25% and 0.50% respectively; and

a \$2.6 million decrease in amortization into earnings of deferred net losses primarily due to accelerated amortization from terminated interest rate derivatives in the first quarter of 2009.

These decreases in other comprehensive income were offset partially by:

a \$1.1 million increase in the fair value of debt investments as a result of the sale of our remaining debt investments in the fourth quarter of 2009; and

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a \$0.4 million increase in net income.

The amount of loss expected to be reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income into interest expense over the next 12 months consists of net interest settlements on active interest rate derivatives in the amount of \$90.8 million and the amortization of deferred net losses from terminated interest rate derivatives in the amount of \$9.6 million. See Liquidity and Capital Resources Hedging below for more information on deferred net losses as related to terminated interest rate derivatives.

RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

Effective January 1, 2010, the Company adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2009-17 (ASU 2009-17), *Consolidations (Topic 810): Improvements to Financial Reporting by Enterprises Involved with Variable Interest Entities*, which requires an enterprise to perform an analysis to determine whether the enterprise's variable interest, or interests, give it a controlling financial interest in a variable interest entity. The determination of whether a reporting entity is required to consolidate another entity is based on, among other things, the other entity's purpose and design and the reporting entity's ability to direct the activities of the other entity that most significantly impact the other entity's economic performance. This ASU amends certain guidance for determining whether an entity is a variable interest entity and requires ongoing reassessments of whether an enterprise is the primary beneficiary of a variable interest entity. ASU 2009-17 requires a reporting entity to provide additional disclosures about its involvement with variable interest entities and any significant changes in risk exposure due to that involvement. The adoption of ASU 2009-17 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In January 2010, the FASB issued ASU 2010-06 (ASU 2010-06), *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures (Topic 820): Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements*, which requires new disclosures (1) to disclose separately the amounts of significant transfers in and out of Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements and to describe the reasons for the transfers, and (2) in the reconciliation for fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3), to present separately information about purchases, sales issuances, and settlements on a gross basis rather than as one net number. ASU 2010-06 is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2009, except for the disclosures about purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements in the roll forward to activity in Level 3 fair value measurements. Those disclosures are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010, and for interim periods within those fiscal years. The adoption of ASU 2010-06 did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our primary sources of liquidity currently are cash on hand, cash generated by our aircraft leasing operations and loans secured by new aircraft we acquire. Our business is very capital intensive, requiring significant investments in order to expand our fleet during periods of growth and investments in maintenance and improvements on our existing portfolio. Our business also generates a significant amount of cash from operations, primarily from lease rental revenue and maintenance revenue. These sources have historically provided liquidity for these investments and for other uses, including the payment of dividends to our shareholders. In the past, we have also met our liquidity and capital resource needs by utilizing several sources, including:

lines of credit, our securitizations, term financings and, more recently, secured borrowings supported by export credit agencies for new aircraft acquisitions;

public offerings of common shares; and

asset sales.

While the financing structures for our securitizations and certain of our term financings include liquidity facilities, these liquidity facilities are primarily designed to provide short-term liquidity to enable the financing vehicles to remain current on principal and interest payments during periods when the relevant entities incur substantial unanticipated expenditures. Because these facilities have priority in the payment waterfall and therefore must be repaid quickly, and because we do not anticipate being required to draw on these facilities to cover operating expenses, we do not view these liquidity facilities as an important source of liquidity for us.

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During the three months ended March 31, 2010, we funded \$38.8 million of pre-delivery payments (including buyer furnished equipment) on our New A330 Aircraft.

For the remainder of 2010, we expect to fund approximately \$206.3 million of total payments for our New A330 Aircraft, comprising both pre-delivery and delivery payments to Airbus S.A.S. and buyer furnished equipment suppliers. For the two New A330 Aircraft being delivered in 2010 (see Purchase Obligations in Contractual Obligations below) we expect to debt finance 75% to 85% of the total cost of these aircraft upon delivery. After

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taking into consideration pre-delivery and buyer furnished equipment payments and the anticipated debt financing, we expect to receive an aggregate of \$25.0 million to \$35.0 million in net cash upon delivery of these two New A330 Aircraft.

In addition, as of March 31, 2010, we expect capital expenditures and lessee maintenance payment draws on our aircraft portfolio during 2010 to be approximately \$100.0 million to \$110.0 million, excluding purchase obligation payments, and we expect maintenance collections from lessees on our owned aircraft portfolio to be approximately equal to the expected expenditures and draws over the next twelve months. There can be no assurance that the capital expenditures, our contributions to maintenance events and lessee maintenance payment draws described above will not be greater than expected or that our expected maintenance payment collections or disbursements will equal our current estimates.

We completed our annual appraisal for Term Financing No. 1 and determined that we did not meet the loan to value requirement and consequently, we anticipate that we will be obliged to make approximately \$20 million in supplemental principal payments in 2010 under Term Financing No. 1 in addition to scheduled principal payments. To the extent that supplemental principal payments are required, availability of excess cash flow for other purposes will be reduced.

We believe that cash on hand, funds generated from operations, maintenance payments received from lessees, proceeds from contracted aircraft sales and funds we expect to borrow upon delivery of the New A330 Aircraft we acquire in future periods, including borrowings under export credit agency-supported loan facilities, will be sufficient to satisfy our liquidity and capital resource needs over the next twelve months. Our liquidity and capital resource needs include pre-delivery payments under the Airbus A330 Agreement, payments for buyer furnished equipment, payments due at delivery of the New A330 Aircraft, required and supplemental principal payments we anticipate being required to make under Term Financing No. 1, expected capital expenditures, lessee maintenance payment draws and lease incentives over the next twelve months. Potential asset sales and a pre-delivery payment financing facility may provide additional sources of liquidity as well.

Cash Flows

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2009	2010
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Net cash flow provided by operating activities	\$ 69,374	\$ 51,712
Net cash flow used in investing activities	(24,449)	(49,687)
Net cash flow used in financing activities	(23,473)	(23,091)

Operating Activities:

Cash flow from operations was \$69.4 million and \$51.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2009 and March 31, 2010, respectively. The decrease in cash flow from operations of approximately \$17.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010 versus the same period in 2009, was primarily a result of:

a \$27.3 million increase in restricted cash reflecting increased maintenance payments and security deposits received and an increase in restricted cash for anticipated expenditures related to our aircraft.

These decreases were offset partially by:

a \$4.1 million increase in cash received for lease rentals;

a \$1.8 million increase in cash received for maintenance revenue; and

a \$1.9 million decrease in cash payments for interest.

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Cash used in investing activities was \$24.4 million and \$49.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2009 and March 31, 2010, respectively. The increase in cash flow used in investing activities of \$25.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010 versus the same period in 2009, was primarily a result of:

\$31.6 million in increased purchase deposits under our Airbus A330 Agreement and aircraft undergoing freighter conversion; and

\$0.8 million lower proceeds from the sale of and principal repayments on our debt investments.

These increases were offset partially by:

a \$7.1 million decrease in the acquisition and improvement of flight equipment.

Financing Activities:

Cash used in financing activities was \$23.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2009 as compared to a net use of cash of \$23.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010. The net decrease in cash flow used in financing activities of \$0.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2010 versus the same period in 2009 was a result of:

\$7.8 million of higher financing repayments; and

\$7.9 million of lower security deposits received net of deposits returned.

The outflows were offset partially by:

\$17.0 million of higher maintenance payments received net of maintenance payments returned.

Debt Obligations

The following table provides a summary of our securitizations and term financing facilities at March 31, 2010:

Debt Obligation	Collateral	Outstanding Borrowing⁽¹⁾ (Dollars in thousands)	Number of Aircraft	Interest Rate⁽²⁾	Final Stated Maturity⁽³⁾
Securitization No. 1	Interests in aircraft leases, beneficial interests in aircraft owning entities and related interests	\$ 430,938	33	0.50%	6/20/31
Securitization No. 2	Interests in aircraft leases, beneficial interests in aircraft owning entities and related interests	1,050,978	57	0.49%	6/14/37
Term Financing No. 1	Interests in aircraft leases, beneficial interests in aircraft owning entities and related interests	696,485	28	1.98%	5/02/15
Term Financing No. 2	Interests in aircraft leases, beneficial interests in aircraft owning entities and related interests	110,951	8	2.91%	9/23/13

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ECA Term Financings	Interests in aircraft leases, beneficial interests in aircraft leasing entities and related interests	137,279	2	4.48% and 3.96%	5/27/21 and 12/03/21
Total		\$ 2,426,631			

(1) Outstanding borrowing amount equals committed borrowing amount at March 31, 2010.

(2) Reflects floating rate in effect at the most recent applicable reset date, except for the ECA Term Financings which are fixed rate.

(3) For Securitization No. 1, Securitization No. 2 and Term Financing No. 1, all cash flows available after expenses and interest will be applied to debt amortization, if the debt is not refinanced by June 2011, June 2012, and May 2013, respectively.

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The following securitizations and term debt financing structures include liquidity facility commitments described in the table below:

Facility	Liquidity Facility Provider	Available Liquidity		Unused Fee	Interest Rate on any Advances
		December 31, 2009 (Dollars in thousands)	March 31, 2010		
Securitization No. 1	Calyon	\$42,000	\$42,000	0.45%	1M Libor + 1.00%
Securitization No. 2	HSH Nordbank AG ⁽¹⁾	79,617	78,823	0.50%	1M Libor + 0.75%
Term Financing No. 1	Calyon	14,174	13,930	0.60%	1M Libor + 1.20%

(1) Following a ratings downgrade with respect to the liquidity facility provider in May 2009, the liquidity facility was drawn and the proceeds, or permitted investments thereof, remain available to provide liquidity if required. Amounts drawn following a ratings downgrade with respect to the liquidity facility provider do not bear interest; however, net investment earnings will be paid to the liquidity facility provider and the unused fee continues to

apply.

Term Financing No. 1

A maintenance-adjusted appraisal of Term Financing No. 1 Portfolio must be completed each year before a date in early May by a specified appraiser. To determine the maintenance-adjusted values, the appraiser applies upward or downward adjustments of its half-life current market values for the aircraft in the Term Financing No. 1 Portfolio based upon the maintenance status of the airframe, engines, landing gear and auxiliary power unit, or APU, and applies certain other upward or downward adjustments for equipment and capabilities and for utilization. Compliance with the loan to value ratio is measured each month by comparing the 75% minimum ratio against the most recently completed maintenance-adjusted appraised value, less 0.5% for each month since such appraisal was provided to the lenders, plus 75% of the cash maintenance reserve balance held on deposit for the Term Financing No. 1 Portfolio. Noncompliance with the loan to value ratio will require us to make supplemental principal payments but will not by itself result in a default under Term Financing No. 1.

In March 2010, we completed the maintenance-adjusted appraisal for the Term Financing No. 1 Portfolio and determined that, based upon the appraiser's current market values for the aircraft and the relevant maintenance adjustments, the 2010 appraisal indicated an April 2010 loan to value ratio of approximately 78% and therefore we do not meet the loan to value requirement until supplemental principal payments are made. We estimate that approximately \$20 million in supplemental principal payments will be required to be made during 2010 before any excess cash flow from Term Financing No. 1 is paid to us.

Contractual Obligations

Our contractual obligations consist of principal and interest payments on variable rate liabilities, interest payments on interest rate derivatives, purchase obligations under the Airbus A330 Agreement, obligations under our freighter conversion contracts and rent payments pursuant to our office leases. Total contractual obligations decreased from \$3.69 billion at December 31, 2009 to approximately \$3.58 billion at March 31, 2010 due primarily to:

principal and interest payments made under our securitizations and term financings; and

lower variable interest rates and payments made under our purchase obligations.

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The following table presents our actual contractual obligations and their payment due dates as of March 31, 2010.

Contractual Obligations	Total	Payments Due By Period as of March 31, 2010			
		Less than 1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years	More than 5 years
		(Dollars in thousands)			
Principal payments:					
Securitization No. 1 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 430,938	\$ 21,238	\$ 163,587	\$ 187,513	\$ 58,600
Securitization No. 2 ⁽²⁾	1,050,978	59,238	196,946	343,372	451,422
Term Financing No. 1 ⁽³⁾	696,485	68,417	78,283	185,839	363,946
Term Financing No. 2 ⁽⁴⁾	110,951	31,881	65,905	13,165	
ECA Term Financings ⁽⁵⁾	137,279	9,449	20,170	22,012	85,648
Total principal payments	2,426,631	190,223	524,891	751,901	959,616
Interest payments:					
Interest payments on debt obligations ⁽⁶⁾	130,357	29,085	49,430	34,961	16,881
Interest payments on interest rate derivatives ⁽⁷⁾	326,395	100,551	145,203	64,018	16,623
Total interest payments	456,752	129,636	194,633	98,979	33,504
Office leases ⁽⁸⁾	3,712	1,132	1,985	366	229
Purchase obligations ⁽⁹⁾	690,468	284,067	406,401		
Total	\$ 3,577,563	\$ 605,058	\$ 1,127,910	\$ 851,246	\$ 993,349

(1) Includes principal payments based on amortization schedules through October 2015 that require the securitization cash flows be applied to the outstanding principal balance of the indebtedness so that the loan to assumed aircraft values are held

constant through June 2011, after which all excess cash flow is required to reduce the principal balances of the indebtedness.

- (2) Includes principal payments based on amortization schedules through February 2018 that require the securitization cash flows be applied to the outstanding principal balance of the indebtedness so that the loan to assumed aircraft values are held constant through June 2012, after which all excess cash flow is required to reduce the principal balances of the indebtedness. The Less than 1 year commitments include repayment of \$16.3 million and the 1-3 years commitments include repayments of \$7.3 million related to contracted sales

for two aircraft
in 2010 and one
aircraft in 2011.

- (3) Includes scheduled principal payments through May 2013, after which all excess cash flow is required to reduce the principal balances of the indebtedness until maturity in May 2015. The figure in the Less than 1 year commitments includes approximately \$20 million of supplemental principal payments that we expect to make based on the results of the 2010 annual appraisal for this portfolio.
- (4) Includes principal payments equal to 85% of the estimated cash flow remaining after the payment of expenses, fees, interest and amounts owing to interest rate hedge providers.
- (5) Includes scheduled

principal based upon fixed rate, 12 year, fully amortizing loans.

- (6) Future interest payments on variable rate, LIBOR-based debt obligations are estimated using the interest rate in effect at March 31, 2010.
- (7) Future interest payments on derivative financial instruments are estimated using the spread between the floating interest rates and the fixed interest rates in effect at March 31, 2010.
- (8) Represents contractual payment obligations for our office leases in Stamford, Connecticut; Dublin, Ireland and Singapore.
- (9) At March 31, 2010, we had aircraft purchase agreements including the acquisition of 10 New A330 Aircraft from Airbus. For the two New A330

Aircraft being delivered in 2010, we expect to debt finance 75% to 85% of the total cost of these aircraft upon delivery.

After taking into consideration pre-delivery and buyer furnished equipment payments and the anticipated debt financing, we expect to receive an aggregate of \$25.0 million to \$35.0 million in net cash upon delivery.

Capital Expenditures

We make capital expenditures from time to time in connection with improvements made to our aircraft. These expenditures include the cost of major overhauls necessary to place an aircraft in service and modifications made at the request of lessees. For the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2010, we incurred a total of \$17.3 million and \$10.1 million, respectively, of capital expenditures (including lease incentives) related to the acquisition and improvement of aircraft.

As of March 31, 2010, the weighted average age (by net book value) of our aircraft was approximately 11.1 years. In general, the costs of operating an aircraft, including maintenance expenditures, increase with the age of the aircraft. Under our leases, the lessee is primarily responsible for maintaining the aircraft. We may incur additional maintenance

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and modification costs in the future in the event we are required to remarket an aircraft or a lessee fails to meet its maintenance obligations under the lease agreement. At March 31, 2010, we had \$285.1 million of maintenance reserves as a liability on our balance sheet. These maintenance reserves are paid by the lessee to provide for future maintenance events. Provided a lessee performs scheduled maintenance of the aircraft, we are required to reimburse the lessee for scheduled maintenance payments. In certain cases, we are also required to make lessor contributions, in excess of amounts a lessee may have paid, towards the costs of maintenance events performed by or on behalf of the lessee.

Actual maintenance payments to us by lessees in the future may be less than projected as a result of a number of factors, including defaults by the lessees. Maintenance reserves may not cover the entire amount of actual maintenance expenses incurred and, where these expenses are not otherwise covered by the lessees, there can be no assurance that our operational cash flow and maintenance reserves will be sufficient to fund maintenance requirements, particularly as our aircraft age.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We did not have any off-balance sheet arrangements as of March 31, 2010.

Foreign Currency Risk and Foreign Operations

At March 31, 2010, all of our leases are payable to us in U.S. dollars. However, we incur Euro and Singapore dollar-denominated expenses in connection with our subsidiary in Ireland and branch office in Singapore. As of March 31, 2010, 11 of our 75 employees were based in Ireland and three employees were based in Singapore. For the three months ended March 31, 2010, expenses, such as payroll and office costs, denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar aggregated approximately \$1.9 million in U.S. dollar equivalents and represented approximately 16% of total selling, general and administrative expenses. Our international operations are a significant component of our business strategy and permit us to more effectively source new aircraft, service the aircraft we own and maintain contact with our lessees. Therefore, it is likely that our international operations and our exposure to foreign currency risk will increase over time. Although we have not yet entered into foreign currency hedges because our exposure to date has not been significant, if our foreign currency exposure increases we may enter into hedging transactions in the future to mitigate this risk. For the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2010, we incurred insignificant net gains and losses on foreign currency transactions.

Hedging

The objective of our hedging policy is to adopt a risk averse position with respect to changes in interest rates. Accordingly, we have entered into a number of interest rate derivatives to hedge the current and expected future interest rate payments on our variable rate debt. Interest rate derivatives are agreements in which a series of interest rate cash flows are exchanged with a third party over a prescribed period. The notional amount on an interest rate derivative is not exchanged. Our interest rate derivatives typically provide that we make fixed rate payments and receive floating rate payments to convert our floating rate borrowings to fixed rate obligations to better match the largely fixed rate cash flows from our investments in flight equipment.

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We held the following interest rate derivatives as of March 31, 2010:

Hedged Item	Liability Derivatives						Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value
	Current		Future Maximum		Floating	Fixed		
	Notional Amount	Effective Date	Maturity Date	Notional Amount	Rate	Rate		
Interest rate derivatives designated as cash flow hedges								
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Securitization No. 1	\$ 444,749	Jun-06	Jun-16	\$ 444,749	1M LIBOR + 0.27%	5.78%	liabilities	Fair value of derivative \$ 54,068
Securitization No. 2	1,042,262	Jun-07	Jun-12	1,042,262	1M LIBOR	5.25% to 5.36%	liabilities	Fair value of derivative 86,815
Term Financing No. 1 ⁽¹⁾	632,350	Jun-08	May-13	632,350	1M LIBOR	4.04%	liabilities	Fair value of derivative 38,222
Term Financing No. 1 ⁽¹⁾		May-13	May-15	491,718	1M LIBOR	5.31%	liabilities	6,818
Total interest rate derivatives designated as cash flow hedges	2,119,361			2,611,079				185,923

**Interest rate
derivatives not
designated as
cash flow
hedges:**

						Fair value of derivative	
Term Financing No. 2 ⁽²⁾	99,749	Oct-08 Sep-13	99,749	3M LIBOR	3.17%	liabilities	3,273
Total interest rate derivatives not designated as cash flow hedges	99,749		99,749				3,273
Total interest rate derivatives	\$ 2,219,110		\$ 2,710,828				\$ 189,196

(1) The interest payments related to Term Financing No. 1 are being hedged by two consecutive interest rate derivatives. When the first matures in May 2013, the next becomes effective.

(2) Although we entered into this interest rate derivative to hedge the variable rate interest payments in connection with Term Financing No. 2, it has not been designated as a hedge for accounting purposes.

Our interest rate derivatives involve counterparty credit risk. As of March 31, 2010, our interest rate derivatives are held with the following counterparties: JP Morgan Chase Bank NA, Citibank Canada NA, HSH Nordbank AG and DVB Bank SE. All of our counterparties or guarantors of these counterparties are considered investment grade (senior unsecured ratings of A3 or above by Moody's Investors Service and long-term foreign issuer ratings of BBB+ or above by Standard and Poor's). As a result, we do not anticipate that any of these counterparties will fail to meet their obligations.

In addition to the derivative liability above, another component of the fair value of our interest rate derivatives is accrued interest. As of March 31, 2010, accrued interest payable included in accounts payable, accrued expenses, and other liabilities on our consolidated balance sheet was \$6.1 million related to interest rate derivatives designated as cash flow hedges and \$72 thousand for interest rate derivatives not designated as cash flow hedges.

Historically, the Company acquired its aircraft using short term credit facilities and equity. The short term credit facilities were refinanced by securitizations or term debt facilities secured by groups of aircraft. The Company completed two securitizations and two term financings during the period 2006 through 2008. The Company entered into interest rate derivatives to hedge interest payments on variable rate debt for acquired aircraft as well as aircraft that it expected to acquire within certain future periods. In conjunction with its financing strategy, the Company used interest rate derivatives for periods ranging from 5 to 10 years to fix the interest rates on the variable rate debt that it incurred to acquire aircraft in anticipation of the expected securitization or term debt re-financings.

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At the time of each re-financing, the initial interest rate derivatives were terminated and new interest rate derivatives were executed as required by each specific debt financing. At the time of each interest rate derivative termination, certain interest rate derivatives were in a gain position and others were in a loss position. Since the hedged interest payments for the variable rate debt associated with each terminated interest rate derivative were probable of occurring, the gain or loss was deferred in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) and is being amortized into interest expense over the relevant period for each interest rate derivative.

Prior to the securitizations and term debt financings, our interest rate derivatives typically required us to post cash collateral to the counterparty when the value of the interest rate derivative exceeded a defined threshold. When the interest rate derivatives were terminated and became part of a larger aircraft portfolio financing, there were no cash collateral posting requirements associated with the new interest rate derivative. As of March 31, 2010, we did not have any cash collateral pledged under our interest rate derivatives, nor do we have any existing agreements that require cash collateral postings.

Generally, our interest rate derivatives are hedging current interest payments on debt and future interest payments on long-term debt. In the past, we have entered into forward-starting interest rate derivatives to hedge the anticipated interest payment on long-term financings. These interest rate derivatives were terminated and new, specifically tailored interest rate derivatives were entered into upon closing of the relevant long-term financing. We have also early terminated interest rate derivatives in an attempt to manage our exposure to collateral calls.

The following table summarizes the deferred (gains) and losses and related amortization into interest expense for our terminated interest rate derivative contracts for the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2010:

Hedged Item	Original Maximum Notional Amount	Effective Date	Maturity Date	Rate %	Termination Date	Deferred (Gain) or Loss Upon Termination	Unamortized Deferred (Gain) or Loss at March 31, 2010	Amount of Deferred (Gain) or Loss Amortized (including Accelerated Amortization) into Interest Expense for the Three Months Ended March 31,		Amount of Deferred (Gain) or Loss Expected to be Amortized over the Next Twelve Months
								2009	2010	
Securitization No. 1	\$ 400,000	Dec-07	Aug-10	4.61	Jun-06	\$ (13,397)	\$ (1,102)	\$ (783)	\$ (745)	\$ (1,102)
Securitization No. 1	200,000	Dec-07	Dec-10	5.03	Jun-06	(2,541)	(241)	(94)	(56)	(241)
Securitization No. 2	500,000	Mar-07	Mar-11	5.07	Jun-07	(2,687)	(625)	(180)	(173)	(625)
Securitization No. 2	200,000	Jan-07	Aug-12	5.06	Jun-07	(1,850)	(783)	(93)	(90)	(345)
Securitization No. 2	410,000	Feb-07	Apr-17	5.14	Jun-07	(3,119)	(1,916)	(102)	(94)	(335)
Term Financing No. 1	150,000	Jul-07	Dec-17	5.14	Mar-08	15,281	10,909	527	492	1,882

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Term Financing No. 1	440,000	Jun-07	Feb-13	4.88	Partial Mar-08 Full Jun-08	26,281	14,494	1,535	1,434	5,486
Term Financing No. 1	248,000	Aug-07	May-13	5.33	Jun-08	9,888	5,388	569	979	1,832
Term Financing No. 2	55,000	May-08	Mar-14	5.41	Jun-08	2,380				
Term Financing No. 2	360,000	Jan-08	Feb-19	5.16	Partial Jun-08 Full Oct-08	23,077	11,436	695	557	1,847
Repurchase Agreement	74,000	Feb-06	Jul-10	5.02	Feb-08	878				
Repurchase Agreement	5,000	Dec-05	Sep-09	4.94	Mar-08	144				
Repurchase Agreement	2,900	Jun-05	Mar-13	4.21	Jun-08	(19)				
ECA Term Financing and New A330 Aircraft future debt	238,000	Jan-11	Apr-16	5.23	Dec-08	19,430	18,445	615		
New A330 Aircraft future debt and securitization	231,000	Apr-10	Oct-15	5.17	Partial Jun-08 Full Dec-08	15,310	12,437	674		1,224
New A330 Aircraft future debt and securitization	203,000	Jun-07	Jan-12	4.89	Dec-08	2,728 ⁽¹⁾		465		
New A330 Aircraft future debt and securitization	238,000	Jul-11	Sep-16	5.27	Dec-08	17,254	15,969	1,121		
Total						\$ 109,038	\$ 84,411	\$ 4,949	\$ 2,304	\$ 9,623

(1) The deferred loss for this swap is related to the period prior to de-designation.

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The amount of loss expected to be reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income, or OCI, into interest expense over the next 12 months consists of net interest settlements on active interest rate derivatives disclosed above, in the amount of \$90.8 million and the amortization of deferred net losses in the amount of \$9.6 million. For the year ended December 31, 2009, the amount of loss reclassified from OCI into interest expense consisted of net interest settlements on active interest rate derivatives in the amount of \$25.0 million, and the amortization of deferred net losses (including accelerated amortization) in the amount of \$2.3 million as disclosed below.

The weighted average interest pay rates of these derivatives at December 31, 2009 and March 31, 2010 were 4.91% and 4.92%, respectively.

The following table summarizes amounts charged directly to the consolidated statement of income for the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2010, respectively, related to our interest rate derivatives:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2009	2010
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Interest Expense:		
Hedge ineffectiveness (gains) losses (unrealized)	\$ (129)	\$ 867
Amortization:		
Accelerated amortization of deferred losses	2,875	447
Amortization of deferred losses	2,074	1,857
Total Amortization	4,949	2,304
Total charged to interest expense	\$ 4,820	\$ 3,171
Other Income (Expense):		
Mark to market gains (losses) on undesignated interest rate derivatives	\$ 92	\$ (370)
Total charged to other income (expense)	\$ 92	\$ (370)

Management's Use of EBITDA

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-US 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.

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The table below shows the reconciliation of net income to EBITDA for the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2010, respectively.

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2009	2010
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Net income	\$ 18,471	\$ 18,879
Depreciation	51,561	54,145
Amortization of net lease discounts and lease incentives	1,117	4,845
Interest, net	43,411	40,959
Income tax provision	1,916	2,335
 EBITDA	 \$ 116,476	 \$ 121,163

Management's Use of Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted Net Income plus Depreciation and Amortization

Management believes that Adjusted Net Income (ANI) and Adjusted Net Income plus Depreciation and Amortization (ANIDA), when viewed in conjunction with the Company's results under US GAAP and the below reconciliation, provide useful information about operating and period-over-period performance, and provide additional information that is useful for evaluating the underlying operating performance of our business without regard to periodic reporting elements related to interest rate derivative accounting and gains or losses related to flight equipment and debt investments. Additionally, management believes that ANIDA provides investors with an additional metric to enhance their understanding of the factors and trends affecting our ongoing cash earnings from which capital investments are made, debt is serviced, and dividends are paid.

The table below shows the reconciliation of net income to ANI and ANIDA for the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2010, respectively.

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2009	2010
	(Dollars in thousands)	
Net income	\$ 18,471	\$ 18,879
Ineffective portion and termination of hedges ⁽¹⁾	2,746	1,314
Mark to market of interest rate derivative contracts ⁽²⁾	(92)	370
 Adjusted net income	 21,125	 20,563
Depreciation	51,561	54,145
Amortization of net lease discounts and lease incentives	1,117	4,845
 Adjusted net income plus depreciation and amortization	 \$ 73,803	 \$ 79,553

(1) Included in
Interest, net.

(2) Included in
Other income
(expense).

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2009	2010
Weighted-average shares:		
Common shares outstanding	77,941,201	78,415,702
Restricted common shares	1,282,208	1,237,988
Total weighted-average shares	79,223,409	79,653,690

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2009	2010
Percentage of weighted-average shares:		
Common shares outstanding	98.38%	98.45%
Restricted common shares	1.62%	1.55%
Total	100.00%	100.00%

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		Three Months Ended March 31,	
		2009	2010
Weighted-average common shares outstanding	Basic and Diluted ^(a)	77,941,201	78,415,702
		Three Months Ended March 31,	
		2009	2010
		(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)	
Adjusted net income allocation:			
Adjusted net income		\$ 21,125	\$ 20,563
Less: Distributed and undistributed earnings allocated to restricted common shares ^(a)		(342)	(320)
Adjusted net income allocable to common shares	Basic and Diluted	\$ 20,783	\$ 20,243
Adjusted net income per common share	Basic	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.26
Adjusted net income per common share	Diluted	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.26
		Three Months Ended March 31,	
		2009	2010
		(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)	
Adjusted net income plus depreciation and amortization allocation:			
Adjusted net income plus depreciation and amortization		\$ 73,803	\$ 79,553
Less: Distributed and undistributed earnings allocated to restricted common shares ^(a)		(1,194)	(1,236)
Adjusted net income plus depreciation and amortization allocable to common shares	Basic and Diluted	\$ 72,609	\$ 78,317
Adjusted net income plus depreciation and amortization per common share	Basic	\$ 0.93	\$ 1.00
Adjusted net income plus depreciation and amortization per common share	Diluted	\$ 0.93	\$ 1.00

(a) For the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2010, distributed and undistributed earnings to

restricted shares is 1.62% and 1.56%, respectively, of net income. The amount of restricted share forfeitures for all periods present is immaterial to the allocation of distributed and undistributed earnings.

- (b) For the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2010, we have no dilutive shares.

Limitations of EBITDA, ANI and ANIDA

An investor or potential investor may find EBITDA, ANI and ANIDA important measures in evaluating our performance, results of operations and financial position. We use these non-US GAAP measures to supplement our US GAAP results in order to provide a more complete understanding of the factors and trends affecting our business.

EBITDA, ANI and ANIDA have limitations as analytical tools and should not be viewed in isolation or as substitutes for US GAAP measures of earnings. Material limitations in making the adjustments to our earnings to calculate EBITDA, ANI and ANIDA, and using these non-US GAAP measures as compared to US GAAP net income, income from continuing operations and cash flows provided by or used in operations, include:

depreciation and amortization, though not directly affecting our current cash position, represent the wear and tear and/or reduction in value of our aircraft, which affects the aircraft's availability for use and may be indicative of future needs for capital expenditures;

the cash portion of income tax (benefit) provision generally represents charges (gains), which may significantly affect our financial results;

elements of our interest rate derivative accounting may be used to evaluate the effectiveness of our hedging policy; and

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gains and losses from asset sales, which may not reflect the overall financial return of the asset, may be an indicator of the current value of our portfolio of assets.

EBITDA, ANI, and ANIDA are not alternatives to net income, income from operations or cash flows provided by or used in operations as calculated and presented in accordance with US GAAP. You should not rely on these non-US GAAP measures as a substitute for any such US GAAP financial measure. We strongly urge you to review the reconciliations to US GAAP net income, along with our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report. We also strongly urge you to not rely on any single financial measure to evaluate our business. In addition, because EBITDA, ANI and ANIDA are not measures of financial performance under US GAAP and are susceptible to varying calculations, EBITDA, ANI and ANIDA, as presented in this Quarterly Report, may differ from and may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate risk is the exposure to loss resulting from changes in the level of interest rates and the spread between different interest rates. These risks are highly sensitive to many factors, including U.S. monetary and tax policies, U.S. and international economic factors and other factors beyond our control. We are exposed to changes in the level of interest rates and to changes in the relationship or spread between interest rates. Our primary interest rate exposures relate to our lease agreements, floating rate debt obligations and interest rate derivatives. Rent payments under our aircraft lease agreements typically do not vary during the term of the lease according to changes in interest rates. However, our borrowing agreements generally require payments based on a variable interest rate index, such as LIBOR. Therefore, to the extent our borrowing costs are not fixed, increases in interest rates may reduce our net income by increasing the cost of our debt without any corresponding increase in rents or cash flow from our securities.

Changes in interest rates may also impact our net book value as our interest rate derivatives are periodically marked-to-market through shareholders' equity. Generally, we are exposed to loss on our fixed pay interest rate derivatives to the extent interest rates decrease below their contractual fixed rate.

The relationship between spreads on derivative instruments may vary from time to time, resulting in a net aggregate book value increase or decrease. Changes in the general level of interest rates can also affect our ability to acquire new investments and our ability to realize gains from the settlement of such assets.

Sensitivity Analysis

The following discussion about the potential effects of changes in interest rates is based on a sensitivity analysis, which models the effects of hypothetical interest rate shifts on our financial condition and results of operations. We changed our interest rate risk disclosure to an alternative that provides a more meaningful analysis of our interest rate risk. Although we believe a sensitivity analysis provides the most meaningful analysis permitted by the rules and regulations of the SEC, it is constrained by several factors, including the necessity to conduct the analysis based on a single point in time and by the inability to include the extraordinarily complex market reactions that normally would arise from the market shifts modeled. Although the following results of a sensitivity analysis for changes in interest rates may have some limited use as a benchmark, they should not be viewed as a forecast. This forward-looking disclosure also is selective in nature and addresses only the potential minimum contracted rental and interest expense impacts on our financial instruments and our four variable rate leases and, in particular, does not address the mark-to-market impact on our interest rate derivatives. It also does not include a variety of other potential factors that could affect our business as a result of changes in interest rates.

A hypothetical 100-basis point increase/decrease in our variable interest rates would increase/decrease the minimum contracted rentals on our portfolio as of March 31, 2010 by \$1.1 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, over the next twelve months. As of March 31, 2010, a hypothetical 100-basis point increase/decrease in our variable interest rate on our borrowings would result in an interest expense increase/decrease of \$0.7 million and \$0.4 million, respectively, net of amounts received from our interest rate derivatives, over the next twelve months.

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Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Management's Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The term "disclosure controls and procedures" is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or the Exchange Act. This term refers to the controls and procedures of a company that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by the SEC and that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its Chief Executive Officer, or CEO, and Chief Financial Officer, or CFO, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. An evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the CEO, and CFO, of the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of March 31, 2010. Based on that evaluation, the Company's management, including the CEO and CFO, concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of March 31, 2010.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended March 31, 2010 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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The Company is not a party to any material legal or adverse regulatory proceedings.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

There have been no material changes to the disclosure related to the risk factors described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC for the year ended December 31, 2009.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds**Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**

During the first quarter of 2010, we purchased shares of our Common Stock as follows:

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased^(a)	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs^(b)	Maximum Number of Shares that may yet be Purchased under the Plans or Programs^(b)
January	93,978	\$ 9.85	N/A	N/A
February			N/A	N/A
March			N/A	N/A
Total	93,978	\$ 9.85	N/A	N/A

(a) Our Compensation Committee approved the repurchase of common shares pursuant to an irrevocable election made under the Amended and Restated Aircastle Limited 2005 Equity and Incentive Plan, in satisfaction of minimum tax withholding obligations associated with

the vesting of restricted common shares during the first quarter of 2010.

- (b) The Company does not participate in any Publicly Announced Plans or Programs.

Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
3.1	Memorandum of Association
3.2	Bye-laws
4.1	Specimen Share Certificate
4.2	Amended and Restated Shareholders Agreement among Aircastle Limited and Fortress Investment Fund III LP, Fortress Investment Fund III (Fund B) LP, Fortress Investment Fund III (Fund C) LP, Fortress Investment Fund III (Fund D) L.P., Fortress Investment Fund III (Fund E) LP, Fortress Investment Fund III (Coinvestment Fund A) LP, Fortress Investment Fund III (Coinvestment Fund B) LP, Fortress Investment Fund III (Coinvestment Fund C) LP, Fortress Investment Fund III (Coinvestment Fund D) L.P., Drawbridge Special Opportunities Fund LP, Drawbridge Special Opportunities Fund Ltd. and Drawbridge Global Macro Master Fund Ltd.
31.1	Certification by the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002 Δ
31.2	Certification by the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002 Δ
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 Δ

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Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 Δ
99.1	Owned Aircraft Portfolio at March 31, 2010 Δ

Incorporated by reference to the Company's registration statement on Form S-1, filed with the SEC on June 2, 2006, as amended on July 10, 2006, July 25, 2006 and August 2, 2006.

Δ Filed herewith.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: May 5, 2010

AIRCASTLE LIMITED
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Aaron Dahlke
Aaron Dahlke
Chief Accounting Officer and
Authorized Officer

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