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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT (To Prospectus Dated September 26, 2007)

20,000,000 shares

Aircastle Limited

#### Common shares

We are offering 10,000,000 of our common shares and the selling shareholders identified in this prospectus supplement are offering 10,000,000 of our common shares in this offering. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares being sold by the selling shareholders. After this offering, funds managed by affiliates of Fortress Investment Group LLC and certain officers of Fortress will beneficially own approximately 41% of our common shares.

Our common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "AYR". The last reported sale price of our common shares on October 3, 2007, was \$31.75 per share.

	P	er Share	Total
Public offering price	\$	31.75	\$ 635,000,000
Underwriting discounts and commissions	\$	0.9525	\$ 19,050,000
Proceeds to Aircastle (before expenses)	\$	30.7975	\$ 307,975,000
Proceeds to the selling shareholders (before expenses)	\$	30.7975	\$ 307,975,000

We have granted the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to 1,000,000 additional common shares, and the selling shareholders have granted the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to 1,000,000 additional common shares, in each case at the public offering price less underwriting discounts and commissions for the purpose of covering over-allotments, if any.

Investing in our common shares involves a high degree of risk. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page S-8 of this prospectus supplement and in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. You should read this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus carefully before you make your investment decision.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission, state securities regulators, the Minister of Finance and the Registrar of Companies in Bermuda, the Bermuda Monetary Authority nor any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The underwriters expect to deliver the shares against payment in New York, New York on October 10, 2007.

JPMorgan Jefferies & Company October 3, 2007 Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc.

Citi Lazard Capital Markets

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We, the selling shareholders and the underwriters have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information or to make representations as to matters not stated or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. You must not rely on unauthorized information. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may be used only where it is legal to sell these securities. The information in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference is only accurate on the respective dates of such documents.

Consent under the Exchange Control Act 1972 (and its related regulations) has been obtained from the Bermuda Monetary Authority for the issue and transfer of our common shares to and between persons resident and non-resident of Bermuda for exchange control purposes, provided our shares remain listed on an appointed stock exchange, which includes the New York Stock Exchange, or NYSE. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus will be filed with the Registrar of Companies in Bermuda in accordance with Bermuda law. In granting such consent and in accepting this prospectus supplement for filing, neither the Bermuda Monetary Authority nor the Registrar of Companies in Bermuda accepts any responsibility for our financial soundness or the correctness of any of the statements made or opinions expressed in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or the documents incorporated by reference.

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#### About this prospectus supplement

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the terms of the offering of common shares and also adds to and updates information contained in the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. The second part is the accompanying prospectus, which provides more general information. To the extent there is a conflict between the information contained in this prospectus supplement, on the one hand, and the information contained in the accompanying prospectus or any document incorporated herein and therein by reference, on the other hand, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement.

### Special note regarding forward-looking statements

This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference may contain forward-looking statements which reflect our current views with respect to, among other things, future events and financial performance. You can identify these forward-looking statements by the use of forward-looking words such as "outlook," "believes," "expects," "potential," "continues," "may," "will," "should," "seeks," "approximately," "estimates," "anticipates" or the negative version of those words or other comparable words. Any such forward-looking statements are based upon the historical performance of us and our subsidiaries and on our current plans, estimates and expectations. The inclusion of this forward-looking information should not be regarded as a representation by us,

Fortress, any selling shareholder or other Fortress fund, the underwriters or any other person that the future plans, estimates or expectations contemplated by us will be achieved. Such forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties. Accordingly, there are or will be important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those indicated in these statements. We believe that these factors include, but are not limited to, a decrease in the overall demand for commercial aircraft and aircraft leasing, the economic condition of the global airline industry and the ability of our lessees and potential lessees to make operating lease payments to us, acquisition risks, competitive pressures within the industry, the ability to obtain financing on satisfactory terms, risks related to the geographic markets in which we and our lessees operate and other factors described in the section entitled "Risk Factors" in this prospectus supplement and in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. These factors should not be construed as exhaustive and should be read in conjunction with the other cautionary statements that are included in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference. We do not undertake any obligation to publicly update or review any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

If one or more of these or other risks or uncertainties materialize, or if our underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, our actual results may vary materially from what we may have projected. Any forward-looking statements you read in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or the documents incorporated by reference reflect our current views with respect to future events and are subject to these and other risks, uncertainties and assumptions relating to our operations, financial results, financial condition, business prospects, growth strategy and liquidity. You should specifically consider all of the factors identified in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference that could cause actual results to differ before making an investment decision to purchase our common shares.

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# **Prospectus Supplement Summary**

This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference. This summary does not contain all of the information you should consider before investing in our common shares. You should read this entire prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein, carefully before making an investment decision, especially the risks of investing in our common shares discussed under "Risk Factors" contained herein and therein and the consolidated financial statements and notes to those consolidated financial statements incorporated by reference herein and therein.

Unless the context suggests otherwise, references in this prospectus supplement to "Aircastle," the "Company," "we," "us," and "our" refer to Aircastle Limited and its subsidiaries. References in this prospectus supplement to "AL" refer only to Aircastle Limited. References in this prospectus supplement to "Aircastle Bermuda" refer to Aircastle Holding Corporation Limited and its subsidiaries. References in this prospectus supplement to "Fortress" refer to Fortress Investment Group LLC, affiliates of which manage the Fortress funds, and certain of its affiliates and references to the "Fortress funds" refer to AL shareholders which are managed by affiliates of Fortress. References in this prospectus supplement to "selling shareholders" refer to our shareholders described in the section herein entitled "Selling Shareholders." Throughout this prospectus supplement, when we refer to our aircraft, we include aircraft that we have transferred into grantor trusts or similar entities, for purposes of financing such assets through securitization. These grantor trusts or similar entities are consolidated for purposes of our financial statements. All amounts in this prospectus supplement are expressed in U.S. dollars).

#### Aircastle Limited

We are a global company that acquires and leases 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 June 30, 2007, our aircraft portfolio consisted of 100 aircraft with 45 lessees located in 28 countries and managed through our offices in the United States, Ireland and Singapore. Typically, our aircraft are subject to net operating leases whereby the lessee is generally responsible for maintaining the aircraft and paying operational and insurance costs although, in a majority of cases, we are obligated to pay a portion of specified maintenance or modification costs. We also make investments in other aviation assets, including debt investments secured by commercial jet aircraft. As of September 24, 2007 we had acquired and committed to acquire aviation assets having an aggregate purchase price equal to \$3.3 billion and \$2.3 billion, respectively, for a total of approximately \$5.6 billion, including 151 aircraft with 57 lessees in 33 countries. Our revenues and income from continuing operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 were \$85.1 million and \$27.2 million and \$155.1 million and \$48.0 million, respectively.

We intend to pay regular quarterly dividends to our shareholders. We plan to grow our dividends per share through the acquisition of additional aviation assets using cash on hand, cash generated from operating activities and available credit facilities. We expect to finance our acquisitions on a long-term basis using relatively low-cost, non-recourse securitizations. Securitizations allow us to raise long-term capital by pledging cash flows of an asset pool, such as aircraft leases. In June 2007, we closed our second securitization, a \$1.17 billion transaction comprising 59 aircraft, which we refer to as Securitization No. 2.

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The table below is a summary of our recent dividend history. These dividends may not be indicative of the amount of any future dividends.

		Total
	Dividend	Dividend
	Per	(\$ in
Pay Date	Share (\$)	millions)
November 15, 2006	0.35	$16.4^{(1)}$
January 15, 2007	0.4375	22.6
April 13, 2007	0.50	33.6
July 13, 2007	0.60	40.5
October 15, 2007	0.65	$43.8^{(2)}$
	November 15, 2006 January 15, 2007 April 13, 2007 July 13, 2007	Per Pay Date Share (\$) November 15, 2006 0.35 January 15, 2007 0.4375 April 13, 2007 0.50 July 13, 2007 0.60

- (1) Dividends for the three months ended September 30, 2006 were paid in two installments. A dividend of \$0.156 per share was paid on August 15, 2006 for the period July 1, 2006 to August 12, 2006 for the period prior to our initial public offering. A dividend of \$0.194 per share was paid on November 15, 2006 for the period after our initial public offering.
- (2) Our board of directors has declared a dividend of \$0.65 per share for the third quarter of 2007. This dividend is payable on October 15, 2007 to holders of record of our common shares on September 28, 2007. Purchasers of common shares in this offering will not receive this dividend. Competitive Strengths

We believe that the following competitive strengths will allow us to capitalize on the growth opportunities in the global aviation industry:

- Diversified portfolio of high-utility aircraft. We have a portfolio of 109 high-utility aircraft, as of September 24, 2007, that is diversified with respect to geographic markets, lease maturities and aircraft type. Our lease expirations are well dispersed, with a weighted average remaining lease term of 4.5 years for aircraft we owned at June 30, 2007 and, as of September 24, 2007, only four of these aircraft have scheduled lease expiries or otherwise are available for lease within the next 12 months and have not been committed for lease or renewal. We believe that our focus on portfolio diversification reduces the risks associated with lessee defaults and any adverse geopolitical or economic issues and results in generally predictable cash flows.
- Disciplined acquisition approach and broad sourcing network. We evaluate the risk-adjusted return of any potential acquisition first as a discrete investment and then from a portfolio management perspective. To evaluate potential acquisitions, we employ a rigorous due diligence process focused on: (i) cash flow generation with careful consideration of macro trends, industry cyclicality and product life cycles; (ii) aircraft specifications and maintenance condition; (iii) when applicable, lessee credit worthiness and the local jurisdiction's rules for enforcing a lessor's rights; and (iv) legal and tax implications. We source our acquisitions through well-established relationships with airlines, other aircraft lessors, financial institutions and other aircraft owners.
- Scaleable business platform. We operate globally through offices in the United States, Ireland and Singapore, using a modern asset management system designed specifically for aircraft operating lessors and capable of handling a significantly larger aircraft portfolio. We believe that our facilities, systems and personnel currently in place are capable of supporting an increase in our revenue base and asset base without a proportional increase in overhead costs.

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- Experienced management team with significant technical expertise. Our management team has significant experience in the acquisition, leasing, financing, technical management, restructuring/repossession and sale of aviation assets.
- Innovative long-term debt financing structure. On June 8, 2007, we closed Securitization No. 2. We have structured our securitizations to provide for the release to us, during the first five years, of the cash flows attributable to the underlying aircraft leases and other relevant contracts after payment of expenses, interest and scheduled principal payments. We intend to use this excess securitization cash flow to pay dividends and to make additional investments in aviation assets. By way of comparison, a typical aircraft securitization starts with significantly higher leverage and allows no release of excess securitization cash flows; instead, those cash flows are required to further amortize, and thus lower the leverage on, the securities.

## **Growth Strategy**

We plan to grow our business and increase our dividends per share by employing the following business strategies:

Selectively acquire commercial jet aircraft and other aviation assets. We believe the large and
growing aircraft market provides significant acquisition opportunities. We plan to leverage our
experience to make opportunistic acquisitions of other asset-backed aviation assets, including debt
securities secured by aviation assets and other non-aircraft aviation assets. As of September 24, 2007
we had acquired or committed to acquire aviation assets having an aggregate purchase price equal to

- \$3.3 billion and \$2.3 billion, respectively, for a total of approximately \$5.6 billion.
- Reinvest amounts approximately equal to non-cash depreciation expense in additional aviation assets. Through our strategy of reinvesting amounts approximately equal to non-cash depreciation expense, we will seek to maintain our asset base and grow our dividends.
- Maintain an efficient capital structure. We expect to finance acquisitions on a long-term basis using aircraft lease portfolio securitizations. We believe that our long-term debt structure and dividend payment strategy result in a low cost of capital and a high degree of financial flexibility, allowing us to grow our business and dividends.

# Recent Developments

On January 22, 2007, we entered into an acquisition agreement (the "GAIF Acquisition Agreement") with Guggenheim Aviation Fund LP ("GAIF") under which we agreed to acquire 38 aircraft for an aggregate base purchase price of approximately \$1.595 billion subject to certain agreed adjustments. The aircraft we will acquire under the GAIF Acquisition Agreement are scheduled to be delivered to us through February 2009. For certain of the aircraft, we have agreed to make an accelerated payment to the relevant seller and acquire its right to obligations under the seller's purchase acquisition or freighter conversion agreement, with final payment and delivery of the aircraft to us being made upon delivery by the manufacturer or seller, or completion of the conversion process. As of June 30, 2007, we completed the acquisition of 24 of the aircraft to be delivered under the GAIF Acquisition Agreement, for approximately \$780.4 million.

On June 8, 2007, we completed Securitization No. 2, a \$1.17 billion transaction compr