

### **Analysts Briefing**

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#### Agenda



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- Briefing highlights
- Operating performance
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  - Cargo Services
  - Operating costs
  - Subsidiaries and Associates
- Fleet profile
- Transformation update
- Outlook
- Q&A

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# **Briefing highlights**

#### Strong Headwinds Leading to Cautious Outlook



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#### Solid 1H Performance

• 1H stronger than same period last year owing to strong Q1

#### **But Strong Headwinds**

- Ongoing uncertainty due to intensified geopolitical and global trade tension
- Strong passenger volume growth but yield under intense pressure resulting in year-on-year yield decline
- Weakening cargo performance against all metrics
- Results negatively impacted by a strengthening USD
- Lower but more volatile fuel costs

#### **Transformation Programme Remains Key Focus**

- Various transformation programme initiatives are being intensified and new initiatives are being developed to counter a challenging environment
- Ongoing transformation programme continues to position the business to succeed over the long term – although targets will take slightly longer to meet due to headwinds



# Operating performance Passenger Services

# Strong passenger volume growth, but yield under intense pressure due to competition and stronger USD



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		Up to May 2019	Up to May 2018	% Var
ASK	Million	67,083	62,976	+6.5%
RPK	Million	56,177	52,902	+6.2%
Revenue Passengers carried	'000	15,161	14,559	+4.1%
Passenger load factor	%	83.7	84.0	-0.3%pt

Capacity increase reflects the full year effect of new flights introduced since last summer, use of larger aircraft on popular routes as well as the introduction of new economy seats in our B777's

Frontend demand remains strong but competition in backend continues to be fierce, particularly in various long haul routes

Weaker travel sentiment observed in some markets in recent months

### New destinations and frequencies continue to strengthen the network





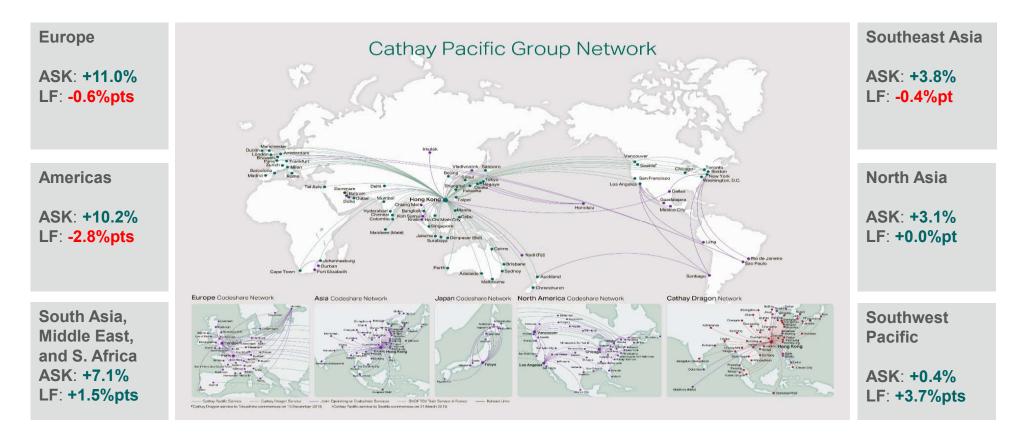


March	<ul> <li>Introduced a four-times weekly service to Seattle</li> <li>Increased services to Frankfurt from daily to 10 times weekly</li> <li>Increased services to Nanning from 4 times weekly to 5 times weekly between March and October 2019</li> </ul>
April	Introduced a two-times weekly seasonal service to Komatsu
May	<ul> <li>Increased services to Chongqing from daily to 8 times weekly between May and October 2019</li> </ul>
June	<ul> <li>Increased services to Madrid from five weekly to daily between June and October 2019</li> <li>Increased services to Hyderabad from four times weekly to five times weekly</li> </ul>
July	<ul> <li>Increased services to <b>Paris</b> ranging from 12 times weekly to twice daily between July and October 2019</li> <li>Increased services to <b>Dhaka</b> from four times weekly to five times weekly</li> </ul>

Cities in green are not directly served by any other airline from Hong Kong

# Long haul capacity growth due to full year effect of 2018 expansion and B777 new economy seating

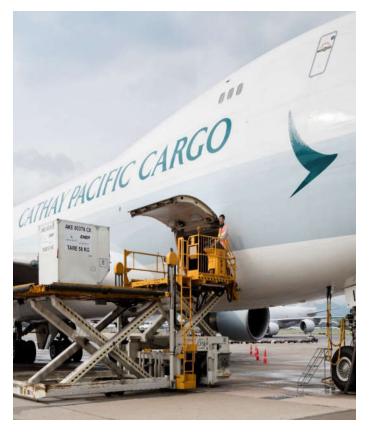
YTD May 2019 statistics





# Operating performance Cargo Services

#### Air freight market suffers trade headwinds



		Up to May 2019	Up to May 2018	% Var
Available cargo & mail Tonne Kilometres (AFTK)	Million	7,157	7,087	+1.0%
Cargo & mail RFTK	Million	4,550	4,803	-5.3%
Cargo & mail carried	'000 tonnes	815	858	-5.0%
Cargo & mail load factor	%	63.6	67.8	-4.2%pt

• Capacity growth led by increase in passenger belly space, particularly on routes to Europe and Americas.

- The US-China trade dispute and Brexit continue to weigh upon major trade lanes. With the exception of Southeast Asia and Southwest Pacific, all other key markets recorded a year-on-year decline. Yield is under significant pressure.
- Perishable movements remain active and CX became the world's first airline awarded CEIV Fresh by IATA.



# Operating performance Operating costs

### Transformation focus continues to counter pressures on cost per ATK (ex fuel)

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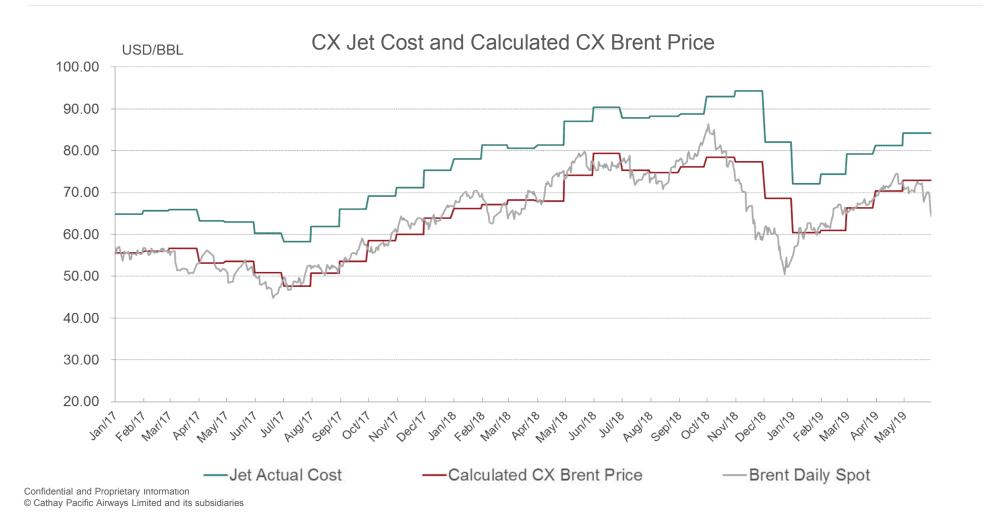
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- Lower into-plane fuel costs, however, increased Brent volatility
- Higher depreciation and finance charges on investment in new fleet, partially offset by improving efficiencies in fuel consumption
  - Continued investment into our customer experience, successful brand relaunch
- Inflationary pressure and operational constraints continue to impose costs
- USD continues to strengthen, resulting in weaker net revenues and exchange losses on USD denominated loans
- Transformation programme focus on productivity continues to counter rising unit cost pressures

#### **Fuel Prices**



### Forward fuel hedging position

#### Fuel hedging coverage as at end May

Period	Fuel hedging cover	Average strike price (Brent, USD/Bbl)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2019	29.7%	69.71
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2019	33.4%	61.40
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2019	33.0%	63.44
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020	33.2%	65.56
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2020	29.0%	66.96
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020	26.2%	65.87
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020	21.8%	63.41
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021	13.7%	62.99
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2021	3.5%	62.72

#### US\$ strength returns and trends above long term average

The strengthening US\$ has an adverse impact on net revenues



SOURCE: TRADINGECONOMICS.COM



# **Operating performance**

### **Subsidiaries and Associates**

#### air Hongkong

- Performance remains steady
- Fleet modernization continues

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- Impacted by cost pressures including higher labour costs, equipment & IT maintenance, rent and rates, utilities and cleaning



- Membership now exceeds 11 million worldwide; increased business volume year-on-year



- Decrease in cargo tonnage handled, offset by reduced outsourced worker costs

#### Major associates





- Cathay Pacific has **18.13%** interest in Air China
- Our share of Air China's results is based on its financial statements drawn up three months in arrears
- Contribution from the share of profits higher than last year, helped by the strengthening of the RMB in the first quarter; the reversal of this trend in the second quarter will impact our reporting in the second half of the year



- Cathay Pacific has an equity and economic interest of 49%
- Contribution from the share of profits lower than last year

# **Fleet Profile**

### CX & KA Fleet profile as at 31 May 2019

Aircraft type Includes parked aircraft	Total as at 31 Dec 2018	Owned	Finance Leased	Operating Leased	Total as at 31 May 2019	New aircraft deliveries June 2019 - 2021	
A320-200	15	5	-	10	15	-	
A321-200	8	2	-	6	8	-	
A321NEO	-	-	-	-	-	32	
A330-300	58	38	10	10	58	-	
A350-900	22	16	4	2	22	6	
A350-1000	8	9	3	-	12 🕇	8	2
747-400BCF	1	1	-	-	1	-	
747-400ERF	6	-	6	-	6	-	- Fre
747-8F	14	3	11	-	14	-	
777-200	4	3	-	-	3 -	-	-
777-300	14	14	-	-	14	-	
777-300ER	52	22	8	22	52	-	
777-9	-	-	-	-	-	21	
Total	202	113	42	50	205	67	

### Focus on cost reduction in fleet deployment and enhancing customer experience

- Continued simplification of the number of sub-fleets is reducing cost and complexity in deployment
- Continued investments in more fuel-efficient fleet provides enhanced customer experience
  - New modern aircraft deliveries.
    - Delivery taken of four Airbus A350-1000 aircraft up to May 2019
    - 22 A350-900 aircraft and 12 A350-1000 aircraft are now in service
    - Two more A350 deliveries expected by the end of 2019
  - Retirement of older fleet types.
    - One Boeing 777-200 aircraft was retired in 2019
- Forward aircraft deliveries
  - A total of 67 scheduled new aircraft deliveries as at 31 May 2019



### Updates on Transformation Programme

OUR GLOBAL BRAND IDEA

### 'Move Beyond' Brand Re Launch



• A 'Brand Led, Customer Focused refresh of brand identity



#### Customer investment - On the Ground

#### PVG Lounge



- Shanghai Pudong lounge fully renovated and re-opens in July 2019.
- High frequency and important route
- Renovated to our new award winning brand standards
- Improved densification

#### Disruption communications and self-service on mobile



- Chatbot enhancements to allow eligible customers a seamless online booking amendment during disruption to a preferred flight, date and time.
- This can be achieved with a few simple clicks, avoiding the need for calls or queues.

#### Customer investment – In the Air

#### Inflight connectivity on all Boeing 777s and A330s





- Already available on all A350s
- Installation of the latest Gogo 2KU system has started for B777
- 27 Boeing 777's equipped as of June 2019

#### New business class long haul dining and service experience



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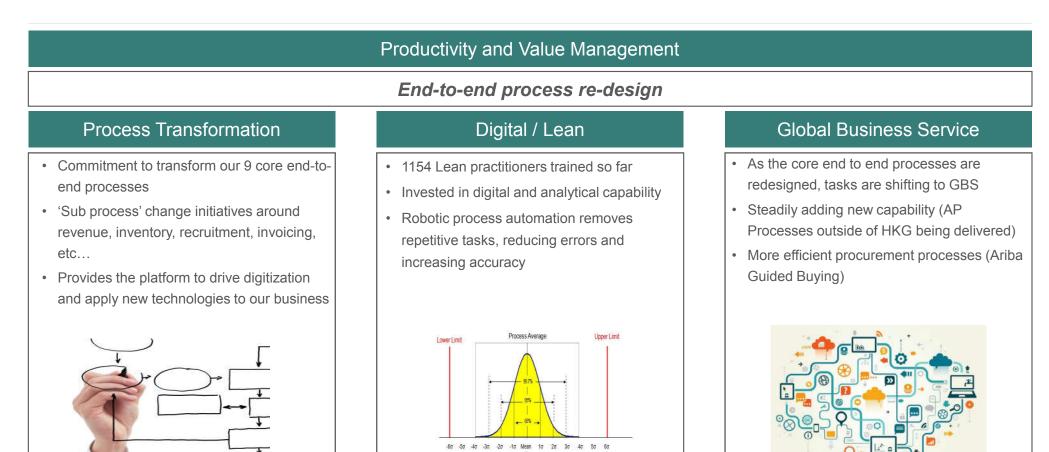


- A la carte menu, plated meals, more choice, Hong Kong Flavours, breakfast order card
- All Australian/NZ routes have now been cutover
- Rollout to be completed by July 2019

#### Transformation established solid foundations in 2017 and 2018...

#### Customer Wins **Organisation Change Digital Capability** Asia Miles proposition changes well received • CX Operations outside of Hong Kong are · New Digital Capabilities are being delivered • with increased seat availability for redemption Cargo Blockchain POC to improve fully restructured · Offer more disruption information and • Investment in Digital, Lean and Global contractual management of cargo handling automated rebooking. Business Services driving process and Marketing Cloud live technological change across the business **Customer Centric Operational Excellence High Performance** Integrated Operations Centre (IOC) · Revamped service delivery training allowing · New lounge opening in Pudong Shanghai transformation efforts changes to inflight proposition · Preparations underway for A321 Neo and • "Serve to Lead": front line experience for Customer Care reform 777-9X delivery Senior Leaders All cabin and cockpit crew roster pairings Increased Inflight Entertainment Options now constructed in new crew rostering New personalised digital employee portal • Driving connectivity with enlarged network system Confidential and Proprietary Information © Cathay Pacific Airways Limited and its subsidiaries 27

#### ...and drive towards stronger productivity in 2019 and beyond



### Outlook

### Outlook: Near-Term Challenges but Long-Term Opportunity Still Strong



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#### The Challenges:

- The overall business environment is expected to remain challenging with a strong US dollar and the increased uncertainties arising from geopolitical discord and global trade tensions
- Our passenger business will continue to be affected by intense competition, especially in economy class on long haul routes
- Cargo volume and yield is expected to remain difficult leading indicators point to further near-term weakness

#### The Positives:

- Our new fleet continues to improve the customer experience, provide network optionality and reduce fuel consumption
- The recent "Move Beyond" brand launch in May is expected to further enhance our customer proposition
- We are taking proactive action aimed at intensifying our transformation efforts and identifying further initiatives to counter the challenging environment
- The transformation programme continues to position the business to succeed over the long term although targets will take slightly longer to meet due to headwinds
- We will provide additional outlook detail at Interim Results in August

### Hong Kong Express

An announcement was made on 27th March 2019 confirming the acquisition of Hong Kong Express Airways Limited ("HKE").

Upon completion of the transaction on or before 31st December 2019, HKE will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of the company.

Further announcement(s) will be made as and when appropriate.

Q&A For more information, please visit our website www.cathaypacific.com

