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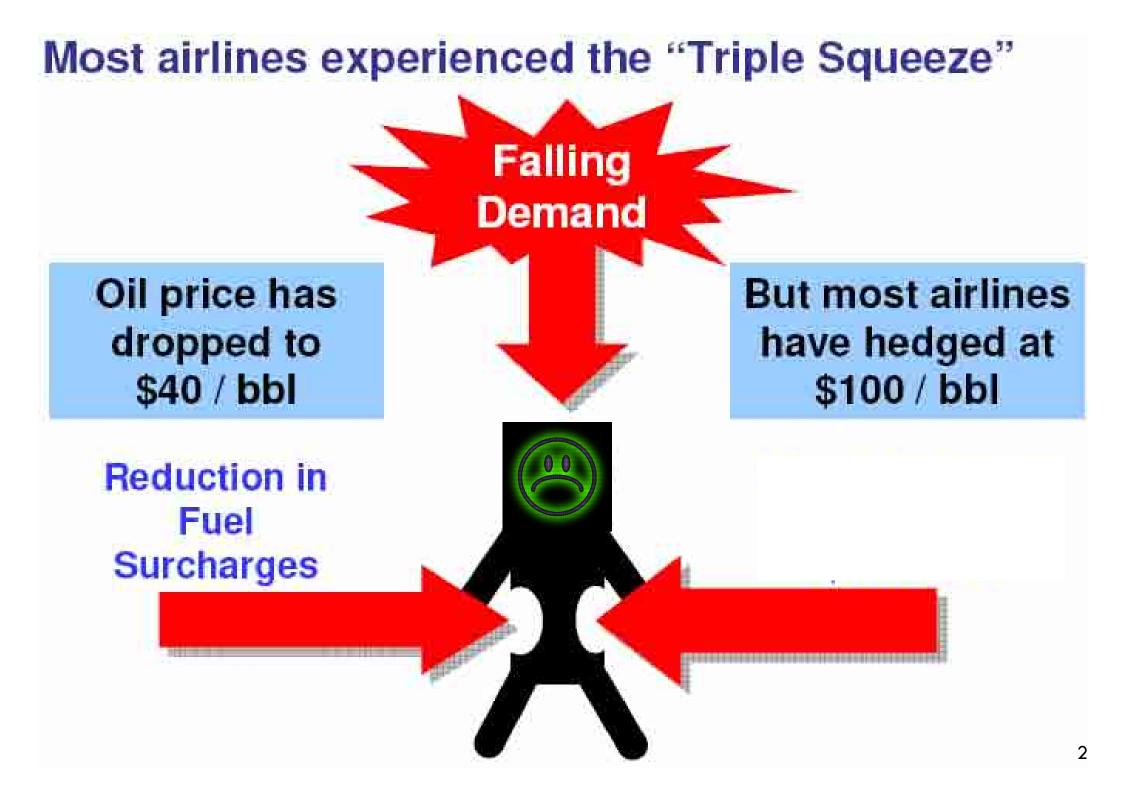
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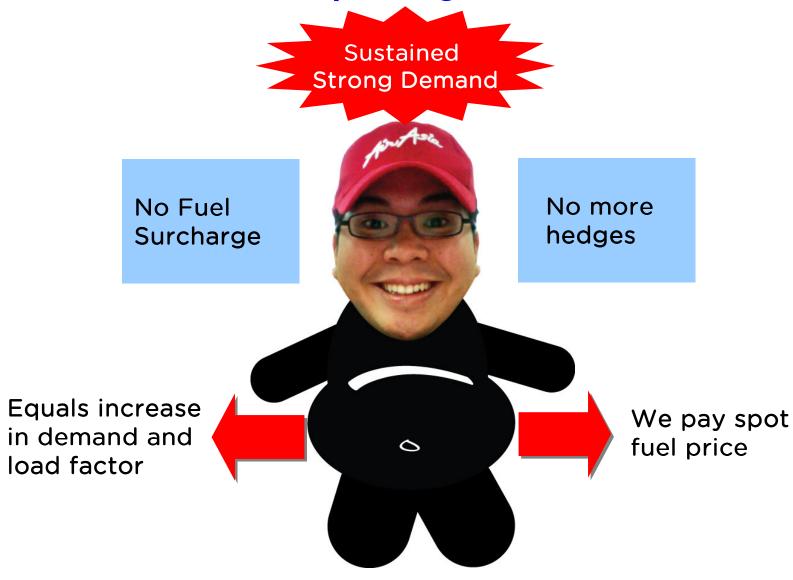
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#### "A Tale of Two Cities"



#### AirAsia Expanding from all sides



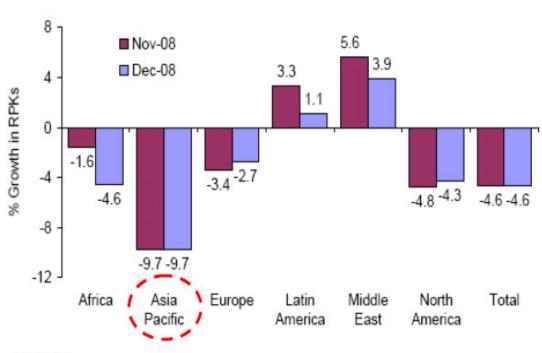
Source: Happy AirAsia Customer

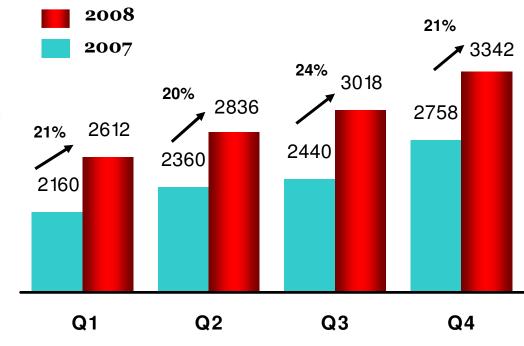
#### "A Tale of Two Cities"



#### Passenger Growth by Region







Source: IATA

- Other airlines are experiencing sharp fall in demand
  - Asia Pacific passenger numbers have shrunk significantly
  - Premium services are most affected

- AirAsia continues to enjoy strong passenger growth
  - 22% passenger growth in 2008 to 11.8 million passengers
  - more people switching from full service carriers to AirAsia (others are shrinking while we grow)

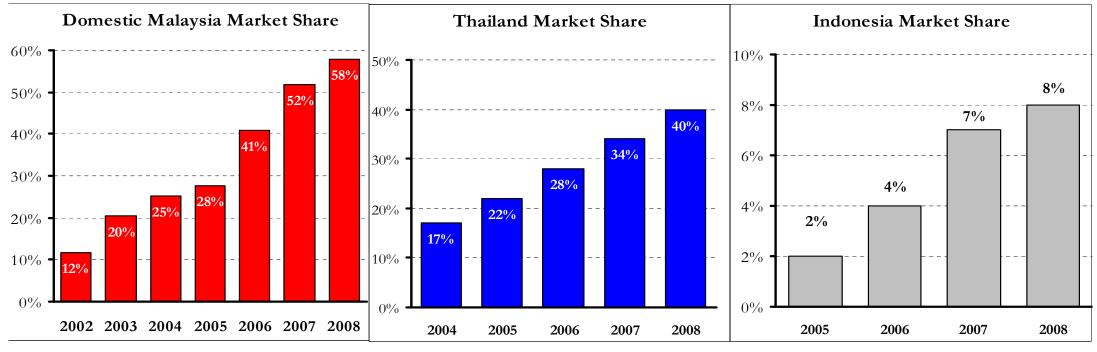
#### Key Highlights for Oct-Dec Quarter



- Delivered operating profit in a very tough environment
  - EBITDAR growth of 39% over the same period last year
  - operating profit growth of 106% over the same period last year
- Contrarian approach, keeping the growth intact
  - introduced 32 routes in 2008
  - Group fleet size of 75 (end of December 2008)
- Thailand and Indonesia delivered profit (excluding exceptional items) with Airbus A320 aircraft
  - effective yield management with contained cost
  - Thai AirAsia delivered net income of THB83 million (RM8.8 million)
  - Indonesia AirAsia delivered net income of IDR7.5 billion (RM2.4 million)
- Management took a brave stance to unwind hedges
  - set a clean balance sheet for 2009
- The premium quality, low fare airline

#### Consistently Gaining Market Share





#### AirAsia gaining market share due to the following attributes

LOW FARES

- always offer the most competitive fares

RELIABLE

- one of the best on time performance in the industry

GREAT AIRCRAFT - superior comfort in leather seats on new aircraft

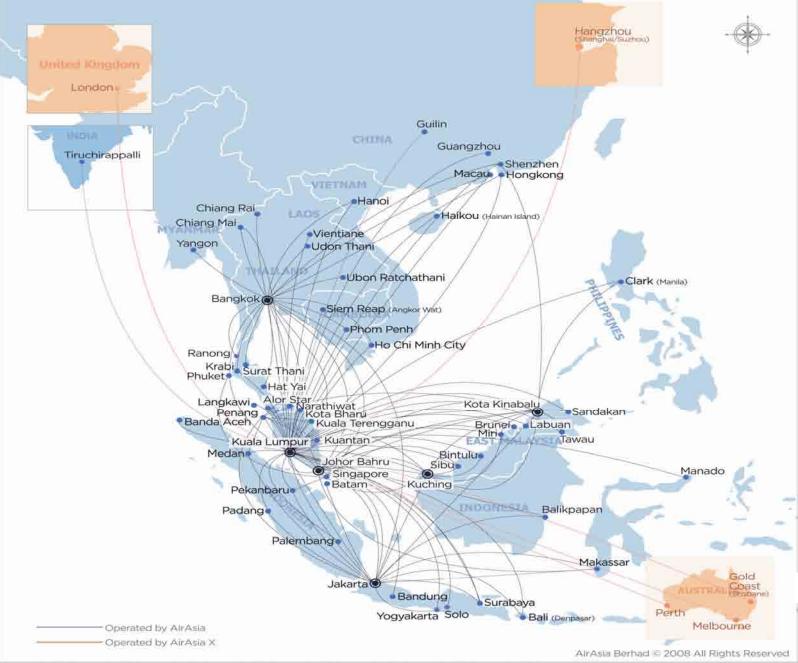
ROUTES & TIMINGS - most comprehensive route network

FRILLS (at a price) - good selection of food and beverages on board

**BRAND** 

- friendly cabin crew and a desired name to fly with

#### The Unsung Hero - Our Network





Period	# Routes Served
Jan 2002	6
Jun 2003	11
Jun 2004	26
Jun 2005	52
Jun 2006	65
Jun 2007	75
NOW	110

#### **Latest Route**

KL - Tiruchirappalli

#### **Upcoming Routes**

KL - Dhaka

KL - Yangon

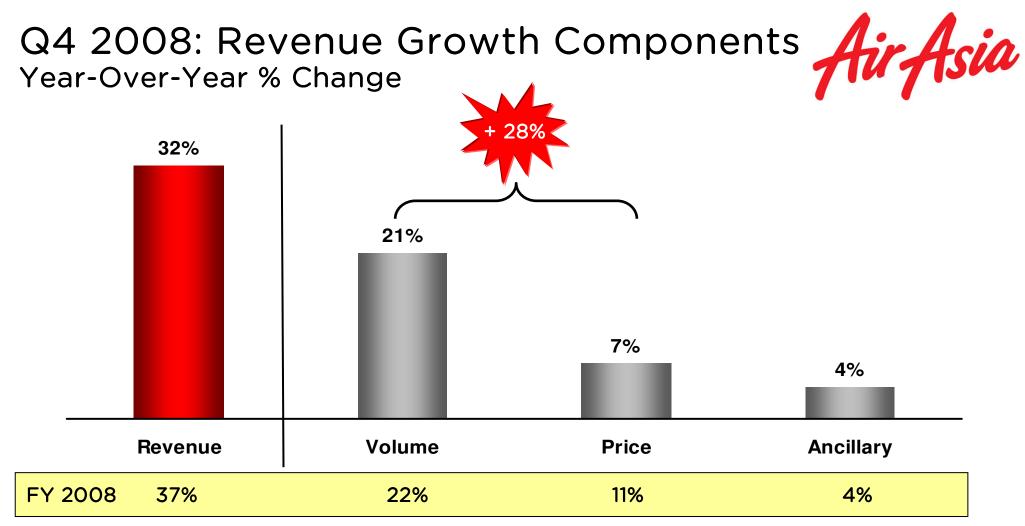
Jakarta - Singapore

Bali - Singapore

→ 37 unique routes



## Results Commentary

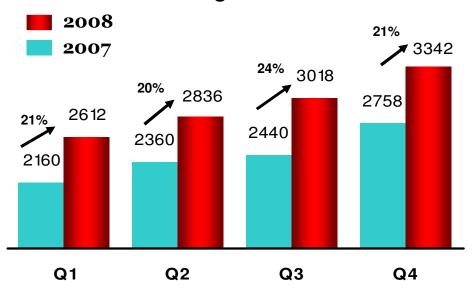


- Strong passenger growth demand
- Price increase from effective yield management
- Consistent ancillary income growth

#### Strong Passenger Growth



#### **Passenger Carried '000**



- Continued strong passenger growth momentum
  - 22% passenger growth in 2008 to 11.8 million passengers
  - more people switching from full service carriers to AirAsia (others are shrinking while we continue to grow)

# 2008 Seat Load Factor (%) 2007 81% 79% 76% 75% 72% Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4

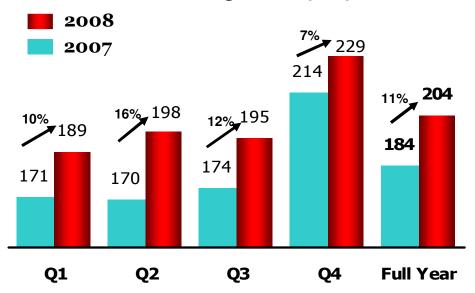
#### Maintaining high load factor

- despite capacity growth of 29% in 2008
- prudent capacity management (deploying sufficient capacity to match with passenger demands)

#### Higher Average Fare & Yields



#### **Average Fare (RM)**



#### Consistent average fare increase

- competitors have increased fares substantially
- introduction of more international flights which commands higher fares
- strong passenger demand for our services

#### Rev / ASK (US cents) 2008 4.70 2007 10% **12%** 4.08 3.82 3.85 3.70 3.65 3.52 Q1 Q2 Q3 **Full Year** 04

#### Consistent yield increase

- supported by higher fares and high load factors
- maturity of some routes
- strong contribution from ancillary income
- better yield management techniques

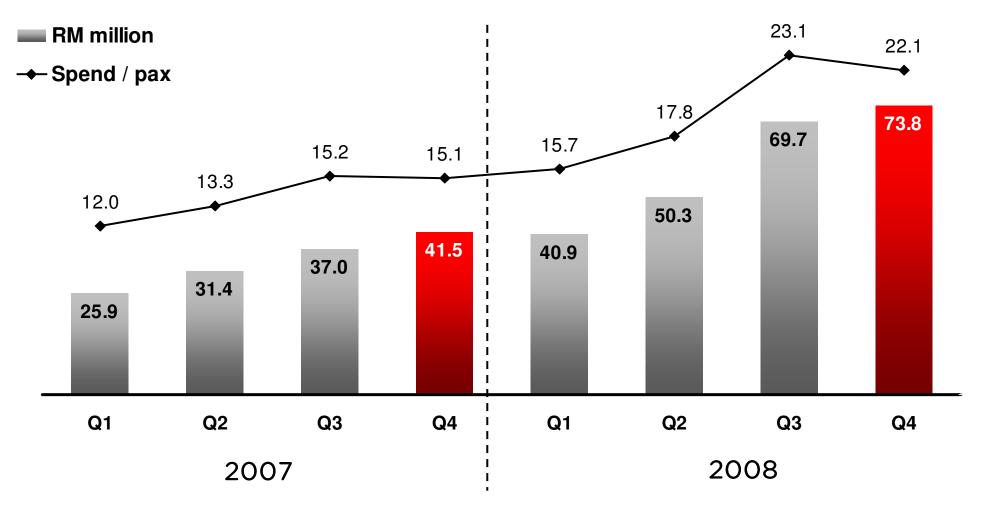
#### Driving Growth from Ancillary Income





- Strong growth from ancillary income
  - fantastic support to our new products and initiatives (checked baggage, food, etc)
- ☐ Re-branding Go-Holiday to Red2go
- ☐ Travel 3Sixty @ in-flight magazine
- New products stream, monetizing existing assets
  - assigned seating (added convenience of seating where you want)
  - supersize baggage (increase baggage allowance for a small fee)
- → Fantastic support since launch

## Driving High Profit Margins via Ancillary Income



- →Strong upside growth trend for ancillary income for every quarter
- → Medium term target of 15% of revenues

#### Capturing New Markets



- ☐ AirAsia Corporate (launched early 2008)
  - many corporations signing up with AirAsia corporate travel
  - down trading is prevalent (blue chip companies crossing over to AirAsia)
  - we have set up a team to attract and manage more corporate clients
- Government warrants (launched early 2008)
  - more civil servants utilizing their warrants to fly with AirAsia
  - to promote this service to all the Government agencies
  - will make a roadshow to promote more awareness

## Cost / ASK - year on year Comparison Air Asia



Cost Breakdown (US cents / ASK)	Oct-Dec 2008	Oct-Dec 2007	Δ (%)	Reason
Staff Costs	0.27	0.35	(22%)	Productivity gains
Fuel and Oil	1.84	1.77	4%	Higher jet fuel price
User & Station Charges	0.35	0.21	67%	More international routes bias
Maintenance and Overhaul	0.23	0.06	310%	Redelivery of Boeing 737-300 cost
Cost of Aircraft	(0.18)	(0.03)	449%	Sub-lease income from Associates
Depreciation & Amortisation	0.55	0.74	(26%)	Better aircraft utilisation
Sales, Marketing & Others	0.03	0.34	(91%)	Economies of scale
Total Cost / ASK	3.08	3.43	(10%)	
Cost / ASK (ex fuel)	1.25	1.66	(25%)	

#### **Exceptional Losses**



- Short term pain for long-term gains
  - total unwinding cost of RM426 million
  - this restructuring will save the Group a substantial amount of money over the entire period of the contract
- Unwind fuel hedging contracts
  - we have no more fuel hedges, purchasing fuel at spot
- Unwind Interest Rate Swaps (IRS)
  - take advantage of current low interest rate and restructure with more attractive and flexible alternatives
  - frees up equity, enhances liquidity and protects the Group from mark to market requirements
- Currency hedge in favour of the Company
  - comfortable with current exposure (65% cover at attractive levels)

#### Summary of 2008 Financials



Figures in RM'000	Q1-2008	Q2-2008	Q3-2008	Q4-2008	2008
Revenue	535,321	608,352	658,475	838,324	2,640,472
EBITDAR	130,745	151,442	69,248	356,798	708,233
Profit before taxation	110,174	(46,901)	(504,327)	(221,301)	(662,355)
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Forex (gain) / loss	(86,166)	76,885	212,510	(10,757)	192,472
Once-off (gain) / loss	-	-	215,280	425,668	640,948
Operating Profit/Loss	24,008	29,984	(76,536)	193,610	171,066
EBITDAR Margins	24.4%	24.9%	10.5%	42.6%	26.8%
Operating Margins	4.5%	4.9%	-11.6%	23.1%	6.5%

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## Updates on Associates

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#### Thai updates

- operating profit THB84 million (RM8.8 million)
- 15% lower passenger YoY (lowered capacity deployment to manage the challenging operating environment in Thailand)
- yields are 23% higher YoY with 75% load factor
- Thailand now has eight new Airbus A320 aircraft
- competitors are scaling back capacity and cancelling flights

#### Indonesia updates

- operating profit IDR7.5 billion (RM2.4 million)
- 8% passenger growth with 61% average fare growth YoY
- yields are 12% higher YoY with 69% load factor
- Indonesia now has four new Airbus A320 aircraft
- competitors are scaling back capacity and cancelling flights

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### Managing the Crisis

## AirAsia's Method to Manage this Crisis AirAsia



- Unprecedented levels of volatility make planning extremely difficult (Fuel, Interest Rates, Liquidity Levels, Forex)
- Positioning for very competitive landscape
  - Costs and efficiencies will be paramount
  - Brand must be positive in consumer minds
  - Product must be fit for purpose (routes, frequencies, fares, reliability)
- Ability to adjust quickly becomes all the more important
  - Fast revenue management and scheduling decisions
  - Fuel surcharges have worked in getting step changes in revenue per pax
  - Ability to reduce operating fleet without major penalty
  - Ability to fill competitive gaps/opportunities as they arise
  - Rollover/Renegotiation of key cost contracts MRO, Airport, Fleet, Financing
- → In the long run it is not the Strongest nor the Largest Species which Survives but those that can adapt most quickly

#### Quality Against Economic Recession





#### **Assigned Seating**

 ability to choose any seat of your preference

As Good as

- Charge a nominal fee

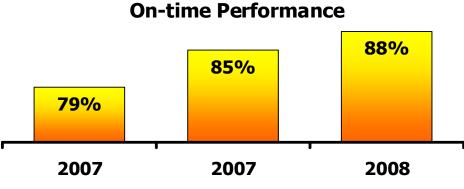


→ The only airline in the world to offer such guarantee

#### Brand new fleet

- Malaysia is 100% equipped with brand new Airbus A320
- One of the youngest fleet airline in the world

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→ Thanks to new Airbus A320 aircraft



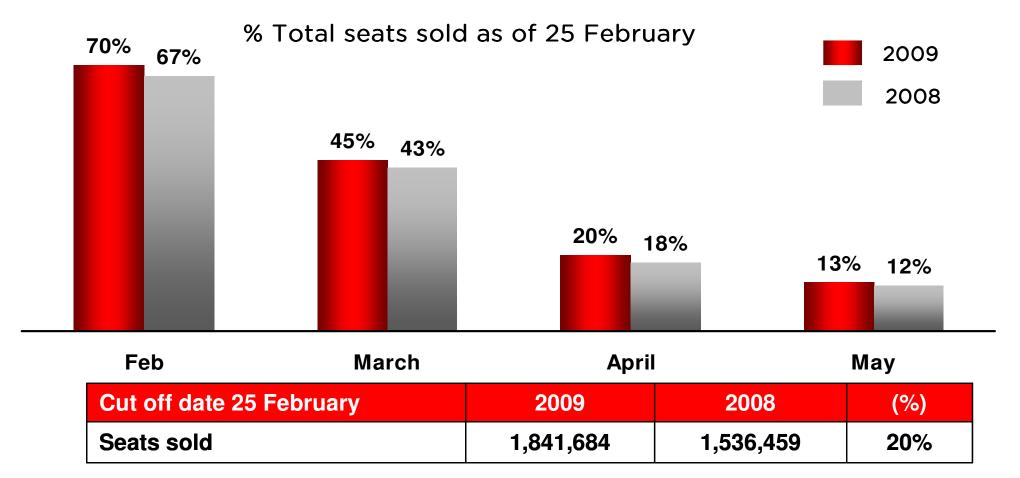
→ Vast selection of food available on board

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#### 2009 Outlook

#### No Slow Down in Demand





- Forward booking trend is consistent to last year
- Continuing with our promotional campaigns to maintain high load factors



#### 2009 Aircraft Deliveries

Airbus A320 Delivery Schedule	# Aircraft
Quarter 1 (Jan – Mar)	3
Quarter 2 (Apr – Jun)	1
Quarter 3 (Jun – Sep)	4
Quarter 4 (Oct – Dec)	6
Total Airbus A320 Delivery	14

- ☐ Taking delivery of 14 Airbus A320 aircraft
- ☐ Returning/Selling 9 Boeing 737-300 aircraft
- Net addition of 5 aircraft

#### Profitable Route Expansion Plan



- ☐ Will launch at least 15 new routes in 2009
  - combination of new routes and cross linking existing bases
- Emphasis on Singapore
  - increasing frequency for Kuala-Lumpur to Singapore (currently 7x daily)
  - increasing flights to Kota Kinabalu, Kuching
  - new flights to Penang, Langkawi, Jakarta, Bandung, Bali, Yogyakarta
- Emphasis on India
  - to link more eastern coast cities of India (Bangalore, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Kochi, Madras, Delhi, Mumbai) within our 4 hour range target
- Emphasis on China
  - to link more southern Chinese cities
  - Taiwan services in 2009

## Performance of Recently Launched Routes



Kuala Lumpur to Tiruchirappali (% tickets sold as of 25 Feb '09)

Dec'08	Jan'09	Feb'09	Mar'09	Apr'09	May'09
90%	92%	90%	79%	56%	49%

Final Load Factor

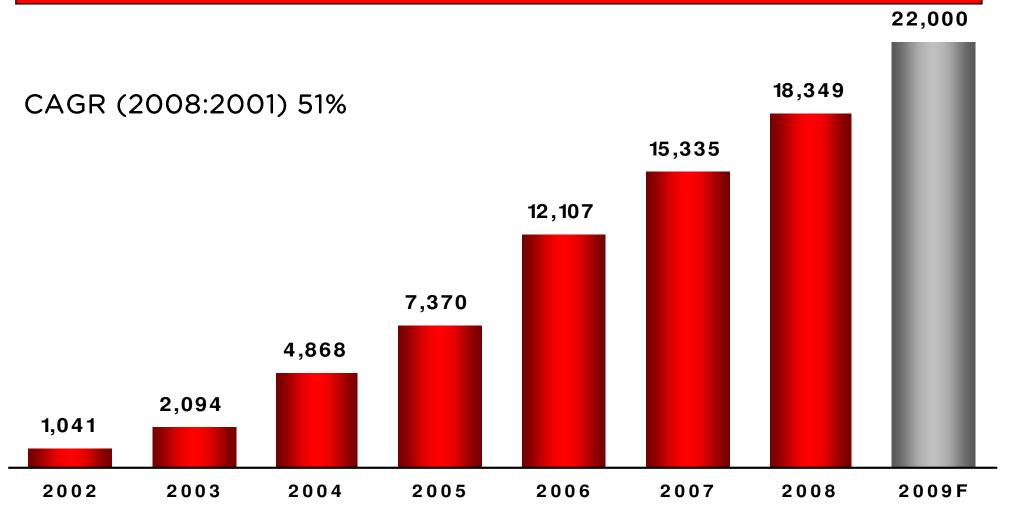
#### Strong Demand for new Routes

Route	Launch Date	% tickets sold as of 25 Feb 2009			
noute		Mar	Apr	May	
KL – Dhaka	Mar	77%	71%	66%	
Singapore – Bali	Mar	36%	31%	13%	
Singapore – Jakarta	Mar	31%	26%	9%	
Singapore – Bandung	Mar	28%	22%	16%	
Singapore – Yogyakarta	Mar	17%	11%	8%	

#### Sustained Passenger Growth



Passengers Flown by AirAsia and AirAsia Associates ('000)



- Benefiting from slower economic growth
  - people switching for better value proposition airline

## Secured Funding Requirements for Aircraft Purchase



- Secured funding arrangements for the next 37 aircraft
  - these are for 2009 and 2010 aircraft deliveries
  - Facility from Major Banking Institutions in place
- European Export Credit Agencies (ECA) backing as a guarantor
  - Helps to secure attractive interest rates
  - Recent \$5Bn support for Airbus Financing Initiatives will only help
- Exploring various alternative financing structures
  - sale and leaseback (2 aircraft)
  - issuance of bonds and Sukuks (Islamic Finance)

AirAsia's ability to secure US\$1.5 billion of financing during the peak of the financial crisis is a testament to the market's confidence to AirAsia's business model and future potential

#### Management Guidance 2009



Management Guidance for 2009		Notes
Passenger carried (AirAsia Berhad)	13.5 million	<ul><li>Frequency addition</li><li>Launch of new routes</li></ul>
Rev / ASK	Stable	<ul> <li>stable ticket price from increased number of international flights</li> <li>Some routes will mature</li> <li>Strong growth from ancillary income</li> </ul>
Cost / ASK	Reduce	<ul><li>Lower fuel price</li><li>Airbus A320 aircraft cost efficiency</li><li>Benefits of economies of scale</li></ul>
Operating profit	Positive growth	

#### Summary



- Challenging market, but positive for LCC
  - fuel price has receded to attractive levels
  - more people switching to LCC as first choice of travel
  - passengers looking for value, LCC is the best value proposition
- Competitive environment has improved
  - competitors have reduced capacity and cancelled services
- Ancillary Income
  - new products and services provide huge upside
- Most comprehensive route network in Asia
  - competitors are slowing, we are continuing to expand the network
- Global connectivity (Australia, United Kingdom, India, China) will enhance our network
  - diversify our passenger profile
  - will help to reduce seasonality impact

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## Appendix





Operational Aircraft Count	Dec 2008
Malaysia	44
Thailand	16
Indonesia	15*
Group Total	75
Aircraft Type # Airbus A320 # Boeing 737-300	56 19

<sup>\*</sup> Includes 3 Boeing 737-300 that is awaiting to be sold off

#### Financial Data - Fourth Quarter



Quarter Ended: 31 December RM'000	Oct-Dec 2008	Oct-Dec 2007	Δ (%)
Ticket Sales	764,503	591,267	29%
Ancillary Income Revenue	73,821 <b>838,324</b>	41,526 <b>632,792</b>	78% <b>32%</b>
Revende	030,324	032,732	3270
Exceptional item gain / (loss)	(425,668)	0	n/a
EBITDAR	356,798	256,829	39%
Operating Profit	193,610	94,208	106%
Profit/(Loss) After Tax	(176,905)	245,723	-172%
EBITDAR Margin	42.6%	40.6%	2.0 ppt
Operating Profit Margin	23.1%	14.9%	8.2 ppt
Profit After Tax Margin	-21.1%	38.8%	n/a

#### Operating Data - Fourth Quarter



Quarter Ended: 31 December	Oct-Dec 2008	Oct-Dec 2007	Δ (%)
Passengers Carried	3,342,436	2,757,967	21%
ASK (million)	5,006	4,274	17%
RPK (million)	3,800	3,223	18%
Seat Load Factor	78.4%	77.8%	0.6 ppt
Average Fare (RM)	229	214	7%
Rev / ASK (sen)	16.75	14.81	13%
Rev / ASK (US cents)	4.71	4.44	6%
Cost / ASK (sen)	10.95	11.42	-4%
Cost / ASK (US cents)	3.08	3.43	-10%
Cost / ASK-ex fuel (sen)	4.43	5.53	-20%
Cost / ASK-ex fuel (US cents)	1.25	1.66	-25%
Aircraft (average)	41.5	33.7	23%
Aircraft (end of period)	44	39	13%

#### Operating Data - Fourth Quarter



Quarter Ended: 31 December	Oct-Dec 2008	Oct-Dec 2007	Δ (%)
Average fare (RM)	228.7	214.4	7%
Ancillary Income / pax (RM)	22.1	15.1	47%
Unit Revenue / pax (RM)	250.8	229.4	9%
Fuel consumed (barrels)	887,259	748,596	19%
Unit fuel price (\$/barrel)	103.5	100.9	3%
Average stage length (km)	1,200	1,197	0%
No. of flights	24,630	20,495	20%
Average aircraft	41.5	33.7	23%
No. aircraft at end of period	44	39	13%

#### Financial Data - Full Year 2008



Full Year Ended: 31 December RM'000	Jan-Dec 2008	Jan-Dec 2007	Δ (%)
Ticket Sales	2,405,661	1,786,812	35%
Ancillary Income	234,812	135,900	73%
Revenue	2,640,472	1,922,712	37%
Exceptional item gain / (loss)	(640,948)	73,988	n/a
EBITDAR	708,233	671,018	6%
Operating Profit	171,066	211,147	-19%
Profit/(Loss) after Tax	(471,738)	699,246	-167%
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EBITDAR Margin	26.8%	34.9%	-8.1 ppt
Operating Profit Margin	6.5%	11.0%	-4.5%
Profit After Tax Margin	-17.9%	36.4%	n/a

#### Operating Data - Full Year 2008



Full Year Ended: 31 December	Jan-Dec 2008	Jan-Dec 2007	Δ (%)
Passengers Carried	11,808,058	9,717,480	22%
ASK (million)	18,717	14,536	29%
RPK (million)	13,485	11,136	21%
Seat Load Factor	75.4%	78.6%	-3.2 ppt
Average Fare (RM)	204	184	11%
Rev / ASK (sen)	14.11	13.23	7%
Rev / ASK (US cents)	4.23	3.85	10%
Cost / ASK (sen)	11.66	10.97	6%
Cost / ASK (US cents)	3.49	3.20	9%
Cost / ASK-ex fuel (sen)	4.24	5.53	-23%
Cost / ASK-ex fuel (US cents)	1.27	1.61	-21%
Aircraft (average)	36.6	29.9	22%
Aircraft (end of period)	44	39	13%

#### Operating Data - Full Year 2008



Full Year Ended: 31 December	Jan-Dec 2008	Jan-Dec 2007	Δ (%)
Average fare (RM)	203.7	183.9	11%
Ancillary Income / pax (RM)	19.9	14.0	42%
Unit Revenue / pax (RM)	223.6	197.9	13%
Fuel consumed (barrels)	3,254,201	2,637,839	23%
Unit fuel price (\$/barrel)	127.9	87.2	47%
Average stage length (km)	1,207	1,149	5%
No. of flights	89,118	73,656	21%
Average aircraft	36.6	29.9	22%
No. aircraft at end of period	44	39	13%