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# **China Aircraft Leasing Group**

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Full value chain aircraft solutions provider

#### **2024 Annual Results**

March 2025



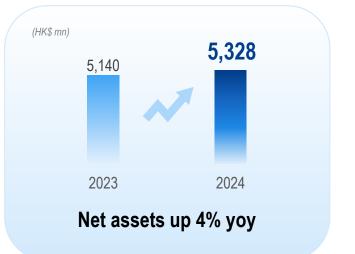
## 1.1 Stable financial and operational performance in 2024

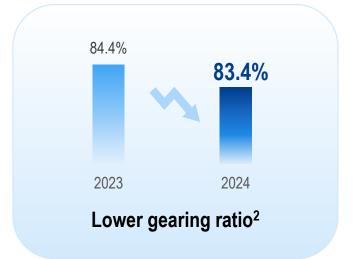
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#### **V** Proactive financial management making progress







Note : 1. Accumulated total since listing, incl. proposed 2024 final dividend of HKD 0.18 per share.



Note: 2. Gearing ratio = interest-bearing debts/total assets

### 1.2 Stay active and competitive across core business segments

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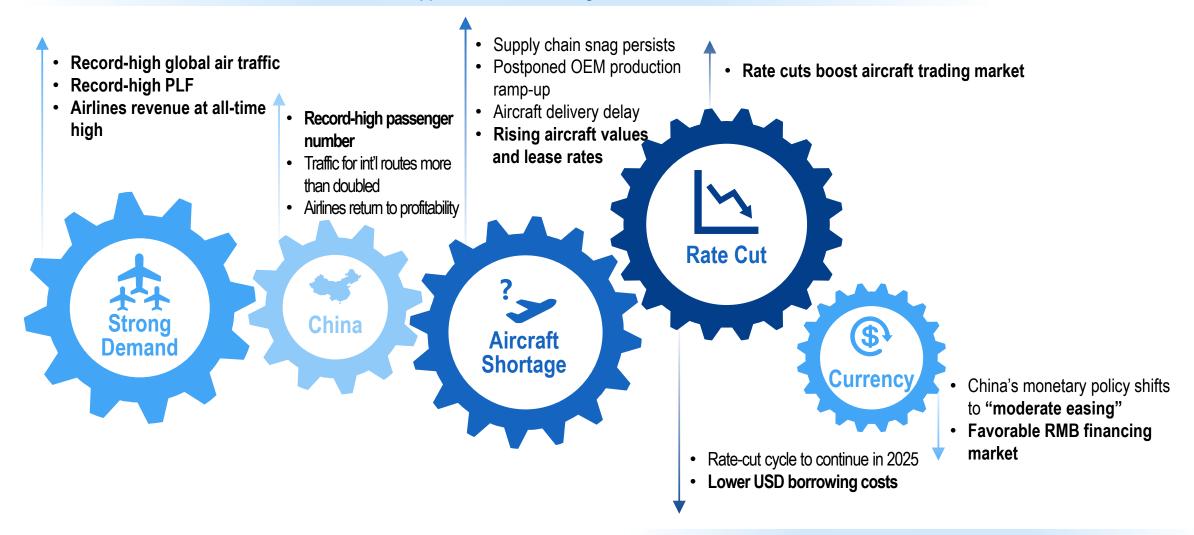


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4. Adjusted average rental yield is a weighted average calculated as the sum of expected annualized gross lease receipt and government grants divided by the net book value of aircraft.

### 1.3 Improved operating environment sustained future growth

Asset appreciation & revenue growth



**Deleverage & cost efficiency** 





### 2.1 2024 results overview

HK\$ mn	2024	2023	change	
Total revenue	5,203.8	4,763.7	+9.2%	1
Profit for the year	325.6	220.2	+47.9%	1
Profit attributable to shareholders	257.5	28.3	+809.9%	1
EBITDA	5,038.4	4,377.0	+15.1%	1
Final dividend per share (HK\$)	0.18	0.15	+20.0%	1
Full year dividend per share (HK\$)	0.30	0.30	-	

### 2.2 Steady revenue growth

HK\$ mn	2024	2023	change
Total lease income	4,349.7	4,199.2	+3.6%
Finance lease income (2024: 49 aircraft vs. 2023: 48 aircraft)	608.8	601.0	+1.3%
Operating lease income (2024: 110 aircraft vs. 2023: 117 aircraft)	3,740.9	3,598.2	+4.0%
Net income from aircraft transactions and aircraft components trading	212.7	124.5	+70.9%
Government grants	316.2	171.8	+84.1%
Bank interest income and interest income from loans to associates and joint ventures	242.9	198.6	+22.3%
Asset management service fees income from CAG Group	16.7	18.4	-9.2%
Others	65.6	51.2	+28.1%
Total revenue	5,203.8	4,763.7	+9.2%

# 2.3 Operating expenses

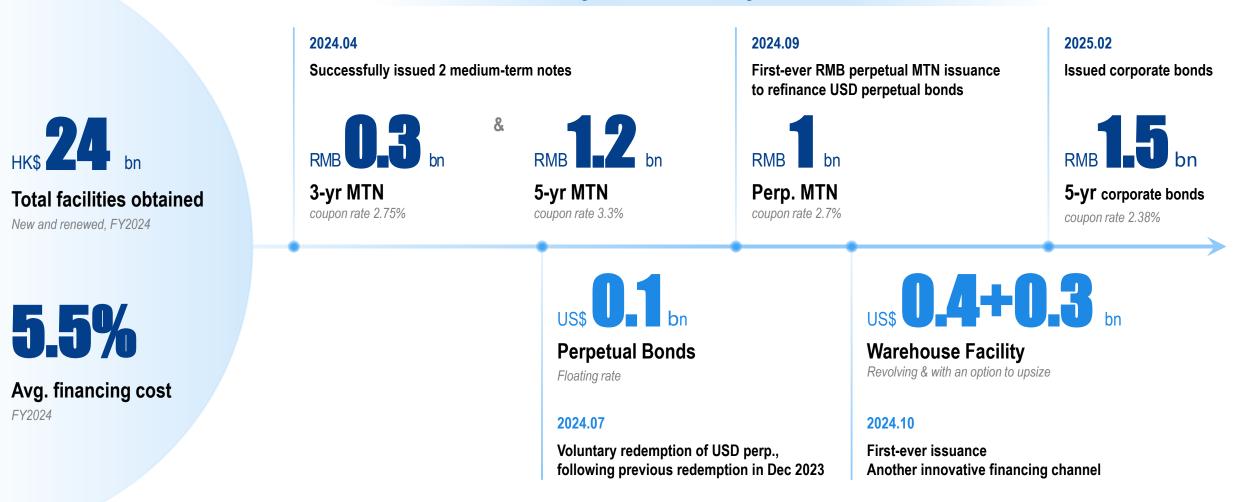
HK\$ mn	2024	2023	change
Interest expenses and payments to trust plans	(2,710.6)	(2,244.5)	+20.8%
Interest expenses (average US\$ SOFR increased from 4.84% in 2023 to 4.94% in 2024)	(2,447.3)	(1,953.5)	+25.3%
Payments to trust plans	(263.3)	(291.0)	-9.5%
Depreciation and impairment (2024: 110 aircraft vs. 2023: 117 aircraft)	(1,686.6)	(1,618.8)	+4.2%
Reversal of expected credit losses/(expected credit losses)	71.2	(51.0)	n.a.

#### 2.4 Diversified dual-market financing channels to control financing costs

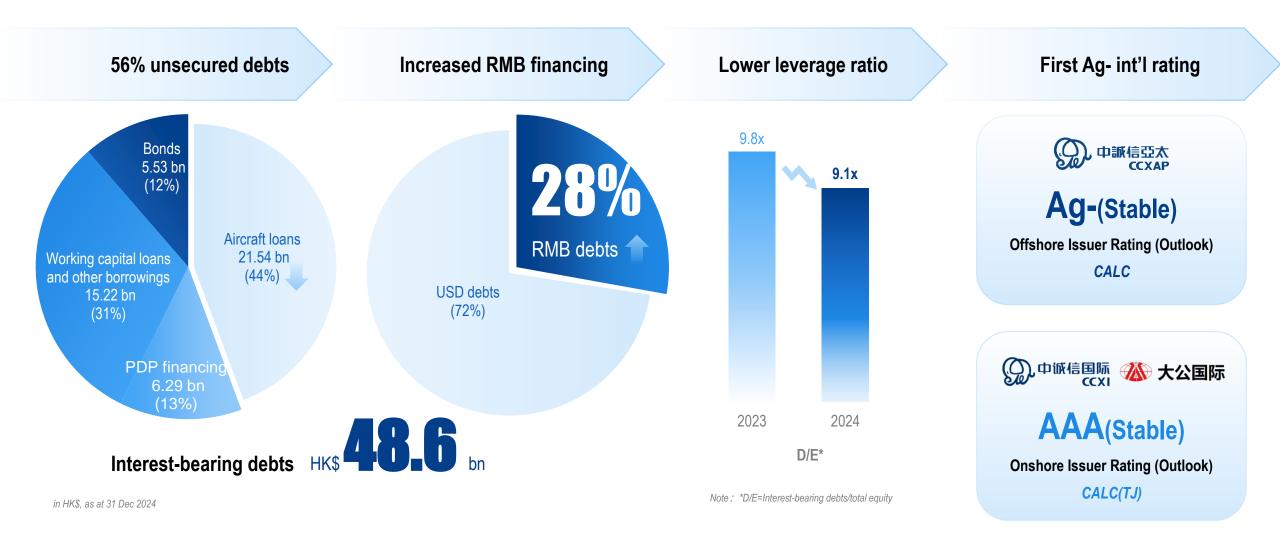
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Onshore RMB financing: active and well-recognized issuer with record-low rates



### 2.5 Optimize debt structure and enhance international rating



#### 2.6 Interest rate risk management

#### Interest risk exposure

As of Dec 2024, majority of the interest-bearing debts (HK\$48.6 bn) had been hedged, among which,

- 19.5 billion floating rate loans were unhedged and would affect cash flows
- 13.2 billion or less than 27% of the of the interest bearing debt would affect profit attributable to shareholders

#### Rate-cut cycle will persist

- The latest Fed dot plot released in Dec 2024 implied two rate cuts in 2025, i.e. a total of 50 bps.
- On March 14<sup>th</sup>, the price of Dec-25 Federal Funds interest futures was 96.34 (implied interest rate of 3.66%), indicating the effective rate for Fed's Dec 2025 meeting would be 3.50% -3.75%, i.e. a total rate cut of 75bps for the year 2025.

#### US interest rate risk sensitivity test

(HK\$ mn)	Cash outflow	Profit attributable to shareholders
US\$ interest rate up 100bps	195	(132)
US\$ interest rate down 100bps	(195)	132



Source: Federal Reserve, Summary of Economic Projections (SEP), 18 December 2024

### 2.7 Currency risk management

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#### RMB exchange rate risk exposure

Moderately increasing exposure amid RMB depreciation expectations:



#### Net RMB exchange rate risk exposure (as at 31 December 2024)

#### RMB exchange rate risk sensitivity test

(HK\$ mn)	Profit attributable to shareholders
RMB appreciates against USD by 1%	(97)
RMB depreciates against USD by 1%	97

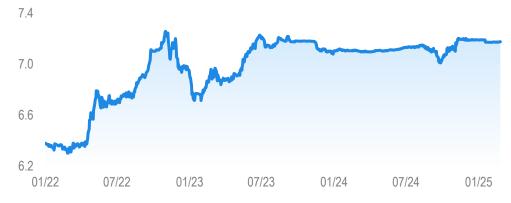
#### Limited RMB appreciation pressure

#### • Widening China-U.S. interest rate spread

On 9 Dec 2024, China shifted its monetary policy from "prudent" to "moderately easing" for the first time in 14 years. Subsequently, the interest rate spread between China and the US further widened, hitting historical high in the past 24 years.

#### Resurface of trade disputes

On 1 Feb 2025, Trump imposed 10%-25% tariffs on imports from China, Canada, and Mexico, pushing offshore Chinese yuan depreciating towards record low of over 7.36 per US dollar.



Source : China Foreign Exchange Trade System, iFind, as of February 28, 2025.

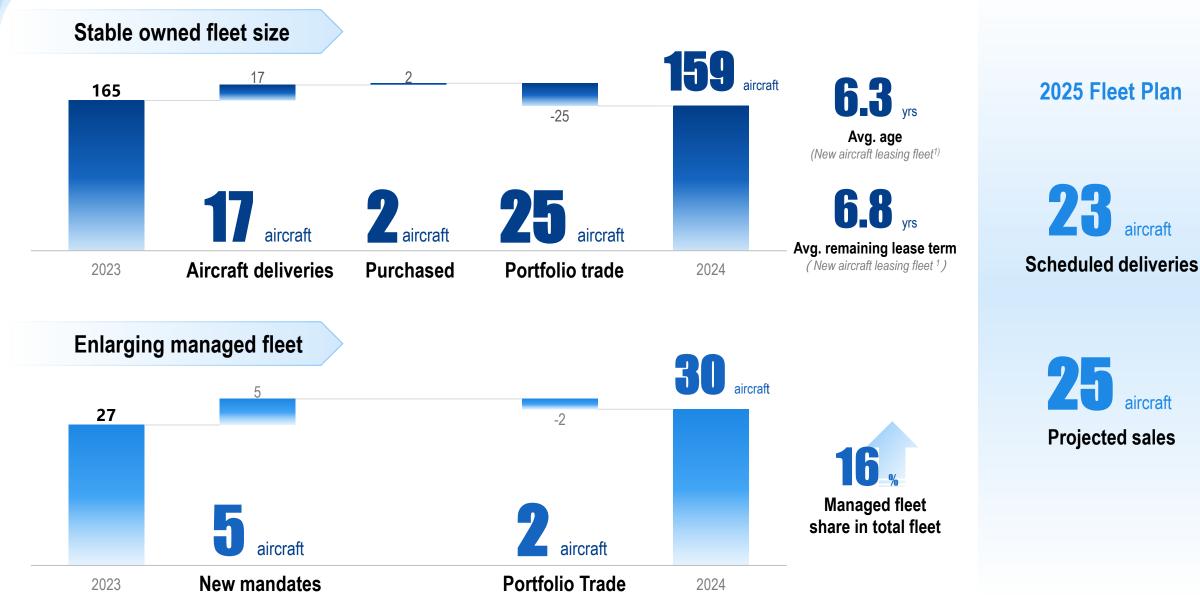
#### **USD/CNY Central Parity Rate Trend**

As at 31 December 2024



#### **3.1 Prudent fleet management**

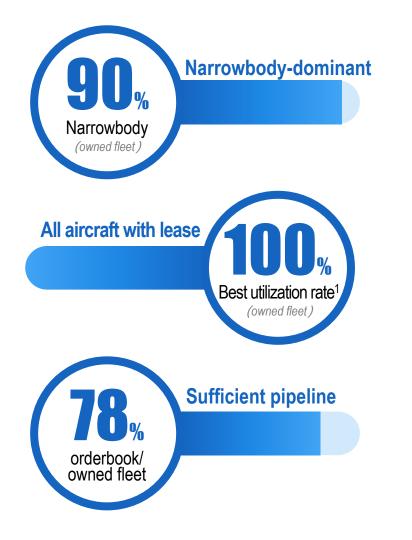
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Note: 1. CALC is a one-stop aircraft full-life-cycle solution provider. Its business covers new aircraft and middle-to-aged aircraft. The new aircraft leased fleet refers to the aircraft under the age of 12 in its owned fleet.



As at 31 Dec 2024



OEMs	Series	Туре	Owned <sup>2</sup>	Managed	Order book
Airbus	A320 CEO series	NB	71	21	-
Airbus	A320 NEO series	NB	51	5	97
Airbus	A330 CEO series	WB	12	1	-
Boeing	B737 NG series	NB	19	2	-
Boeing	B737 Max series	NB	2	-	-
Boeing	B787 series	WB	1	1	-
COMAC	C909 (Formerly known as ARJ21)	Regional jet	3	-	27
		Total	159	30	124

Note: 1, excluding one aircraft involving Russian carrier

2. Including one A320 series aircraft that involving Russian carrier

### 3.3 Global expansion of creditworthy clientele

- The proportion of overseas customers **exceeds 30%** and is expected to further increase
- Cooperate with flag/top-tier carriers, and diversify the geographic mix of our client base
- Rental payments from all clients are on schedule with rent collection ratio over 100% for three consecutive years



Notes: 1, Includes owned and managed aircraft, with proportions calculated based on the number of aircraft as a percentage of the total owned and managed fleet, as at 31 Dec 2024.

2, Calculated based on the number of aircraft as a percentage of the owned fleet, as 31 Dec 2024. Owned fleet includes one aircraft involving a Russian carrier.

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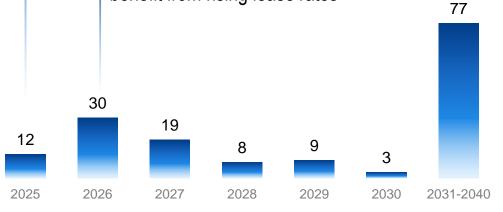
#### 3.4 Upward trend expected in lease rate

- CALC consistently outperforms its peers with a sustained double-digit rental yield.
- The profile of our owned fleet lease expiries and the delivery pipeline shall likely capture and benefit from the rising lease rate.

#### Remarketing

Aircraft with leases to expire in 2025 have either been mandated for new lease or have disposal plan in progress.

Well-timed lease expiries shall benefit from rising lease rates

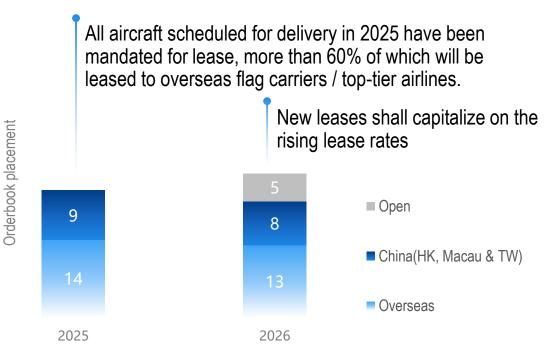


As at 31 December 2024

Orderbook placement<sup>2</sup>

**11.6** 

Adj. rental yield <sup>1</sup>



Notes: 1. Adjusted average rental yield is a weighted average calculated as the sum of expected annualized gross lease receipt and government grants divided by the net book value of aircraft.

2、 Delivery schedule subject to adjustments now and then for various reasons. Above deliveries exclude COMAC aircraft orders, as of 31 December 2024.



### 3.5 Record-breaking trading activities unlock multiple benefits

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### 3.6 Proven track record and global trading network







Global trading partners

New partners

Total P-trade number<sup>1</sup>

**200**<sup>+</sup> aircraft

нк\$ **75** <sup>+</sup> bn

Total P-trade volume<sup>1</sup>



Total engines transacted<sup>2</sup>



Note: 1. accumulated total since listing in 2014, as of 31 Dec 2024. Deal size for novation arrangement with DAE was calculated based on third=party valuation on the underlying assets. 2. Accumulated total over the years by ARI/CAAM units as of 31 Dec 2024.

3. including total number of aircraft under 2 ABS products which were completed in stages from 2013 to 2018.

### 3.7 Strive to promote China-made aircraft in overseas market



•	seas operations of made C909 aircraft	<b>B</b> aircraft <b>Overseas deliveries</b> Cumulative total by end-2024	<b>277</b> aircraft <b>On backlog</b> By end-2024	<b>2</b> aircraft <b>Scheduled deliveries</b> FY2025
Order Placed 2021/	First Operator 2022/12	<b>Debut</b> <b>Fliaht</b> 2023/4 2023/6	First 2024/4 Mover	
-	ered an C909 aircraft to its carrier in Indonesia.	•	Opened C909 Manado base and launched three domestic scheduled flight routes in the eastern Indonesian archipelago afterwards.	Completed inaugural flight between Manado and Guangzhou, making it the FIRST international flight to China operated by C909, also the LONGEST commercial flight flown by C909

### 3.8 Impressive performance of C909 in overseas market





Longest route Manado–Guangzhou

# **1600\*30 2**%

#### Short and narrow runway takeoff and landing

Sorong-Nabire



#### Lower avg. hour fuel consumption

Monthly avg. OTP

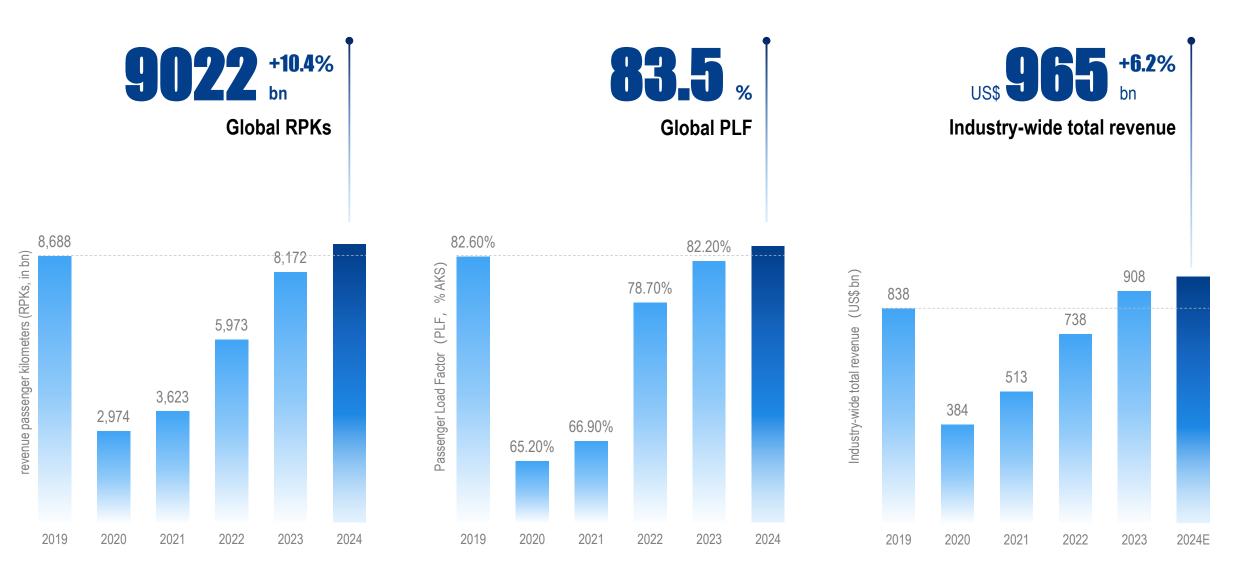
Overseas operations in 2024

Compared to reference block hour fuel consumption





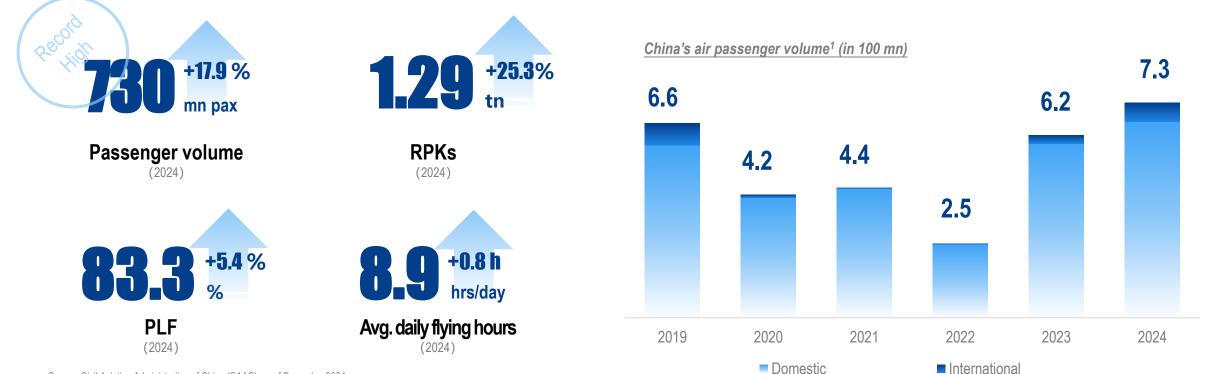
4.1 Global aviation market maintains growth with record-high figures CALC



Source: IATA Global Outlook for Air Transport, December 2024. The 2024 RPK and load factor data have been updated based on YoY growth figures shown in IATA's Air Passenger Market Analysis, December 2024.

## 4.2 China's passenger traffic surpassed 700 million in 2024, reaching a record high CALC

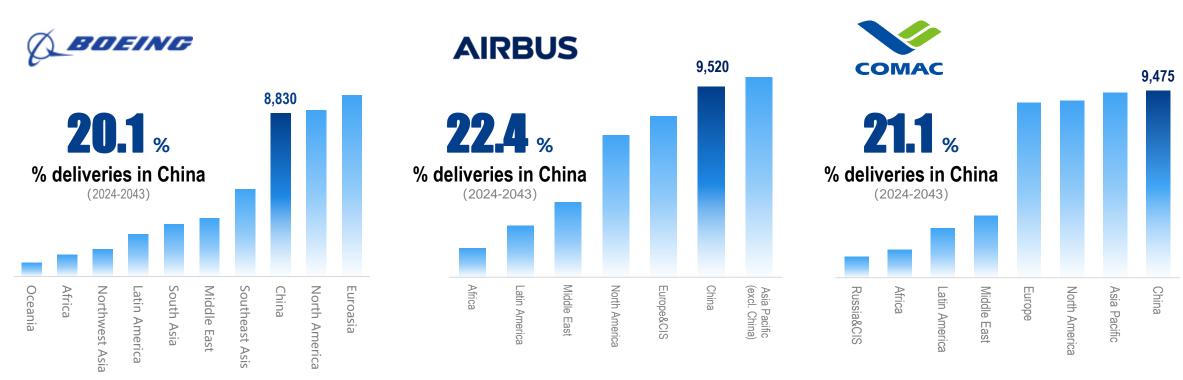
- In 2024, China's civil aviation passenger traffic hit an all-time high, growing 17.9% year-over-year. Revenue passenger kilometers (RPK) reached 1.29 trillion, up 25.3% YoY. International passenger traffic surged by 125.6% YoY, while domestic traffic increased by 12.6% YoY
- Airlines returned to profitability, recording RMB 4.47 billion in net profit, a RMB 10.2 billion improvement from 2023. 20 airlines reported positive earnings.



Source: Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC), as of December 2024. Note: 1. Domestic passenger traffic includes Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan routes.

## 4.3 China to be the world's largest aviation market

 The world's top three OEMs and Cirium all project that between 2024 and 2043, China will be the single largest country for new aircraft deliveries, accounting for over 20% of the global market with approximately 9,000 new aircraft deliveries.



Source : Boeing "Commercial Market Outlook 2024-2043", Airbus "Global Market Forecast 2024", COMAC "Annual Market Forecast Report 2024-2043", and Cirium "2024-2043" Cirium Fleet Forecast".

Note : 1. COMAC's aircraft delivery statistics include turbofan regional jets, single-aisle jets, twin-aisle jets, and jet freighters.

New deliveries by region from 2024-2043<sup>1</sup>

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# 4.4 Prolonged supply chain snags lead to persistent aircraft shortage CALC

#### Supply chain challenge

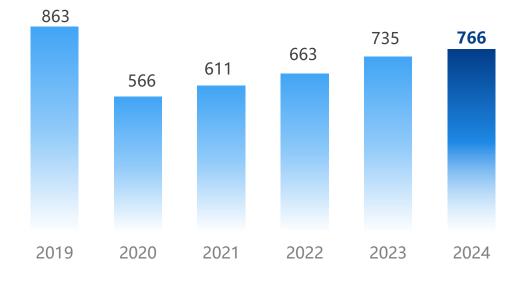
- Engine shortage
- Labor shortage
- Raw material shortage
- Safety incidents
- Production quality

#### **OEM delivery delay**

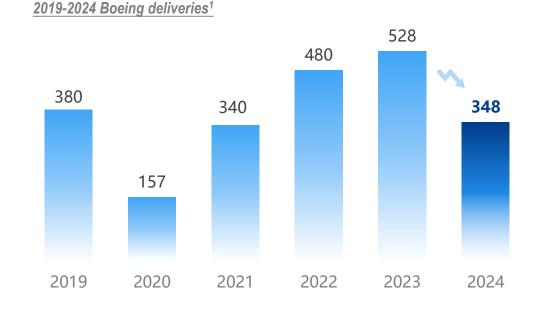
- In 2024, Airbus lowered its annual delivery target from 800 to 770 aircraft but still missed the target with a 766 deliveries.
- Frequent safety incidents, labor strikes, and management transitions further disrupted Boeing's productions, resulting in a 34% YoY decline in deliveries.

#### **OEM delivery delay**

- IATA recently indicated that global aviation supply chain constraints could persist until 2027.
- Cirium previously projected a shortage of over 200 narrow-body aircraft, with supply chain snag lasting at least until 2028.



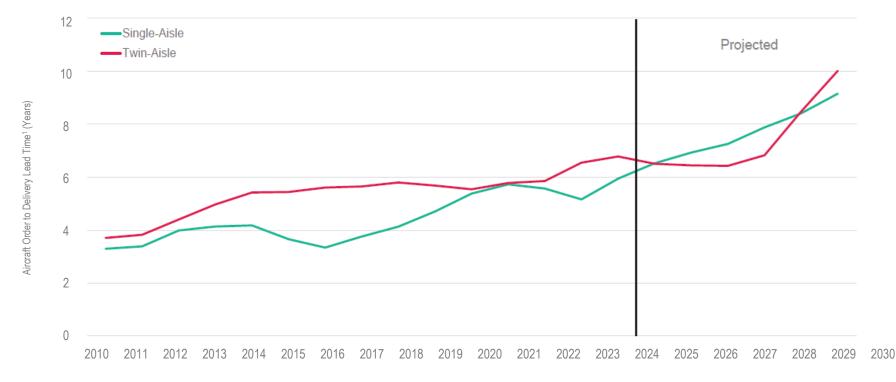
#### 2019-2024 Airbus deliveries<sup>1</sup>



Source: 1. Publicly available data from Boeing and Airbus, CALC, as at 31 Dec 2024

### 4.5 OEM backlog hits record high, further extending delivery lead time CALC

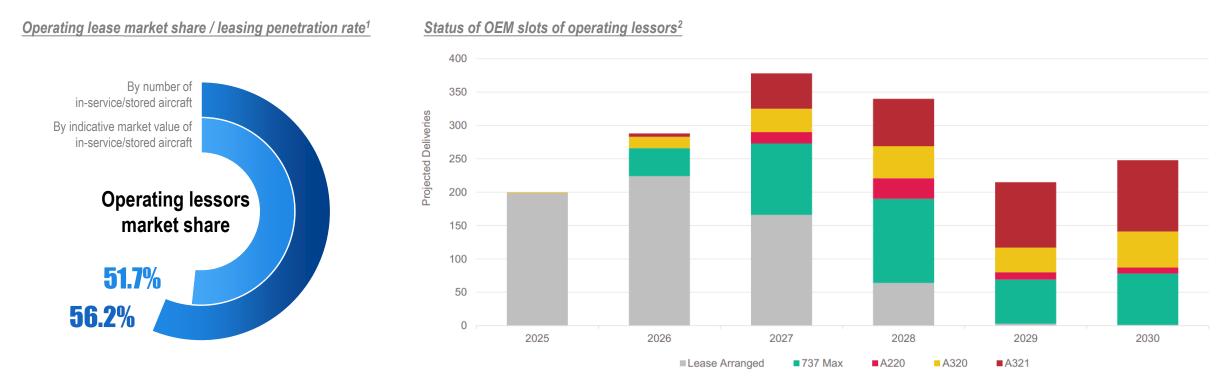
- Global new aircraft **backlog** reaches a record **17,000 units**, double the 2013-2019 average
- At the current delivery rate, fulfilling all orders would take an estimated 14 years
- Forecasts indicate global aircraft delivery lead times will continue to increase



## 4.6 Lessors have limited OEM slots open in the next two years

Cirium:

- Aircraft leasing remains a key source for airlines' capacity expansion plan as lessors are gaining power with over half global market share.
- Slots in 2025 have all been taken while only 22% 2026 slots remains open.

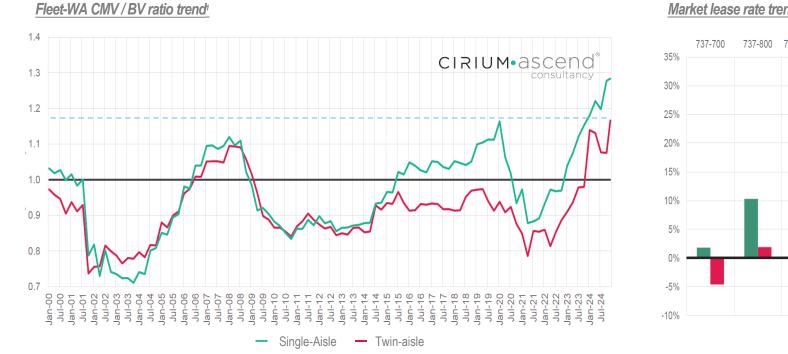


Sources: 2, Cirium Core, operating lessor firm order backlog with no end user identified as of 10 March 2025,

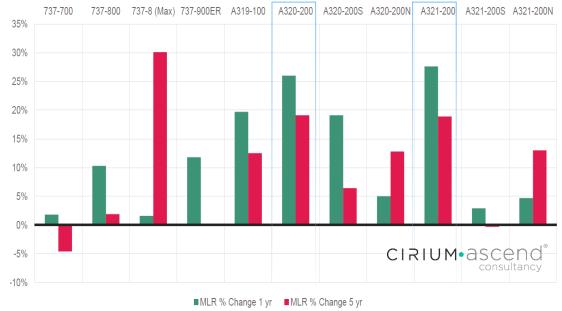
### 4.7 Narrowbody aircraft value and lease rate keep trending up

#### According to Cirium:

- Ongoing aircraft shortages have pushed market values above benchmark levels, reaching all-time highs.
- With limited new aircraft deliveries, the narrow-body shortage is particularly severe, driving continued rental increases, with some models seeing up to a 28% surge over the last 12 months.



#### Market lease rate trends for major narrow-body models (past 1-Year/ past 5-Year)<sup>2</sup>



Source: Cirium Core, on a fleet-weighted and constant-age basis, as of December 7, 2024.

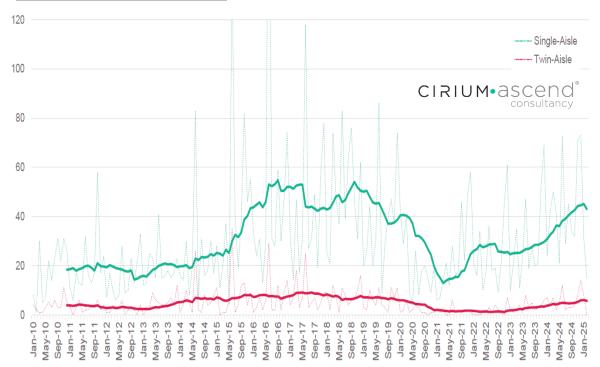
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Source: Cirium Core, passenger aircraft only, as of December 7, 2024.

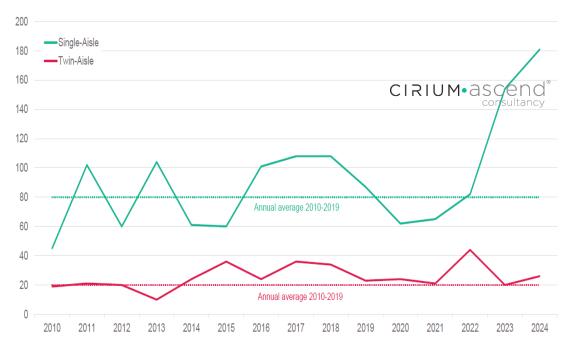
## 4.8 Aircraft trading continue to rise but remain below historical peaks CALC

#### Cirium:

- Over the past year, the aircraft transaction market has steadily rebounded, with an increase in sale with lease-attached aircraft transactions, though still below the 2016-2018 peak of the previous growth cycle.
- Amid supply-demand imbalances, airlines have significantly increased purchases of used aircraft from lessors.



#### Sale with lease attached transactions



#### Aircraft purchased by airlines off-lease from lessors

Source: Cirium Fleets Analyzer, passenger single-aisle and twin-aisle jets only

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