

NET PROFIT IN Q3 2018 USD 62 MILLIONS

- Total income USD 545.2 million, up by 2% year on year
- EBITDA USD 115.0 million, as compared to USD 155.9 million last year
- Decline in performance a result of reduced passenger income and high jet fuel prices
- Equity ratio 36% at the end of September
- Net interest-bearing debt USD 222.2 million at the end of September
- Cash and short-term investments USD 184.0 million
- EBITDA guidance USD 80-90 million

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Operating results								
Total income	545,193	537,032	8,161	2%	1,211,718	1,126,407	85,311	8%
EBITDAR	129,065	166,267	-37,202	-22%	151,043	213,146	-62,103	-29%
EBITDA	114,993	155,904	-40,911	-26%	111,475	186,502	-75,027	-40%
EBIT	78,295	121,613	-43,318	-36%	12,284	95,474	-83,190	-87%
EBT	76,933	121,901	-44,968	-37%	1,914	96,308	-94,394	-98%
Profit for the period	62,029	97,185	-35,156	-36%	1,773	77,211	-75,438	-98%
Balance sheet								
Total assets	-	-	-	-	1,598,402	1,445,042	153,360	119
Total equity	-	-	-	-	575,444	618,552	-43,108	-7%
Interest bearing debt	-	-	-	-	406,239	283,961	122,278	43%
Cash and short term investment	-	-	-	-	184,031	264,077	-80,046	-30%
Net interest bearing debt	-	-	-	-	222,208	19,884	202,324	
Cash flow								
Net cash to/from operating activities	-50,635	-19,749	-30,886	156%	76,542	196,549	-120,007	-61%
Net cash used in investing activities	-76,540	-53,154	-23,386	44%	-266,560	-180,233	-86,327	48%
Net cash from/used in financing activities	62,976	-2,399	65,375	-	146,190	14,705	131,485	
Cash and cash equivalents end of period	175,383	260,130	-84,747	-33%	175,383	260,130	-84,747	-33%
Key Ratios								
Loss / Profit per share expressed in US Cent	1.29	2.00	-0.71	-	0.04	1.59	-1.55	
Intrinsic value	-	-	-	-	14.73	15.65	-0.92	-6%
Equity ratio	-	-	-	-	36%	43%	-7.0 ppt	-16%
Current ratio	-	-	-	-	1.02	0.99	0.03	3%
CAPEX USD thousand	42,763	39,700	3,063	8%	288,853	124,628	164,225	132%
Transport revenue as % of total revenues	74.6%	77.4%	-2.8 ppt	-	72.2%	73.6%	-1.4 ppt	
EBITDAR ratio	23.7%	31.0%	-7.3 ppt	-	12.5%	18.9%	-6.5 ppt	
EBITDA ratio	21.1%	29.0%	-7.9 ppt	-	9.2%	16.6%	-7.4 ppt	
Share information ISK								
Highest price in period	12.94	16.55	-3.61	-22%	16.55	23.53	-6.98	-30%
Lowest price in period	6.78	13.80	-7.02	-51%	6.78	13.13	-6.35	-48%
Price at period end	-	_	-	_	6.84	14.75	-7.91	-54%
Market Cap at period end (millions)	-	-	-	-	34,200	73,750	-39,550	-54%



BOGI NILS BOGASON INTERIM PRESIDENT & CEO

"Our third-quarter results declined between years, but are in line with the EBITDA guidance published at the end of August. EBITDA amounted to a total of USD 115 million, USD 41 million short of the figure for the third quarter of 2017. Higher fuel prices, low average air fares and a less favourable passenger load factor are the principal reasons for the decline in performance.

A number of measures have been taken to improve the Company's competitiveness and counteract cost increases, in particular the costs resulting from higher fuel prices. In May 2019 flights will be introduced through a new connection bank in Iceland alongside the Route Network's current connection bank with a view to creating new growth opportunities for the Company, improving services to passengers and increasing flexibility. The imbalance in the passenger capacity between North America and Europe has also been corrected in the flight schedule for next year, and the Company's sales and marketing work has been reorganised. Our focus now is on strengthening the Company's revenue control, with the implementation of a new revenue control system at an advanced stage. The priorities are increased automation, use of digital solutions and enhancement of ancillary revenue. Also, improved utilisation of staff and all operating factors will be key to the Company's future operations.

Our task is clear: to improve Company's year-round performance. There are numerous opportunities available, both on the revenue and expenditure side. We are confident that the measures that have already been taken and further measures ahead will return improved performance for Icelandair Group for the future."



TRANSPORT FIGURES

- Icelandair passenger numbers just short of 1.5 million, down by 2% between years
- Passenger load factor on international flights 84.2%, down by 2.0 percentage points from Q3 2017
- Room occupancy in Company hotels on a par with last year's, at 88.6%

	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Change
INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS			
Number of passengers ('000)	1,469.4	1,495.5	-1.7%
Load factor (%)	84.2	86.3	-2.0 ppt
Available seat kilometres (ASK´000,000)	5,597.9	5,453.9	3%
Revenue passenger kilometres (RPK'000,000)	4,714.9	4,705.4	0%
Average stage length km	3,262.0	3,101.0	5%
REGIONAL FLIGHTS			
Number of passengers ('000)	93.1	109.3	-15%
Load factor (%)	71.3	70.9	0.4 ppt
Available seat kilometres (ASK 000,000)	54.8	74.7	-27%
Revenue passenger kilometres (RPK'000,000)	39.0	52.9	-26%
CHARTER			
Fleet Utilisation (%)	90.9	100.0	-9.1 ppt
Sold Block Hours	8,327	7,240	15%
CARGO			
Freight Tonne Kilometres (FTK'000)	31,603	32,085	-2%
HOTELS			
Available Hotel Room Nights	129,216	112,393	15%
Sold Hotel Room Nights	114,445	99,653	15%
Utilisation of Hotel Rooms (%)	88.6	88.7	-0.1 ppt

Available Seat Kilometres (ASK) increased by 3% between years in the third quarter. Average flight duration increased by 5% between years, as availability to North America increased by 11% while availability to Europe decreased by 9%. The North Atlantic market was the Company's largest market, accounting for 54% of the total number of passengers in the third quarter of 2018. The greatest proportional increase in passenger numbers was in the domestic market to Iceland, while the number of passengers in the North Atlantic market declined between years.

Passenger mix '000	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Change	% of total '18
То	539.7	507.2	6%	37%
From	141.4	119.3	19%	10%
Via	788.2	869.0	-9%	54%
Total international flights	1.469.4	1.495.5	-2%	100%

EXCHANGE RATE TRENDS

Icelandair Group's reporting currency is the USD. Revenue in the third quarter of 2018 was 2% above the corresponding quarter of 2017. Calculated at a fixed exchange rate, revenue grew by 3% between years.



Currency	Av. rates Q3'18	Chg. from Q3 '17	Closing rate 30.09 '18	Chg. from 30.09 '17
ISK	0.009	-2%	0.009	-4%
EUR	1.163	-1%	1.163	-2%
GBP	1.303	0%	1.305	-3%
CAD	0.765	-4%	0.774	-3%
DKK	0.156	-1%	0.156	-2%
NOK	0.121	-3%	0.123	-2%
SEK	0.112	-9%	0.113	-8%

THIRD QUARTER OPERATIONS

USD thousand	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Change	% Change
EBITDAR	129,065	166,267	-37,202	-22%
EBITDA	114,993	155,904	-40,911	-26%
EBIT	78,295	121,613	-43,318	-36%
EBT	76,933	121,901	-44,968	-37%
Profit for the period	62,029	97,185	-35,156	-36%
EBITDAR %	23.7%	31.0%	-7.3 ppt	-
EBITDA %	21.1%	29.0%	-7.9 ppt	-

	Intern. flight o	peratins	Aviation inve	stments	Tourism inve	estments
USD thousand	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Q3 2018	Q3 2017
Total income	404,837	410,615	54,103	43,382	86,253	83,035
EBITDAR	89,123	132,353	18,913	15,530	21,029	18,384
EBITDA	85,962	129,869	12,496	12,115	16,535	13,920
EBT	52,744	101,135	8,971	7,332	15,218	13,434

International flight operations

EBITDA amounted to USD 86.0 million over the quarter, as compared to USD 129.9 million last year. The decline in EBITDA is primarily the result of lower passenger revenue than anticipated and higher fuel costs. There are several reasons why passenger revenue fell short of anticipations. Forecasts of rising average air fares in line with airlines' cost increases have not materialised. Structural adjustments made in the Company's sales and marketing work in early summer 2017 did not return the anticipated results. In addition, changes in the Company's Route Network at the beginning of the year resulted in an imbalance in the seating capacity offered in North America and Europe.

Investments in Aviation

Total revenue increased by 25% between years. Loftleidir Icelandic performed very well over the quarter, and the company had three more aircraft on assignments than over the same period last year. Air Iceland Connect operations are difficult, and results declined slightly between years.

Investments in Tourism

The increase in turnover was 4% and EBITDA grew to USD 16.5 million from USD 13.9 last year. The Company's hotel operation was successful, with EBITDA rising between years. The operation of Iceland Travel, however, was difficult due to challenging operating environment.



REVENUE

- Total revenue up by 2% between years in Q3
- Passenger revenue down by 2% between years

USD thousand	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Change	% Change	% of rev. '18
Transport revenue:	406,491	415,579	-9,088	-2%	75%
Passengers	392,199	400,235	-8,036	-2%	72%
Cargo and mail	14,292	15,344	-1,052	-7%	3%
Aircraft and aircrew lease	29,462	18,246	11,216	61%	5%
Other operating revenue	109,240	103,207	6,033	6%	20%
Total	545,193	537,032	8,161	2%	100%

Total revenue increased by 2% between years; calculated at a fixed exchange rate the increase was 3%. Transport revenue declined by USD 9.1 million between years, or 2%. In the international Route Network revenue increased in the tourist market to Iceland and the domestic market from Iceland. However, revenue in the North Atlantic market declined. Income from aircraft and aircrew lease increased by USD 11.2 million, or 61%. Other operating revenue amounted to USD 109.2, up by USD 6.0 million, or 6%, as compared to the third quarter of 2017. Revenue from tourism declined by USD 3.8 million between years as a result of deteriorating conditions in the Icelandic tourist market. Other operating revenues are itemised in the table below:

USD thousand	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Change	% Change
Sale at airports and hotels	37,552	26,886	10,666	40%
Revenue from tourism	57,661	61,485	-3,824	-6%
Aircraft and cargo handling services	5,742	5,936	-194	-3%
Maintenance revenue	11	1,210	-1,199	-99%
Gain on sale of operating assets	25	0	25	-
Other operating revenue	8,249	7,690	559	7%
Total	109,240	103,207	6,033	6%

EXPENSES

- Total expenses USD 430.2 million
- Fuel costs up by USD 15.3 million between years

USD thousand	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Change	% Change	% of exp. '18
Salaries and other personnel expenses	130,813	118,116	12,697	11%	30%
Aviation expenses	176,271	148,592	27,679	19%	41%
Other operating expenses	123,116	114,420	8,696	8%	29%
Total	430,200	381,128	49,072	13%	100%

Salaries and other personnel expenses amounted to USD 130.8 million, as compared to USD 118.1 million in the third quarter of last year. The increase is for the most part explained by the Company's increased scope of business and the impact of contractual wage increases. The table below illustrates the increase in wage costs between years.



Salaries and other personnel expenses Q3'17	118,116
Contractual wage increases	4,197
Change in full-time position equivalents	12,397
Currency effect	-1,824
Other	-2.073
Salaries and other personnel expenses Q3'18	130,813

Figures in USD thousand

Aviation expenses amounted to a total of USD 176.3 million, up by USD 27.7 million, of which USD 15.4 related to higher fuel costs.

USD thousand	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Change	% Change	% of total exp. 18
Aircraft fuel	97,740	82,364	15,376	19%	23%
Aircraft lease	10,179	5,226	4,953	95%	2%
Aircraft handling, landing and communication	46,388	41,424	4,964	12%	11%
Aircraft maintenance expenses	21,964	19,578	2,386	12%	5%
Total	176,271	148,592	27,679	19%	41%

Fuel expenses amounted in total to USD 97.7 million, up by 19% from the corresponding time of last year. The Company's reporting price for the quarter, taking hedging into account, was on average USD 624/ton, which corresponds to a 21% increase between years. The section headed Outlook and EBITDA Guidance for 2018 below provides an overview of the Company's fuel hedging position. Aircraft leasing cost amounted to USD 10.2 million, up by USD 5.0 million as compared to the third quarter of 2017, as the Company had more aircraft on lease than last year. Aircraft servicing, handling and navigation expenses amounted to USD 46.4 million, up by 12% between years. Maintenance expenses amounted to USD 22.0 million, up by 12% between years.

Other operating expenses amounted to USD 123.1 million, up by USD 8.7 million between years. The administration cost of real estates increased because of the increased number of properties in operation, including two hotels on lease in excess of the hotels on lease in the third quarter of 2017. Communication and advertising costs increased mainly due to of carryover between quarters. The table below shows a breakdown of principal items and trends between years.

USD thousand	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Change	% Change
Operating cost of real estate and fixtures	10,827	8,333	2,494	30%
Communication	8,789	6,851	1,938	28%
Advertising	7,112	5,458	1,654	30%
Booking fees and commission expenses	22,451	21,554	897	4%
Cost of goods sold	4,903	3,544	1,359	38%
Customer services	20,290	18,184	2,106	12%
Tourism expenses	38,711	41,438	-2,727	-7%
Allowance for bad debt	457	490	-33	-7%
Other operating expenses	9,576	8,568	1,008	12%
Total	123,116	114,420	8,696	8%



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Currency effect positive by USD 3.8 million in Q3

USD thousand	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Change	% Change
Interest income	229	976	-747	-77%
Interest expenses	-5,610	-4,090	-1,520	37%
Currency effect	3,806	3,511	295	8%
Total	-1,575	397	-1,972	-

BALANCE SHEET AND FINANCIAL POSITION

- Total assets amounted to USD 1.6 billion at the end of the third quarter
- Equity ratio 36%
- Cash and market securities USD 184.0 million

USD thousands	30.09.2018	31.12.2017	Change
Total assets	1,598,402	1,423,842	174,560
Operating assets	673,686	652,705	20,981
Cash and short term investment	184,031	225,278	-41,247
Total equity	575,444	596,545	-21,101
Interest bearing debt	406,239	289,541	116,698
Net interest bearing debt	222,208	64,263	157,945
Equity ratio	36%	42%	-6 ppt
Current ratio	1.02	0.99	3%

Operating assets amounted to USD 673.7 million, up by USD 21.0 million from the beginning of the year. Assets relating to hotel operations are currently in a divestment process, and therefore listed as assets for sale in the balance sheet. Further information on the impact of the change is set out in Note 6 in the interim statement.

Investments in operating assets are discussed in the section below on Cash Flow and Investments. At the end of the quarter the Group's fleet comprised 52 aircraft, 42 of which were owned by the Company.

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Туре	r	Cargo	r	Iceland	8	7	own	leased	31.12.17
B757-200	24	2	5		31	29	27	4	2
B757-300	2				2	1	2		1
B737 MAX 8	3				3	0	2	1	3
B767-300	4		2		6	6	5	1	0
B737-700			1		1	1		1	0
B737-800			3		3	3		3	0
Bombardier Q200				3	3	3	3		0
Bombardier Q400				3	3	3	3		0
Total	33	2	11	6	52	46	42	10	6

Equity amounted to USD 575.4 million at the end of September, and the equity ratio was 36%. The table below shows the principal changes in equity from the turn of the year.



USD thousands	
Balance at 1.1. 2018	591,535
Impact of IFRS 15 correction	5,010
Purchase of own shares	-7,485
Total comprehensive loss	-6,362
Dividend (0.15 US cent per share)	-7,254
Balance at 30.09.2018	575,444

Interest-bearing liabilities amounted to USD 406.2 million, as compared to USD 289.5 million at the beginning of the year. The increase is explained largely by borrowings for the acquisition of two 737 MAX aircraft. Payments on long-term debts in the third quarter amounted to USD 12.4 million. Cash and marketable securities amounted to USD 184.0 million at the end of the quarter. Included under claims are USD 176.3 million constituting advance payments on new aircraft to be delivered in the coming years. Of these claims USD 108.5 million are included under short-term assets.

USD thousands	30.09.2018	31.12.2017	Change
Loans and borrowings non-current	321,464	280,254	41,210
Loans and borrowings current	84,775	9,287	75,488
Short term investment	8,648	4,087	4,561
Cash and cash equivalents	175,383	221,191	-45,808
Net interest bearing debt	222,208	64,263	157,945

CASH FLOW AND INVESTMENTS

- Net cash for use in operating activities USD 50.6 million
- Cash and cash equivalents at the end of September USD 175.4 million
- Total investments USD 42.8 million

USD thousand	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Change
Net cash to operating activities	-50,635	-19,749	-30,886
Net cash used in investing activities	-76,540	-53,154	-23,386
Net cash used in financing activities	62,976	-2,399	65,375
Cash and cash equivalents change	-64,199	-75,302	11,103
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	175,383	260,130	-84,747

Net cash for use in operating activities in the third quarter amounted to USD 50.6 million, up by USD 30.9 million from the third quarter of 2017. Investments over the quarter amounted to a total of USD 42.8 million, of which USD 21.0 million were investments in engine overhauls. Other investments in operating assets, for the most parts investments in hotel operations at Mývatn, a new flight simulator and premises in Keflavik, amounted to USD 19.1 million.

USD thousand	Q3 2018
Operating assets:	
Aircraft and aircraft components	2,073
Overhaul own aircraft	21,046
Other	19,084
Total operating assets	42,203
Long term cost	
Overhaul leased aircraft	0
Intangible assets	560
Total Capex	42,763



OUTLOOK AND EBITDA GUIDANCE FOR 2018

- A number of measures have been taken to improve the Company's competitiveness
- Flights to be introduced through a new connection bank alongside the current Route Network connection bank in May next year
- Company's hotel operations in divestment process

International flight operations

In recent weeks a number of measures have been taken to improve the Company's competitiveness. A new organisation chart was presented in mid-July, which is designed to sharpen the Company's focus on sales and marketing, on the one hand, and services to customers, on the other hand. The decision has been made to introduce flights in a new connection bank alongside the Route Network's current connection bank. As of May 2019, flights to Europe will be offered at 11:00 a.m., and to cities in North America at 20:00 p.m. The objective of the new connection bank is to create new opportunities for growth, improve passenger service and increase flexibility. There is no scope available for adding flights or increasing passenger numbers at Keflavik Airport at peak hours in the morning and afternoon, but the new departures are scheduled at times when there is ample space at departure gates and ramps. In addition, new connections will be available to passengers crossing the Atlantic between these two connection banks. The imbalance in the passenger capacity between North America and Europe has been corrected in the flight schedule for 2019. Our focus now is on strengthening the Company's revenue control, with the implementation of a new revenue control system at an advanced stage. The priorities are increased automation and use of digital solutions and enhancement of ancillary revenue. Also, work is in progress on improving the utilisation of staff and all the Company's operating factors. In 2019, six B737MAX aircraft will be added to the three that were introduced this year, which will have a positive impact on the Company's fuel cost. The Company's experience this year shows that the fuel consumption of the new aircraft is 27% lower per seat than that of the Boeing 757 aircraft. In addition, maintenance expenses will be reduced.

Investments in aviation

Loftleidir Icelandic's charter operations are showing success, and the results for 2018 are expected to be on a par with last year's. The operation of Air Iceland Connect is challenging, although the performance is far better than last year, with streamlining measures taken last year now showing results. Work remains in progress on further integrating Air Iceland Connect with Icelandair. Operation of the Vita travel agency has been positive.

Investments in Tourism

A formal sale process of Icelandair Group's hotel operations and related assets starts this week. Extensive interest has been expressed by both Icelandic and foreign investors. The process is scheduled for completion in the first quarter of 2019. Iceland Travel's operation has been challenging in 2018. Steps have been taken to improve the results with increased automation and sharpened focus on the use of digital solutions, where the company has invested extensively to improve productivity. Offers have been introduced of new services to adapt to a changed composition of tourists, such as shorter trips, to increase revenue.

EBITDA guidance

The price of jet fuel (net of hedging) is projected at USD 760/ton on average over the final quarter of 2018, as compared to the estimate of USD 715/ton in the EBITDA guidance published at the end of June. Taking hedging into account, a 10% increase in fuel prices may be expected to have a USD 3.3 million adverse impact on EBITDA. The Company's fuel hedging situation at the end of September is highlighted in the table below.



Period	Estimated usage (tons)	Swap volume	% hedged	Av. Swap price USD
Oct 18	37,594	18,500	49%	560
Nov 18	29,491	15,450	52%	574
Dec 18	27,077	16,450	61%	587
Jan 19	29,438	15,250	52%	621
Feb 19	25,943	14,250	55%	644
Mar 19	29,792	15,250	51%	622
Apr 19	32,607	15,250	47%	631
May 19	46,321	21,250	46%	635
Jun 19	53,303	24,250	45%	683
Jul 19	55,837	26,250	47%	692
Aug 19	55,652	28,250	51%	614
Sep 19	55,230	27,250	49%	752
12 months	478,285	237,650	50%	643 *
Oct 19	36,956	16,000	12%	753
Nov 19	33,177	4,000	13%	699
Dec 19	31,749	4,000	14%	722
Jan 20	30,002	4,000	14%	713
Feb 20	26,439	4,000	1%	789
Mar 20	30,358	4,000	1%	764
13-18 months	188,681	36,000	19%	744 *

^{*} weighted average price

Based on revised assumptions, the average exchange rate index is projected at 180 for the remainder of the year, as compared to 164 in the last forecast, and the average exchange rate of the EUR against the USD is projected at 1.16 in the fourth quarter, as compared to 1.18 in the July forecast. The EBITDA forecast for the year is USD 80-90 million. Negative one-time-event impact on revenues is estimated USD 50-80 million.

Long-term prospects

The air transport industry is by its nature volatile, and a number of external factors can affect performance in the sector, such as exchange rate trends and fuel price trends. Changes in the competitive environment also have a significant impact. In the opinion of management, 2018 is a somewhat anomalous year and the Company is anticipating significantly better results in the long term. The Company is working on a number of elements with a view to improving efficiency in operations and increasing revenue. These elements include automation, integration, outsourcing and developing our Route Network to improve the efficiency of our human resources, fleet and other operating assets.

Recent changes in emphasis in the Company's organisation should ensure improved efficiency in sales and services to customers. The Company is now in the process of commissioning a new and more efficient aircraft type. The new aircraft are far more economic in operation than older aircraft in the Company's fleet, both as regards fuel consumption and maintenance. Based on current jet fuel prices, the Company's performance will be strengthened by the introduction of the new aircraft.

The Company has set itself the target of returning an average EBIT ratio of 7% per year as of 2019 for the long term.



PRESENTATION MEETING 31 OCTOBER 2018

An open presentation for stakeholders will be held on Wednesday 31 October 2018 at the Icelandair Hotel Reykjavik Natura. Bogi Nils Bogason, acting Icelandair Group CEO, will present the Company's results and respond to questions, together with other senior management. The presentation will be held in Rooms 4-5, starting at 08:30. Breakfast will be offered from 08:00 a.m. The presentation material will be available after the meeting on the Icelandair Group website, www.icelandairgroup.is, and on the Nasdaq OMX Iceland hf. news system.

The meeting can be followed in real time on the website http://www.icelandairgroup.is/investors/reports-and-presentations/webcast-next/

APPROVAL OF QUARTERLY STATEMENT

The consolidated accounts of Icelandair Group for the third quarter report of 2018 were approved at a meeting of the Board of Directors on 30 October 2018.

FINANCIAL CALENDAR

- Financial statement for the fourth quarter week 06, 2019
- Annual General Meeting Week 10, 2019

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