The outlook for the airline industry

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Connecting more cities at lower prices

Unique city-pairs and real transport costs



Creating value for the wider economy

Tax revenues paid and global supply chain jobs supported



Boosting trade and tourism



Now creating value for investors



2017 less profitable but still value creating

Difference between investing in airlines and investing in similar assets elsewhere



Industry level profits momentum has weakened

Airline industry average EBIT margin



Source: IATA seasonal adjustment of data from The Airline Analyst and airline public reports

As unit costs and unit revenues crossed over



Industry profitability is more resilient to the cycle

EBIT or operating margins and global GDP growth



Source: IATA using data from ICAO, the IMF and our own forecasts

And it's not just about low fuel prices

OPEC spare capacity and OECD crude oil inventories



Source: IATA using data from Haver

Structural changes in asset utilization



Structural changes in the product

Airlines' operating or EBIT margin and capital productivity



Some regions doing much better than others

ROIC in 2016 (part year) by region and airline



There is a wide range of business models

2015 ROIC = adjusted EBIT/revenue * revenue/invested capital



Balance sheet metrics remain divergent



Where now for the fragile economic cycle?



Source: IATA using data from Markit, Haver, Netherlands CPB

This time is different for global GDP growth?



Source: IATA using data from the IMF's World Economic Outlook

The problem with world trade remains



Source: IATA using data from the Netherlands CPB

Travel demand has been strong



Over the next two decades considerable growth



Source: IATA using data from TE/IATA Air Passenger Forecasts, October 2016

Next year will be slower but still close to trend

Global RPK growth and passenger numbers



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