UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 26, 2011

UNITED CONTINENTAL HOLDINGS, INC. UNITED AIR LINES, INC. CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

001-06033

001-11355

001-10323

(Commission

File Number)

Delaware Delaware Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

> 77 W. Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 77 W. Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 1600 Smith Street, Dept. HQSEO, Houston, Texas (Address of principal executive offices)

36-2675207 36-2675206 74-2099724 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

> 60601 60601 77002 (Zip Code)

(312) 997-8000 (312) 997-8000 (713) 324-2950 Registrant's telephone number, including area code

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Dere-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 26, 2011, United Continental Holdings, Inc. ("UAL"), the holding company whose primary subsidiaries are United Air Lines, Inc. ("United") and Continental Airlines, Inc. ("Continental"), issued a press release announcing the financial results of United and Continental for the fourth quarter and full year of 2010. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On January 26, 2011, UAL will provide an investor update related to the financial and operational outlook for United and Continental for the first quarter and full year of 2011. A copy of the investor update is attached as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.2, is being furnished and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|-------------|--|
| 99.1* | Press Release issued by United Continental Holdings, Inc. dated January 26, 2011 |
| 99.2* | United Continental Holdings, Inc. Investor Update dated January 26, 2011 |
| | |

* Furnished herewith electronically.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

UNITED CONTINENTAL HOLDINGS, INC. UNITED AIR LINES, INC. CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.

By: /s/ Chris Kenny

Name:Chris KennyTitle:Vice President and Controller

Date: January 26, 2011

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News Release



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UNITED CONTINENTAL HOLDINGS, INC. ANNOUNCES FOURTH-QUARTER AND FULL-YEAR 2010 RESULTS

UAL REPORTS FOURTH-QUARTER \$160 MILLION NET INCOME EXCLUDING SPECIAL ITEMS, \$325 MILLION NET LOSS ON GAAP BASIS UAL REPORTS PRO FORMA FULL-YEAR 2010 \$1.6 BILLION NET INCOME EXCLUDING SPECIAL ITEMS, \$253 MILLION NET INCOME ON GAAP BASIS

CHICAGO, **Jan. 26**, **2011** – United Continental Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: UAL) today announced fourth-quarter and pro forma full-year 2010 financial results. UAL results for the fourth quarter include the financial results of its two operating subsidiaries, United Airlines and Continental Airlines. Prior to the merger on Oct. 1, 2010, UAL results only included the financial results of United Airlines. Pro forma results that consolidate the financial results for Continental for periods prior to Oct. 1, 2010, are included for meaningful year-over-year comparisons.

- UAL reported fourth-quarter 2010 net income of \$160 million or \$0.44 diluted earnings per share excluding \$485 million of special items consisting primarily of merger-related costs and other special charges, an improvement of \$347 million compared to the pro forma results year-over-year. On a GAAP basis, UAL reported fourth-quarter net loss of \$325 million or \$1.01 diluted loss per share.
- UAL reported pro forma full-year 2010 net income of \$1.6 billion excluding \$765 million of special items, resulting in a net margin of 4.8 percent. On a GAAP basis, UAL reported full-year 2010 net income of \$253 million.
- UAL consolidated passenger revenue increased 15.8 percent in the fourth quarter of 2010 compared to the pro forma results for the same period in 2009. Fourth-quarter 2010 consolidated passenger revenue per available seat mile (PRASM) increased 11.5 percent compared to the pro forma results year-over-year.
- UAL ended the year with \$8.7 billion in unrestricted cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments.
- Employees of the combined company earned \$224 million in profit sharing for full year 2010.

"Thanks to the hard work of my co-workers, we made a fourth-quarter profit, excluding special items, in a typically weak quarter," said Jeff Smisek, UAL's president and chief executive officer. "While making significant progress integrating United and Continental, we never lost focus on running a good operation. We made a solid profit for the year, and we look forward to distributing \$224 million in profit sharing to our co-workers on Valentine's Day."

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Fourth-Quarter Revenue and Capacity

For the fourth quarter of 2010, UAL total revenue was \$8.4 billion, an increase of 15.0 percent compared to the pro forma results for the same period in 2009. Consolidated passenger revenue for the fourth quarter rose 15.8 percent, or \$1.0 billion, compared to the pro forma results for the same period in 2009.

Consolidated revenue passenger miles (RPMs) for the fourth quarter of 2010 increased 4.0 percent on a pro forma basis, while capacity (as measured by available seat miles or ASMs) increased 3.8 percent year-over-year on a pro forma basis, resulting in a fourth-quarter consolidated load factor of 82.0 percent.

Consolidated yield for the fourth quarter of 2010 increased 11.3 percent year-over-year on a pro forma basis. Fourth-quarter 2010 consolidated PRASM increased 11.5 percent compared to the pro forma results for the same period of 2009.

Mainline RPMs in the fourth quarter of 2010 increased 3.5 percent on a mainline capacity increase of 3.4 percent year-over-year on a pro forma basis, resulting in a fourth-quarter mainline load factor of 82.7 percent. Mainline yield for the fourth quarter of 2010 increased 12.4 percent over the pro forma results for the same period in 2009. Fourth-quarter 2010 mainline PRASM increased 12.5 percent year-over-year on a pro forma basis.

"The great service our co-workers delivered to our customers resulted in strong fourth-quarter revenue performance," said Jim Compton, UAL's executive vice president and chief revenue officer. "With our focus on the customer, operational performance and capacity discipline, we look forward to improving our revenue performance as we integrate the two networks."

Passenger revenue for the fourth quarter of 2010 and period-to-period comparisons of related pro forma statistics for UAL's mainline and regional operations are as follows:

| | 4Q 2010 Passenger Revenue (millions) | Passenger Revenue vs. 4Q 2009 | PRASM vs. 4Q 2009 | Yield vs. 4Q 2009 | ASM vs. 4Q 2009 |
|---------------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Domestic | \$ 3,005 | 9.3% | 9.4% | 8.9% | (0.1%) |
| Atlantic | 1,293 | 17.0% | 8.0% | 11.7% | 8.3% |
| Pacific | 1,093 | 33.8% | 26.4% | 20.8% | 5.9% |
| Latin America | 548 | 26.0% | 15.7% | 18.2% | 8.9% |
| International | \$ 2,934 | 24.5% | 15.8% | 16.0% | 7.5% |
| Mainline | \$ 5,939 | 16.3% | 12.5% | 12.4% | 3.4% |
| Regional | 1,471 | 13.9% | 6.7% | 5.5% | 6.8% |
| Consolidated | \$ 7,410 | 15.8% | 11.5% | 11.3% | 3.8% |

Cargo revenue in the fourth quarter of 2010 increased 13.6 percent, or \$37 million, year-over-year on a pro forma basis driven by an increase in fuel surcharges and strength in yields.

Other revenue in the fourth quarter of 2010 increased 8.0 percent, or \$53 million, year-over-year on a pro forma basis driven by continued growth in ancillary revenue.

Fourth-Quarter Costs

Total consolidated expenses for the fourth quarter of 2010, excluding special items, increased \$740 million or 10.2 percent compared to the pro forma results for the fourth quarter of 2009, of which \$438 million was due to higher fuel costs. Fourth-quarter 2010 consolidated expenses, excluding fuel, profit-sharing programs and special items, increased \$317 million or 6.1 percent year-over-year on a pro forma basis on 3.8 percent higher capacity. Total consolidated expenses increased \$1.1 billion or 15.0 percent compared to the pro forma results for the fourth quarter of 2009.

Consolidated costs per available seat mile (CASM), excluding special items, increased 6.1 percent and mainline CASM, excluding special items, increased 6.3 percent in the fourth quarter of 2010 compared to the pro forma results for the same period last year. Fourth-quarter 2010 consolidated and mainline CASM increased 10.9 and 12.3 percent year-over-year on a pro forma basis, respectively.

On a pro forma basis, consolidated fuel prices, excluding the impact of hedges, for the fourth quarter of 2010 increased 17.6 percent compared to the fourth quarter of 2009, while consolidated fuel consumption increased 3.3 percent year-over-year on a pro forma basis.

In the fourth quarter, consolidated CASM excluding special items and holding fuel rate and profit sharing constant increased 1.0 percent and mainline CASM excluding special items and holding fuel rate and profit sharing constant increased 1.1 percent compared to the pro forma results for the same period of 2009. Fourth quarter 2010 includes \$130 million of expense related to the execution of the trans-Atlantic joint venture for the first nine months of 2010.

"Our fourth quarter results demonstrate the great job our entire team did operating efficiently and controlling costs despite numerous challenges throughout the quarter," said Zane Rowe, UAL's executive vice president and chief financial officer. "We remain focused on achieving our goal of sustained profitability and this quarter's results are another step in the right direction."

Fourth-Quarter Liquidity

UAL ended the year with \$8.7 billion in unrestricted cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments. During the fourth quarter, the company generated approximately \$106 million of operating cash flow, made scheduled debt and net capital lease payments of \$527 million and had gross capital expenditures of \$257 million. In October 2010, Continental issued \$427 million of enhanced equipment trust certificates securities at a blended annual interest rate of 4.88 percent. During the quarter, \$175 million of Continental convertible debt was converted into UAL equity. In addition, the company pre-paid \$148 million of debt in January of 2011.

Merger Integration

Since closing the merger on Oct. 1, 2010, United and Continental continued to make significant progress integrating the two carriers. The company has already repainted more than 200 aircraft in the new United livery, selected key technology platforms and begun the process of integrating information technology systems, and continued to co-locate check-in and ticket counter facilities to streamline operations that began when Continental joined Star Alliance in 2009. The carriers are now co-located at 22 airports, including the company's hubs at Chicago, Denver, Houston, Narita and New York/Newark Liberty. The carriers also made strides to align several employee programs, announcing new on-time incentive and perfect attendance programs.

Notable 2010 Accomplishments

- On Oct. 1, 2010, a wholly owned subsidiary of United Continental Holdings, Inc. merged with Continental, creating a world-class global airline.
- Based on preliminary numbers, UAL anticipates that its carriers will lead their network peers in on time performance for domestic scheduled flights. For the calendar year 2010, United recorded an on-time arrival rate (flights arriving within 14 minutes of scheduled arrival time) as measured by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) for U.S. domestic scheduled flights of 85.2 percent and a systemwide mainline segment completion factor of 98.5 percent. Continental recorded an on-time arrival rate as measured by DOT of 81.4 percent for U.S. domestic scheduled flights and a systemwide mainline segment completion factor of 99.0 percent for the year.
- United expanded its worldwide network by launching service to Africa with daily nonstop flights between Washington Dulles and Accra, Ghana, with continuing service to Lagos, Nigeria. Continental inaugurated service between New York/Newark and Munich and between Orange County and Hawaii, and announced new flights to Auckland, New Zealand and Lagos, Nigeria, from its Houston hub and service between New York/Newark and Cairo, Egypt.
- The airlines continued to reconfigure their international aircraft with new lie-flat seats in first and business class. United has now reconfigured 53 of 91 aircraft (21 767s, eight 777s and 24 747s) in its international widebody fleet. Continental installed new BusinessFirst seats on its Boeing 777 and 757 aircraft, with 55 of 63 international aircraft (22 777s and 33 757s) now complete. Continental also continued its DIRECTV® installation, with the service now offered on 165 narrowbody aircraft.
- The company bolstered its industry leading aircraft order book. United executed definitive agreements with Airbus for 25 Airbus A350 XWBs and with Boeing for 25 Boeing 787s. Continental placed into service 13 new fuel-efficient Boeing aircraft, leased three used Boeing 757-300s and removed from service three older, less efficient Boeing 737-300s.
- The airlines introduced new products that offer travelers the option of customizing their travel experience with services they value, including Continental's extra legroom seating and FareLock and United's premium meal offerings on certain flights.
- Continental concluded agreements on four new labor contracts including two with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters representing Continental's aircraft maintenance technicians and fleet service employees and two with the Transport Workers Union representing Continental's dispatchers and simulator engineers. In addition, in January 2011, the company reached a tentative agreement with the International Association of Machinists representing Continental's flight attendants.
- Employees of the combined company earned cash incentive payments for operational performance totaling \$67 million during 2010.
- United demonstrated continued commitment to the advancement of alternative fuels by completing the first flight by a U.S. commercial airline using natural gas synthetic jet fuel, and became the first airline to conduct two trans-Atlantic flights using state-of-the-art flight planning to demonstrate the potential for fuel savings and carbon emission reductions.

About United Continental Holdings, Inc.

United Continental Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: UAL) is the holding company for both United Airlines and Continental Airlines. Together with United Express, Continental Express and Continental Connection, these airlines operate a total of approximately 5,675 flights a day to 372 airports on six continents from their hubs in Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Guam, Houston, Los Angeles, New York/Newark Liberty, San Francisco, Tokyo and Washington, D.C. United and Continental are members of Star Alliance, which offers more than 21,000 daily flights to 1,160 airports in 181 countries worldwide through its 27 member airlines. United's and Continental's more than 80,000 employees reside in every U.S. state and in many countries around the world. For more information about United Continental Holdings, Inc., go to unitedcontinentalholdings.com. For more information about the airlines, see united.com and continental.com, and follow each company on Twitter and Facebook.

Safe Harbor Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: Certain statements included in this release are forward-looking and thus reflect our current expectations and beliefs with respect to certain current and future events and financial performance. Such forward-looking statements are and will be subject to many risks and uncertainties relating to our operations and business environment that may cause actual results to differ materially from any future results expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements. Words such as "expects," "will," "plans," "anticipates," "believes," "forecast," "guidance," "outlook" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Additionally, forward-looking statements include statements which do not relate solely to historical facts, such as statements which identify uncertainties or trends, discuss the possible future effects of current known trends or uncertainties, or which indicate that the future effects of known trends or uncertainties cannot be predicted, guaranteed or assured. All forwardlooking statements in this release are based upon information available to us on the date of this release. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events, changed circumstances or otherwise, except as required by applicable law. Our actual results could differ materially from these forward-looking statements due to numerous factors including, without limitation, the following: our ability to comply with the terms of our various financing arrangements; the costs and availability of financing; our ability to maintain adequate liquidity; our ability to execute our operational plans; our ability to control our costs, including realizing benefits from our resource optimization efforts, cost reduction initiatives and fleet replacement programs; our ability to utilize our net operating losses; our ability to attract and retain customers; demand for transportation in the markets in which we operate; an outbreak of a disease that affects travel demand or travel behavior; demand for travel and the impact that global economic conditions have on customer travel patterns; excessive taxation and the inability to offset future taxable income; general economic conditions (including interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates, investment or credit market conditions, crude oil prices, costs of aviation fuel and energy refining capacity in relevant markets); our ability to cost-effectively hedge against increases in the price of aviation fuel; any potential realized or unrealized gains or losses related to fuel or currency hedging programs; the effects of any hostilities, act of war or terrorist attack; the ability of other air carriers with whom we have alliances or partnerships to provide the services contemplated by the respective arrangements with such carriers; the costs and availability of aviation and other insurance; the costs associated with security measures and practices; industry consolidation or changes in airline alliances; competitive pressures on pricing and on demand; our capacity decisions and the capacity decisions of our competitors; U.S. or foreign governmental legislation, regulation and other actions (including open skies agreements); labor costs; our ability to maintain satisfactory labor relations and the results of the collective bargaining agreement process with our union groups; any disruptions to operations due to any potential actions by our labor groups; weather conditions; the possibility that expected merger synergies will not be realized or will not be realized within the expected time period; and other risks and uncertainties set forth under Item 1A., Risk Factors of Annual Report on Form 10-K, as well as other risks and uncertainties set forth from time to time in the reports we file with the SEC. Consequently, forward-looking statements should not be regarded as representations or warranties by us that such matters will be realized.

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UNITED CONTINENTAL HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES (Formerly UAL Corporation) STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)

REFLECTS PRO-FORMA CONSOLIDATED RESULTS FOR UAL AND CONTINENTAL AIRLINES FOR PERIODS PRIOR TO MERGER CLOSE

| | | Months cember 31, 2009 | % Increase/ | | Months cember 31, 2009 | % Increase/ |
|--|-----------|------------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| (In millions, except per share data) | Actual | Pro Forma | (Decrease) | Pro Forma | ProForma | (Decrease) |
| Operating Revenue: | | | | | | |
| Passenger: | | | | | | |
| Mainline | \$ 5,939 | \$ 5,107 | 16.3% | \$23,928 | \$ 20,223 | 18.3% |
| Regional | 1,471 | 1,292 | 13.9% | 5,973 | 4,874 | 22.5% |
| Total Passenger Revenue | 7,410 | 6,399 | 15.8% | 29,901 | 25,097 | 19.1% |
| Cargo | 310 | 273 | 13.6% | 1,160 | 902 | 28.6% |
| Other | 713 | 660 | 8.0% | 2,952 | 2,609 | 13.1% |
| Total Operating Revenue | 8,433 | 7,332 | 15.0% | 34,013 | 28,608 | 18.9% |
| Operating Expenses: | | | | | | |
| Aircraft fuel | 2,459 | 1,942 | 26.6% | 9,558 | 7,201 | 32.7% |
| Salaries and related costs | 1,822 | 1,743 | 4.5% | 7,489 | 6,944 | 7.8% |
| Regional capacity purchase | 602 | 589 | 2.2% | 2,420 | 2,349 | 3.0% |
| Landing fees and other rentals | 511 | 456 | 12.1% | 1,978 | 1,872 | 5.7% |
| Depreciation and amortization | 403 | 422 | (4.5%) | 1,544 | 1,545 | (0.1%) |
| Aircraft maintenance materials and outside repairs | 386 | 380 | 1.6% | 1,496 | 1,540 | (2.9%) |
| Distribution costs | 338 | 300 | 12.7% | 1,387 | 1,207 | 14.9% |
| Aircraft rentals | 256 | 254 | 0.8% | 1,021 | 1,056 | (3.3%) |
| Merger-related costs and special charges | 482 | 172 | NM | 716 | 490 | NM |
| Other | 1,256 | 1,146 | 9.6% | 4,586 | 4,421 | 3.7% |
| Total Operating Expenses | 8,515 | 7,404 | 15.0% | 32,195 | 28,625 | 12.5% |
| Operating Income (Loss) | (82) | (72) | 13.9% | 1,818 | (17) | NM |
| Nonoperating Income (Expense): | | | | | | |
| Interest expense | (258) | (242) | 6.6% | (1,046) | (892) | 17.3% |
| Interest capitalized | 8 | 10 | (20.0%) | 32 | 43 | (25.6%) |
| Interest income | 7 | 6 | 16.7% | 21 | 31 | (32.3%) |
| Other, net | | 28 | (100.0%) | 24 | 62 | (61.3%) |
| Total Nonoperating Expense | (243) | (198) | 22.7% | (969) | (756) | 28.2% |
| Income (Loss) before Income Taxes and Equity in Earnings of Affiliates | (325) | (270) | 20.4% | 849 | (773) | NM |
| Income Tax Expense (Benefit) | 1 | (3) | NM | <u> </u> | (49) | (100.0%) |
| Income (Loss) before Equity in Earnings of Affiliates | (326) | (267) | 22.1% | 849 | (724) | NM |
| Equity in Earnings of Affiliates | 1 | 1 | 0.0% | 5 | 6 | (16.7%) |
| Net Income (Loss) | (\$ 325) | (\$ 266) | 22.2% | <u>\$ 854</u> | (\$ 718) | NM |
| Earnings (Loss) per share, basic | (\$ 1.01) | (\$ 0.85) | 18.8% | \$ 2.69 | (\$ 2.51) | NM |
| Earnings (Loss) per share, diluted | (\$ 1.01) | (\$ 0.85) | 18.8% | \$ 2.35 | (\$ 2.51) | NM |
| Weighted average shares, basic | 322 | 312 | 3.2% | 317 | 286 | 10.8% |
| Weighted average shares, diluted | 322 | 312 | 3.2% | 378 | 286 | 32.2% |

NM Not meaningful.

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UNITED CONTINENTAL HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES (Formerly UAL Corporation) STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED) GAAP RESULTS - REFLECTS UAL STANDALONE RESULTS FOR PERIODS PRIOR TO MERGER CLOSE

| | Three Months Ended December 31, | | Twelve Months Ended December 31, | |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
| (In millions, except per share data) Operating Revenue: | Actual | Actual | Actual | Actual |
| Passenger: | | | | |
| Mainline | \$ 5,939 | \$ 2,860 | \$16,069 | \$ 11,313 |
| Regional | 1,471 | 765 | 4,229 | 2,884 |
| Total Passenger Revenue | 7,410 | 3,625 | 20,298 | 14,197 |
| Cargo | 310 | 166 | 832 | 536 |
| Other | 713 | 402 | 2,099 | 1,602 |
| Total Operating Revenue | 8,433 | 4,193 | 23,229 | 16,335 |
| | 0,100 | 1,100 | | 10,000 |
| Operating Expenses: | | | | |
| Aircraft fuel | 2,459 | 1,112 | 6,687 | 4,204 |
| Salaries and related costs | 1,822 | 974 | 5,002 | 3,919 |
| Regional capacity purchase | 602 | 388 | 1,812 | 1,523 |
| Landing fees and other rentals | 511 | 257 | 1,307 | 1,011 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 403 | 232 | 1,079 | 917 |
| Aircraft maintenance materials and outside repairs | 386 | 247 | 1,115 | 965 |
| Distribution costs | 338 | 165 | 912 | 670 |
| Aircraft rentals | 256 | 81 | 500 | 346 |
| Merger-related costs and special charges | 482 | 124 | 669 | 374 |
| Other | 1,256 | 687 | 3,170 | 2,567 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 8,515 | 4,267 | 22,253 | 16,496 |
| Operating Income (Loss) | (82) | (74) | 976 | (161) |
| Nonoperating Income (Expense): | | | | |
| Interest expense | (258) | (162) | (798) | (577) |
| Interest capitalized | 8 | 2 | 15 | 10 |
| Interest income | 7 | 4 | 15 | 19 |
| Other, net | | 18 | 42 | 37 |
| Total Nonoperating Expense | (243) | (138) | (726) | (511) |
| Income (Loss) before Income Taxes and Equity in Earnings of Affiliates | (325) | (212) | 250 | (672) |
| Income Tax Expense (Benefit) | 1 | 29 | | (17) |
| Income (Loss) before Equity in Earnings of Affiliates | (326) | (241) | 250 | (655) |
| Equity in Earnings of Affiliates | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Net Income (Loss) | (\$ 325) | (\$ 240) | \$ 253 | (\$ 651) |
| Earnings (Loss) per share, basic | <u>(</u> \$ 1.01) | <u>(</u> \$ 1.44) | \$ 1.22 | (\$ 4.32) |
| Earnings (Loss) per share, diluted | (\$ 1.01) | (\$ 1.44) | \$ 1.08 | (\$ 4.32) |
| Weighted average shares, basic | 322 | 167 | 207 | 151 |
| Weighted average shares, diluted | 322 | 167 | 253 | 151 |

NM Not meaningful.

UNITED CONTINENTAL HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES (Formerly UAL Corporation) CONSOLIDATED NOTES (UNAUDITED)

- (A) United Continental Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: UAL) is a holding company and its principal, wholly owned subsidiaries are United Air Lines, Inc. ("United") and, effective October 1, 2010, Continental Airlines, Inc. ("Continental"). Continental became a subsidiary of UAL as a result of a merger transaction. As a consequence of the merger, UAL Corporation changed its name to United Continental Holdings, Inc. Included in this investor release are pro forma financial statements for the combined company from first quarter 2009 through third quarter 2010. The pro forma financial statements have been prepared based upon assumptions outlined in our Investor Update filed with our Form 8-K dated November 22, 2010. Pro forma results updated to include revised estimates of purchase accounting adjustments, will be included in the Company's annual 10-K filing. These pro forma financial statements have been adjusted to reflect new income statement classifications, as well as estimates of the impact of the acquisition method of accounting on earnings.
- (B) Special items include the following:

| | Ended D 2010 | e Months ecember 31, 2009 | Twelve Ended Dec 2010 | ember 31, 2009 |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| (In millions) Merger-related costs | Actual \$493 | Pro Forma \$ — | Pro Forma \$594 | Pro Forma \$ |
| Intangible asset impairments | 29 | 12 | 29 | 162 |
| Aircraft and spare parts impairments | 29 | 110 | 142 | 102 |
| Total impairments | 53 | 122 | 171 | 344 |
| LAX municipal bond litigation | _ | | _ | 27 |
| Lease termination and other special charges | | 50 | 15 | 119 |
| Reversal of income tax valuation allowance | (64) | | (64) | |
| Total merger-related costs and special charges | 482 | 172 | 716 | 490 |
| Severance | — | 10 | 1 | 33 |
| Employee benefit adjustments | — | (2) | — | (35) |
| (Gain) Loss on asset sales | | — | 15 | (11) |
| Accelerated depreciation related to early asset retirement | _ | 10 | 13 | 48 |
| Operating non-cash net mark-to-market ("MTM") (gains) losses on undesignated | | | | |
| fuel hedges | 14 | (65) | 32 | (586) |
| Total special items operating impact | 496 | 125 | 777 | (61) |
| Non-operating non-cash net MTM (gains) on undesignated fuel hedges | — | (38) | — | (279) |
| Total special items impact on net income before taxes | 496 | 87 | 777 | (340) |
| Income tax benefit | (11) | (8) | (12) | (54) |
| Special items, net of tax | \$485 | \$ 79 | \$ 765 | (\$ 394) |

(C) Income taxes for the three months ended December 31, 2010, consisted primarily of \$11 million of tax benefit related to the impairment of certain indefinite lived intangible assets and \$12 million of state and other income tax expense. Effective tax rates differ from the federal statutory rate of 35% primarily due to the following: changes in the valuation allowance, expenses that are not deductible for federal income tax purposes and state income taxes. We are required to provide a valuation allowance for our deferred tax assets in excess of deferred tax liabilities because UAL concluded that it is more likely than not that such deferred tax assets will ultimately not be realized. As a result, pre-tax losses for the three and twelve months ending December 31, 2010 were not reduced by any tax benefits except for certain tax benefits resulting from the disposal and impairment of indefinite-lived intangible assets. Conversely, we also did not record any provision for income taxes on our pre-tax income for the twelve months ending December 31, 2010 because we utilized a portion of the net operating loss carryforwards for which we had not previously recognized a benefit.

The pro forma results for three and twelve months ended December 31, 2009 include \$32 million of income tax benefit to reflect the intraperiod tax allocation between loss from continuing operations and other comprehensive income.

UNITED CONTINENTAL HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES (Formerly UAL Corporation) CONSOLIDATED NOTES (UNAUDITED)

(D) UAL's results of operations include aircraft fuel expense for both mainline and regional jet operations.

| | Thurs Ma | United | ear-Over-Year Impa Mainline and Regic | onal Affiliates O | perations | |
|---|----------------|------------------------|--|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| (In millions, except per gallon) | | nths Ended nber 31, | % | Twelve Mo Deceml | | % |
| | 2010 Actual | 2009 Pro Forma | Increase/ (Decrease) | 2010 Pro Forma | 2009 Pro Forma | Increase/ (Decrease) |
| Total mainline fuel expense | \$1,989 | \$ 1,557 | 27.7% | \$ 7,760 | \$ 5,872 | 32.2% |
| Exclude impact of non-cash net MTM gains (losses) | (14) | 65 | NM | (32) | 586 | NM |
| Mainline fuel expense excluding MTM impact | 1,975 | 1,622 | 21.8% | 7,728 | 6,458 | 19.7% |
| Add: Regional fuel expense | 470 | 385 | 22.1% | 1,798 | 1,329 | 35.3% |
| Consolidated fuel expense excluding MTM impact | 2,445 | 2,007 | 21.8% | 9,526 | 7,787 | 22.3% |
| Exclude impact of fuel hedge settlements | 18 | 21 | (14.3%) | (93) | (458) | (79.7%) |
| Consolidated fuel expense excluding hedge impacts (a) (b) | \$2,463 | \$ 2,028 | 21.4% | \$ 9,433 | \$ 7,329 | 28.7% |
| | 010 | ===== | 2.00/ | 2.000 | 0.007 | (0.40()) |
| Mainline fuel consumption (gallons) | 818 | 796 | 2.8% | 3,333 | 3,337 | (0.1%) |
| Mainline average jet fuel price per gallon (cents) | 243.2 | 195.6 | 24.3% | 232.8 | 176.0 | 32.3% |
| Mainline average jet fuel price per gallon excluding non-cash net MTM impact | 241.4 | 202.0 | 10 40/ | 221.0 | 100 5 | 10.00/ |
| (cents) | 241.4 | 203.8 | 18.4% | 231.9 | 193.5 | 19.8% |
| Mainline average jet fuel price per gallon excluding fuel hedge impacts (cents) | 243.6 | 206.4 | 18.0% | 229.1 | 179.8 | 27.4% |
| Regional fuel consumption (gallons) | 183 | 173 | 5.8% | 739 | 682 | 8.4% |
| Regional average jet fuel price per gallon (cents) | 256.8 | 222.5 | 15.4% | 243.3 | 194.9 | 24.8% |
| Consolidated consumption (gallons) | 1,001 | 969 | 3.3% | 4,072 | 4,019 | 1.3% |
| Consolidated average jet fuel price per gallon (cents) | 245.7 | 200.4 | 22.6% | 234.7 | 179.2 | 31.0% |
| Consolidated average jet fuel price per gallon excluding non-cash net MTM impact | | | | | | |
| (cents) | 244.3 | 207.1 | 18.0% | 233.9 | 193.8 | 20.7% |
| Consolidated average jet fuel price per gallon excluding fuel hedge impacts (cents) | 246.1 | 209.3 | 17.6% | 231.7 | 182.4 | 27.0% |
| | | | | | | |

(a) See Note (F) for further information related to fuel hedging and non-GAAP measures.

(b) Beginning April 1, 2010, UAL designated substantially all of its outstanding fuel derivative contracts as cash flow hedges under GAAP. As of December 31, 2010, UAL has recognized \$254 million of accumulated other comprehensive gains on its balance sheet for these designated hedges.

(E) UAL has contractual relationships with various regional carriers to provide regional jet and turboprop service branded as United Express and Continental Express. Under these agreements, UAL pays the regional carriers contractually agreed fees for crew expenses, maintenance expenses and other costs of operating these flights. These costs include aircraft rent of \$160 million for the three months ended December 31, 2010, of which \$106 million and \$54 million is included in regional capacity purchase expense and aircraft rentals, respectively, in our Statements of Consolidated Operations.

UNITED CONTINENTAL HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES (Formerly UAL Corporation) CONSOLIDATED NOTES (UNAUDITED)

(F) Pursuant to SEC Regulation G, UAL has included the following reconciliation of reported non-GAAP financial measures to comparable financial measures reported on a GAAP basis. UAL believes that excluding fuel costs from certain measures is useful to investors because it provides an additional measure of management's performance excluding the effects of a significant cost item over which management has limited influence. UAL also believes that adjusting for special items, and other items unusual or infrequent in nature, is useful to investors because they are non-recurring items not indicative of UAL's on-going performance. UAL began to apply cash flow hedge accounting effective April 1, 2010. Prior to the designation of fuel hedge instruments as cash flow hedges, MTM gains and losses were immediately recognized in fuel expense. UAL believes that the net fuel hedge adjustments provide management and investors with a better perspective of its performance and comparison to its peers because the adjustments reflect the economic fuel cost during the periods presented and many of our peers apply cash flow hedge accounting.

| | Three Mor Decem | | | onths Ended iber 31, |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| (in millions) | 2010 Actual | 2009 Pro Forma | 2010 Pro Forma | 2009 Pro Forma |
| Consolidated Operating Expenses | \$ 8,515 | \$ 7,404 | \$32,195 | \$ 28,625 |
| Special items: | | | | |
| Merger-related costs | (493) | | (594) | |
| Impairments | (53) | (122) | (171) | (344) |
| Other special charges | 64 | (68) | 20 | (181) |
| Non-cash net fuel MTM impact | (14) | 65 | (32) | 586 |
| Consolidated operating expenses, excluding special items | 8,019 | 7,279 | 31,418 | 28,686 |
| Consolidated fuel expense (excluding non-cash net MTM impact) | (2,445) | (2,007) | (9,526) | (7,787) |
| Profit sharing programs, including taxes | (13) | (28) | (290) | (28) |
| Consolidated operating expenses, excluding fuel, profit- sharing programs and | | | | |
| special items | \$ 5,561 | \$ 5,244 | \$21,602 | \$ 20,871 |

| | T | Three Months Ended December 31, | | Twelve Months Ended December 31, | | nded |
|--|---------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| (in millions) | 2010 Actua | | 2009 Pro Forma | 2010 Pro Forma | a Pr | 2009 o Forma |
| Net Income (Loss) | (\$ 3 | 325) (| \$ 266) | \$ 854 | 4 (\$ | 718) |
| Special items: | | | | | | |
| Merger-related costs | 4 | 193 | | 594 | 1 | _ |
| Impairments | | 53 | 122 | 171 | L | 344 |
| Other special charges | (| (64) | 68 | (20 |)) | 181 |
| Non-cash net fuel MTM impact | | 14 | (103) | 32 | 2 | (865) |
| Less: income tax benefit | (| (11) | (8) | (12 | 2) | (54) |
| Net Income (Loss), excluding special items | \$ 1 | 60 (| \$ 187) | \$ 1,619 |) (\$ | 1,112) |

| | | Three Months Ended December 31, | | onths Ended Iber 31, |
|--|----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| | 2010 Actual | 2009 Pro Forma | 2010 Pro Forma | 2009 Pro Forma |
| Diluted earnings (loss) per share | (\$ 1.01) | (\$ 0.85) | \$ 2.35 | (\$ 2.51) |
| Special Items: | | | | |
| Merger-related costs | 1.53 | _ | 1.57 | |
| Impairments | 0.16 | 0.39 | 0.45 | 1.20 |
| Other special charges | (0.20) | 0.22 | (0.05) | 0.63 |
| Non-cash net fuel MTM impact | 0.04 | (0.33) | 0.08 | (3.02) |
| Income tax benefit | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.03) | (0.19) |
| Impact of dilution | (0.05) | | (0.07) | |
| Diluted earnings (loss) per share, excluding special items | \$ 0.44 | (\$ 0.60) | \$ 4.30 | (\$ 3.89) |

UNITED CONTINENTAL HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES (Formerly UAL Corporation) NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

| | Three Months Ended December 31, | | % | Twelve I Ended Dec | % | |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| | 2010 Actual | 2009 Pro Forma | Increase/ (Decrease) | 2010 Pro Forma | 2009 Pro Forma | Increase/ (Decrease) |
| CASM Mainline Operations (cents) | riciui | <u>110 I orinu</u> | (Deereuse) | 110101111 | 1101011111 | (Deereuse) |
| Cost per available seat mile (CASM) | 13.02 | 11.59 | 12.3% | 12.00 | 10.69 | 12.3% |
| Less: Special items | (0.92) | (0.21) | 338.1% | (0.35) | 0.04 | NM |
| CASM, excluding special items | 12.10 | 11.38 | 6.3% | 11.65 | 10.73 | 8.6% |
| Less: Fuel cost per available seat mile | (3.65) | (3.10) | 17.7% | (3.51) | (2.94) | 19.4% |
| CASM, excluding special items and fuel | 8.45 | 8.28 | 2.1% | 8.14 | 7.79 | 4.5% |
| Less: Profit sharing cost per available seat mile | (0.03) | (0.06) | (50.0%) | (0.13) | (0.01) | NM |
| CASM, excluding special items, fuel and profit sharing | 8.42 | 8.22 | 2.4% | 8.01 | 7.78 | 3.0% |
| Add: Profit sharing held constant at prior year expense per available seat | | | | | | |
| mile | — | 0.06 | NM | — | 0.01 | NM |
| Add: Current year fuel cost at prior year fuel price per available seat | | | | | | |
| mile | 3.08 | — | NM | 2.93 | _ | NM |
| Add: Prior year fuel cost per available seat mile | | 3.10 | NM | | 2.94 | NM |
| CASM, holding fuel and profit sharing constant and excluding special items | 11.50 | 11.38 | 1.1% | 10.94 | 10.73 | 2.0% |
| CASM Consolidated Operations (cents) | | | | | | |
| Cost per available seat mile (CASM) | 13.68 | 12.34 | 10.9% | 12.72 | 11.43 | 11.3% |
| Less: Special items | (0.80) | (0.20) | 300.0% | (0.31) | 0.02 | NM |
| CASM, excluding special items | 12.88 | 12.14 | 6.1% | 12.41 | 11.45 | 8.4% |
| Less: Fuel cost per available seat mile | (3.93) | (3.35) | 17.3% | (3.76) | (3.10) | 21.3% |
| CASM, excluding special items and fuel | 8.95 | 8.79 | 1.8% | 8.65 | 8.35 | 3.6% |
| Less: Profit sharing cost per available seat mile | (0.02) | (0.05) | (60.0%) | (0.11) | (0.02) | 450.0% |
| CASM, excluding special items, fuel and profit sharing | 8.93 | 8.74 | 2.2% | 8.54 | 8.33 | 2.5% |
| Add: Profit sharing held constant at prior year expense per available seat | | | | | | |
| mile | — | 0.05 | NM | — | 0.02 | NM |
| Add: Current year fuel cost at prior year fuel price per available seat | | | | | | |
| mile | 3.33 | | NM | 3.12 | _ | NM |
| Add: Prior year fuel cost per available seat mile | | 3.35 | NM | | 3.10 | NM |
| CASM, holding fuel and profit sharing constant and excluding special items | 12.26 | 12.14 | 1.0% | 11.66 | 11.45 | 1.8% |

UNITED CONTINENTAL HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES (Formerly UAL Corporation) STATISTICS

| | Three M Ended Dece | | % | Twelve M Ended Dece | | % |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| | 2010 Actual | 2009 Pro Forma | Increase/ (Decrease) | 2010 Pro Forma | 2009 Pro Forma | Increase/ (Decrease) |
| Mainline Operations: | Tietdar | 110101111 | (Deereuse) | 110101111 | <u></u> | <u>(Beereuse)</u> |
| Passengers (thousands) | 24,417 | 24,199 | 0.9% | 99,452 | 101,751 | (2.3%) |
| Revenue passenger miles (millions) | 44,750 | 43,240 | 3.5% | 184,580 | 180,404 | 2.3% |
| Available seat miles (millions) | 54,104 | 52,333 | 3.4% | 220,060 | 220,303 | (0.1%) |
| Cargo ton miles (millions) | 755 | 760 | (0.7%) | 3,002 | 2,552 | 17.6% |
| Passenger load factor | | | | | | |
| Mainline | 82.7% | 82.6% | 0.1 pts. | 83.9% | 81.9% | 2.0 pts. |
| Domestic | 83.8% | 83.5% | 0.3 pts. | 84.9% | 84.1% | 0.8 pts. |
| International | 81.5% | 81.6% | (0.1) pts. | 82.8% | 79.3% | 3.5 pts. |
| Passenger revenue per available seat mile (cents) | 10.98 | 9.76 | 12.5% | 10.87 | 9.18 | 18.4% |
| Total revenue per available seat mile (cents) | 12.87 | 11.54 | 11.5% | 12.74 | 10.77 | 18.3% |
| Average yield per revenue passenger mile (cents) | 13.27 | 11.81 | 12.4% | 12.96 | 11.21 | 15.6% |
| Average fare per passenger | \$243.23 | \$211.04 | 15.3% | \$ 240.60 | \$ 198.75 | 21.1% |
| Cost per available seat mile (CASM) (cents): | | | | | | |
| CASM (a) | 13.02 | 11.59 | 12.3% | 12.00 | 10.69 | 12.3% |
| CASM, excluding special items | 12.10 | 11.38 | 6.3% | 11.65 | 10.73 | 8.6% |
| CASM, excluding special items and fuel | 8.45 | 8.28 | 2.1% | 8.14 | 7.79 | 4.5% |
| CASM, excluding special items, fuel and profit sharing (b) | 8.42 | 8.22 | 2.4% | 8.01 | 7.78 | 3.0% |
| CASM, holding fuel rate and profit sharing constant, | | | | | | |
| excluding special items and non-cash net MTM impact | 11 50 | 11 20 | 1 10/ | 10.04 | 10.73 | 2.00/ |
| (b) | 11.50 | 11.38 | 1.1% | 10.94 | 10.73 | 2.0% |
| Average price per gallon of jet fuel (cents) (c) | 243.2 | 195.6 | 24.3% | 232.8 | 176.0 | 32.3% |
| Average price per gallon of jet fuel excluding non-cash net | | | | | | |
| MTM impact (cents) (b) | 241.4 | 203.8 | 18.4% | 231.9 | 193.5 | 19.8% |
| Average price per gallon of jet fuel excluding fuel hedge | | | | | | |
| impact (cents) (b) | 243.6 | 206.4 | 18.0% | 229.1 | 179.8 | 27.4% |
| Fuel gallons consumed (millions) | 818 | 796 | 2.8% | 3,333 | 3,337 | (0.1%) |
| Aircraft in fleet at end of period | 710 | 697 | 1.9% | 710 | 697 | 1.9% |
| Average stage length (miles) (d) | 1,777 | 1,721 | 3.3% | 1,792 | 1,715 | 4.5% |
| Average daily utilization of each aircraft (hours) | 10:24 | 10:26 | (0.3%) | 10:46 | 10:43 | 0.5% |

(a) Includes impact of merger-related costs and special items.

(b) These financial measures provide management and investors the ability to monitor the Company's performance on a consistent basis.

(c) Fuel price per gallon includes aircraft fuel and related taxes.

(d) Average stage length equals the average distance a seat travels adjusted for size of aircraft (available seat miles/seats).

UNITED CONTINENTAL HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES (Formerly UAL Corporation) ST

| TATISTICS (C | Continued) |
|--------------|------------|
|--------------|------------|

| | Three Months Ended December 31, % | | % | Twelve Months Ended December 31, | | % | |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--|
| | 2010 Actual | 2009 Pro Forma | Increase/ (Decrease) | 2010 Pro Forma | 2009 Pro Forma | Increase/ (Decrease) | |
| Regional Affiliates: | Tietuu | 110101111 | (Deereuse) | 110101111 | 110101111 | (Deereuse) | |
| Passengers (thousands) | 11,316 | 10,774 | 5.0% | 46,098 | 42,581 | 8.3% | |
| Revenue passenger miles (millions) | 6,337 | 5,874 | 7.9% | 25,961 | 23,082 | 12.5% | |
| Available seat miles (millions) | 8,160 | 7,643 | 6.8% | 33,034 | 30,126 | 9.7% | |
| Passenger load factor | 77.7% | 76.9% | 0.8 pts. | 78.6% | 76.6% | 2.0 pts. | |
| Passenger revenue per available seat mile (cents) | 18.03 | 16.90 | 6.7% | 18.08 | 16.18 | 11.7% | |
| Average yield per revenue passenger mile (cents) | 23.21 | 22.00 | 5.5% | 23.01 | 21.12 | 8.9% | |
| Aircraft in fleet at end of period | 552 | 556 | (0.7%) | 552 | 556 | (0.7%) | |
| Average stage length (miles) (d) | 528 | 505 | 4.6% | 528 | 499 | 5.8% | |
| Consolidated Operations (Mainline and Regional Affiliates): | | | | | | | |
| Passengers (thousands) | 35,733 | 34,973 | 2.2% | 145,550 | 144,332 | 0.8% | |
| Revenue passenger miles (millions) | 51,087 | 49,114 | 4.0% | 210,541 | 203,486 | 3.5% | |
| Available seat miles (millions) | 62,264 | 59,976 | 3.8% | 253,094 | 250,429 | 1.1% | |
| Passenger load factor | 82.0% | 81.9% | 0.1 pts. | 83.2% | 81.3% | 1.9 pts. | |
| Passenger revenue per available seat mile (cents) | 11.90 | 10.67 | 11.5% | 11.81 | 10.02 | 17.9% | |
| Total revenue per available seat miles (cents) | 13.54 | 12.22 | 10.8% | 13.44 | 11.42 | 17.7% | |
| Average yield per revenue passenger mile (cents) | 14.50 | 13.03 | 11.3% | 14.20 | 12.33 | 15.2% | |
| CASM (a) | 13.68 | 12.34 | 10.9% | 12.72 | 11.43 | 11.3% | |
| CASM, excluding special items | 12.88 | 12.14 | 6.1% | 12.41 | 11.45 | 8.4% | |
| CASM, excluding special items and fuel | 8.95 | 8.79 | 1.8% | 8.65 | 8.35 | 3.6% | |
| CASM, excluding special items, fuel and profit sharing (b) | 8.93 | 8.74 | 2.2% | 8.54 | 8.33 | 2.5% | |
| CASM, holding fuel rate and profit sharing constant and excluding special items (b) | 12.26 | 12.14 | 1.0% | 11.66 | 11.45 | 1.8% | |
| Average price per gallon of jet fuel (cents) (c) | 245.7 | 200.4 | 22.6% | 234.7 | 179.2 | 31.0% | |
| Average price per gallon of jet fuel excluding non-cash net MTM impact (cents) (c) | 244.3 | 207.1 | 18.0% | 233.9 | 193.8 | 20.7% | |
| Average price per gallon of jet fuel excluding fuel hedge impacts (cents) (c) | 246.1 | 209.3 | 17.6% | 231.7 | 182.4 | 27.0% | |
| Fuel gallons consumed (millions) | 1,001 | 969 | 3.3% | 4,072 | 4,019 | 1.3% | |
| Average full-time equivalent employees (thousands) | 80.8 | 81.7 | (1.1%) | 81.5 | 83.6 | (2.5%) | |
| | | | | | | | |

(a) Includes impact of merger-related costs and special items.

(b) These financial measures provide management and investors the ability to monitor the Company's performance on a consistent basis.

(C) Fuel price per gallon includes aircraft fuel and related taxes.

Average stage length equals the average distance a seat travels adjusted for size of aircraft (available seat miles/seats). (d)

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Investor Update

Issue Date: Jan. 26, 2011

This investor update provides forward-looking information about United Continental Holdings, Inc. ("the Company") for the first quarter and full year of 2011. All year-over-year comparisons are based on the pro forma combined company financial statements published in our Nov. 2010 and Dec. 2010 Investor Updates and Earnings Release on Jan. 26, 2011.

United Continental Holdings, Inc. Outlook Highlights

<u>Capacity</u>

The Company estimates its first quarter consolidated domestic available seat miles (ASM) to be down between 0.5% and 1.5%, and its consolidated international ASMs to be up between 5.6% and 6.6% for a consolidated ASM increase of between 1.5% and 2.5% year-over-year. For the full year, the Company estimates consolidated domestic ASMs to be down between 0.5% and 1.5%, and consolidated international capacity to be up between 4.5% and 5.5% for a consolidated ASM increase of 1.0% to 2.0% year-over-year.

Non-Fuel Expense Guidance

First quarter consolidated cost per ASM (CASM), excluding fuel, profit sharing, certain accounting charges and merger-related expenses for the Company is expected to be up 2.0% to 3.0%. For the full year, the Company estimates consolidated CASM excluding fuel, profit sharing, certain accounting charges and merger-related expenses will be up 1.0% to 2.0%.

Fuel Expense

The Company estimates its consolidated fuel price, including the impact of settled cash hedges, to be \$2.63 per gallon for the first quarter and \$2.75 per gallon for the full year based on the forward curve as of Jan. 25, 2011.

Non-Operating Income/(Expense)

Non-operating expense for the Company is estimated to be between \$240 million and \$250 million for the first quarter, and between \$910 million and \$950 million for the full year. Non-operating income/(expense) includes interest expense, capitalized interest, interest income and other non-operating income/(expense).

Capital Expenditures and Scheduled Debt and Capital Lease Payments

In the first quarter, the Company expects a total of \$0.3 billion of gross capital expenditures and \$0.2 billion of net capital expenditures, both excluding purchase deposits of \$40 million. For the full year, excluding approximately \$200 million of purchase deposits, the Company expects gross capital expenditures to be approximately \$1.1 billion and net capital expenditures to be approximately \$0.9 billion.

Scheduled debt payments for the first quarter are estimated to be \$450 million, including \$150 million in cash that the Company expects to pay to repurchase the UAL 5.0% convertible debt in Feb. 2011. Full year scheduled debt payments are estimated to be \$2.5 billion, and include both the \$150 million payment to repurchase the UAL 5.0% convertible debt, and \$726 million to repurchase the UAL 4.5% convertible debt that noteholders can put to the Company in Jul. 2011.

Pension Expense and Contributions

The Company estimates that its non-cash pension expense for the combined company will be approximately \$100 million for 2011. This amount excludes noncash settlement charges related to lump-sum distributions. The Company expects to make \$38 million of cash contributions to its defined benefit pension plans in the first quarter, and has a minimum funding requirement of \$125 million for calendar year 2011.

Taxes

The Company currently expects to record minimal cash taxes in 2011.

Advance Booked Seat Factor (Percentage of Available Seats that are Sold)

Compared to the same period last year, for the next six weeks, mainline domestic advance booked seat factor is up 0.5 points, mainline international advance booked seat factor is down 3.1 points, mainline Atlantic advance booked seat factor is down 3.8 points, mainline Pacific advance booked seat factor is down 1.0 point and mainline Latin America advance booked seat factor is down 3.9 points. Regional Affiliates advance booked seat factor is down 0.1 point.



First Quarter 2011 Operational Outlook

| | Estimated 1Q 2011 | Year-Over-Year % Change Higher/(Lower) ¹ | Estimated Full Year 2011 | Year-Over-Year % Change Higher/(Lower) ¹ |
|---|----------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|
| Capacity (Million ASM) | | | | |
| Mainline Capacity | | | | |
| Domestic | 26,856 - 27,128 | (1.0%) - 0.0% | | |
| Atlantic | 11,277 - 11,383 | 6.5% - 7.5% | | |
| Pacific | 9,024 - 9,111 | 4.0% - 5.0% | | |
| Latin America | 5,492 - 5,544 | 5.0% - 6.0% | | |
| Total Mainline Capacity | 52,649 - 53,166 | 2.0% - 3.0% | 222,261 - 224,462 | 1.0% - 2.0% |
| Regional Affiliates ² | 7,554 - 7,631 | (2.0%) - (1.0%) | 33,438 - 33,768 | 1.2% - 2.2% |
| Consolidated Capacity | | | | |
| Domestic | 34,054 - 34,400 | (1.5%) - (0.5%) | 144,215 - 145,679 | (1.5%) - (0.5%) |
| International | 26,149 - 26,397 | 5.6% - 6.6% | 111,484 - 112,551 | 4.5% - 5.5% |
| Total Consolidated Capacity | 60,203 - 60,797 | 1.5% - 2.5% | 255,699 - 258,230 | 1.0% - 2.0% |
| Traffic (Million RPM) | | | | |
| Mainline Traffic | | | | |
| Domestic | | | | |
| Atlantic | | | | |
| Pacific | | | | |
| Latin America | | Traffic guidance to b | e provided at future date | |
| Total Mainline System Traffic | | | | |
| Regional Affiliates System Traffic ² | | | | |
| Consolidated System Traffic | | | | |
| Domestic System | | | | |
| International System | | | | |
| Total Consolidated System Traffic | | | | |
| Load Factor | | | | |
| Mainline Load Factor | | | | |
| Domestic | | | | |
| Atlantic | | | | |
| Pacific | | | | |
| Latin America | | | | |
| Total Mainline Load Factor | | Load factor guidance to | be provided at future date | <u>!</u> |
| Regional Affiliates Load Factor ² | | | | |
| Consolidated Load Factor | | | | |
| Domestic | | | | |
| International | | | | |
| Total Consolidated Load Factor | | | | |

1 Year-over-year comparisons to 2010 pro forma operating statistics for United Airlines and Continental Airlines

2 Regional Affiliates results reflect flights operated under capacity purchase agreements and flights operated as part of our joint venture with Aer Lingus.





First Quarter 2011 Financial Outlook

| | Estimated 1Q 2011 | Year-Over-Year % Change Higher/(Lower) ¹ | Estimated Full Year 2011 | Year-Over-Year % Change Higher/(Lower) ¹ | | | | |
|---|--|---|-----------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| Revenue | | | | | | | | |
| Mainline Passenger Unit Revenue (¢/ASM) | | | | | | | | |
| Regional Affiliates Passenger Unit Revenue (¢/ASM) | | | | | | | | |
| Consolidated Passenger Unit Revenue (¢/ASM) | Revenue guidance to be provided at future date | | | | | | | |
| Cargo, Mail and Other Revenue (\$M) | | | | | | | | |
| Operating Expense ² (¢/ASM) | | | | | | | | |
| Mainline Unit Cost Excluding Profit Sharing and Non-Cash Net Mark-to- | | | | | | | | |
| Market (MTM) Impacts | 12.43 - 12.51 | 7.4% - 8.1% | 12.26 - 12.34 | 6.5% - 7.2% | | | | |
| Regional Affiliates Unit Cost | 18.85 - 19.01 | 7.7% - 8.6% | 18.37 - 18.53 | 4.8% - 5.7% | | | | |
| Consolidated Unit Cost Excluding Profit Sharing and Non-Cash Net MTM | | | | | | | | |
| Impacts | 13.24 - 13.33 | 7.2% - 7.9% | 13.06 - 13.15 | 6.2% - 6.9% | | | | |
| Non-Fuel Expense ² (¢/ASM) | | | | | | | | |
| Mainline Unit Cost Excluding Fuel and Profit Sharing | 8.47 - 8.55 | 2.5% 3.5% | 8.12 - 8.20 | 1.5% - 2.5% | | | | |
| Regional Affiliates Unit Cost Excluding Fuel | 12.37 - 12.53 | 0.6% - 1.9% | 11.94 - 12.10 | (1.2%) - 0.1% | | | | |
| Consolidated Unit Cost Excluding Fuel and Profit Sharing | 8.96 - 9.05 | 2.0% 3.0% | 8.62 - 8.71 | 1.0% - 2.0% | | | | |
| Select Expense Measures (\$M) | | | | | | | | |
| Aircraft Rent | \$255 | | \$1,020 | | | | | |
| Depreciation and Amortization | \$385 | | \$1,550 | | | | | |
| Fuel Expense | | | | | | | | |
| Mainline Fuel Consumption (Million Gallons) | 810 | | 3,400 | | | | | |
| Regional Affiliates Fuel Consumption (Million Gallons) | 175 | | 750 | | | | | |
| Consolidated Fuel Consumption (Million Gallons) | 985 | | 4,150 | | | | | |
| Consolidated Fuel Price Excluding Hedges | \$2.72 / Gallon | | \$2.77 / Gallon | | | | | |
| Consolidated Fuel Price Including Cash Settled Hedges | \$2.63 / Gallon | | \$2.75 / Gallon | | | | | |
| Non-Operating Income/(Expense)(\$M) | | | | | | | | |
| Non-Operating Income/(Expense) | (\$240) - (\$250) | | (\$910) - (\$950) | | | | | |
| Income Taxes | | | | | | | | |
| Income Tax Rate | 0% | | 0% | | | | | |
| Capital Expenditures (\$B) | | | | | | | | |
| Gross Capital Expenditures ex Purchase Deposits | \$0.3 | | \$1.1 | | | | | |
| Net Capital Expenditures ex Purchase Deposits | \$0.2 | | \$0.9 | | | | | |
| Purchase Deposits (\$M) | \$40 | | \$200 | | | | | |
| Scheduled Debt and Capital Lease Obligations (\$B) | | | | | | | | |
| Scheduled Debt and Capital Lease Obligations ³ | \$0.45 | | \$2.5 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |

1 Year-over-year comparisons to 2010 pro forma operating statistics for United Airlines and Continental Airlines

2 3 Excludes special items, certain accounting changes and merger-related expenses

Excluded non-cash net mark-to-market (MTM) impacts in 2010 for comparison purposes as, MTM is immaterial in 2011

4 First quarter and full year include \$150M of UAL 5% convertible notes expected to be repurchased by the company in Feb. and in addition in the full year, \$726M related to UAL 4.5% convertible debt assumed to be put to the company in July



Share Count

| | 1Q 2011 | |
|-------------------|--|---|
| | (Estimated) | |
| Basic Share Count | Diluted Share Count | Interest Add-back |
| (in millions) | (in millions) | (in millions) |
| 327.9 | 327.9 | \$— |
| 327.9 | 331.4 | \$— |
| 327.9 | 371.2 | \$4 |
| 327.9 | 383.3 | \$7 |
| 327.9 | 387.6 | \$11 |
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| | | Full Year 2011 | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| | | (Estimated) | |
| | Basic Share Count | Diluted Share Count | Interest Add-back |
| Net Income | (in millions) | (in millions) | (in millions) |
| Less than or equal to \$0 | 329.6 | 329.6 | \$— |
| \$1 million - \$145 million | 329.6 | 333.2 | \$— |
| \$146 million - \$248 million | 329.6 | 372.9 | \$17 |
| \$249 million - \$1,481 million | 329.6 | 385.0 | \$26 |
| \$1.482 million or greater | 329.6 | 389.4 | \$43 |

These share count charts are based upon several assumptions including market stock price and number of shares outstanding. The number of shares used in the actual EPS calculation will likely be different from those set forth above.

Fuel Hedge Positions by Quarter

As of Jan 21, 2011, the Company had hedged approximately 40% of its expected full year consolidated fuel consumption, further details are as follows:

| | | 1Q 2011 | | 20 | Q 2011 | 3Q 2 | 011 |
|----------------------------|----------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| | | Weighted | | Weighted | | | Weighted |
| | | % of Expected | Average Strike | % of Expected | Average Strike | % of Expected | Average |
| | | Consumption | Price | Consumption | Price | Consumption | Strike Price |
| WTI Crude Oil Swaps | (\$/bbl) | 16% | \$82.65 | 18% | \$88.56 | 9% | \$88.93 |
| Heating Oil Swaps | (\$/gal) | 18% | 2.23 | 12% | 2.20 | 6% | 2.24 |
| WTI Crude Oil Call Options | (\$/bbl) | 7% | 92.96 | 4% | 91.00 | 13% | 96.00 |
| Heating Oil Call Options | (\$/gal) | 18% | 2.24 | 12% | 2.21 | 6% | 2.24 |
| WTI Crude Oil Collars | (\$/bbl) | 4% | 97.67 66.67 | 4% | 94.53 65.00 | _ | |
| Total | | 63% | | 50% | | 34% | |

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<u>Fleet Plan</u>

As of Jan. 26, 2011, the Company's fleet plan, including aircraft operated by the Company or on the Company's behalf under a capacity purchase agreement, is as follows:

| Mainline Aircraft | | | United & Co | ntinental Airlin | es Combined | | |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|-------------|------------------|-------------|---------|-----------|
| | YE 2010 | 1Q 2011 | 2Q 2011 | 3Q 2011 | 4Q 2011 | YE 2011 | γγογ Δ |
| B747-400 | 25 | (1) | | | | 24 | (1) |
| B777-200 | 74 | | _ | | | 74 | _ |
| B767-200/300/400 | 61 | _ | | | | 61 | |
| B757-200/300 | 158 | | — | | | 158 | _ |
| B737-500/700/800/900 | 240 | (1) | 3 | 1 | | 243 | 3 |
| A319/A320 | 152 | | _ | | _ | 152 | _ |
| Total Mainline Aircraft | 710 | (2) | 3 | 1 | | 712 | 2 |

| Regional Aircraft | United & Continental Airlines Combined | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| | YE 2010 | 1Q 2011 | 2Q 2011 | 3Q 2011 | 4Q 2011 | YE 2011 | γγογ Δ |
| Q400 | 20 | 6 | 3 | _ | _ | 29 | 9 |
| Q200 | 16 | | — | | — | 16 | |
| ERJ-145 | 273 | | (6) | (1) | _ | 266 | (7) |
| CRJ200 | 81 | | (2) | — | — | 79 | (2) |
| CRJ700 | 115 | | | — | _ | 115 | |
| EMB120 | 9 | | — | | — | 9 | |
| EMB170 | 38 | — | | — | — | 38 | |
| Total Regional Aircraft | 552 | 6 | (5) | (1) | _ | 552 | |
| Total Aircraft | 1,262 | 4 | (2) | — | — | 1,264 | 2 |

Safe Harbor Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995:

Certain statements included in this investor update are forward-looking and thus reflect our current expectations and beliefs with respect to certain current and future events and financial performance. Such forward-looking statements are and will be subject to many risks and uncertainties relating to our operations and business environment that may cause actual results to differ materially from any future results expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements. Words such as "expects," "will," "plans," "anticipates," "indicates," "believes," "forecast," "guidance," "outlook" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Additionally, forward-looking statements include statements which do not relate solely to historical facts, such as statements which identify uncertainties or trends, discuss the possible future effects of current known trends or uncertainties, or which indicate that the future effects of known trends or uncertainties cannot be predicted, guaranteed or assured. All forward-looking statements in this investor update are based upon information available to us on the date of this investor update. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events, changed circumstances or otherwise, except as required by applicable law. Our actual results could differ materially from these forward-looking statements due to numerous factors including, without limitation, the following: our ability to comply with the terms of our various financing arrangements; the costs and availability of financing; our ability to maintain adequate liquidity; our ability to execute our operational plans; our ability to control our costs, including realizing benefits from our resource optimization efforts, cost reduction initiatives and fleet replacement programs; our ability to utilize our net operating losses; our ability to attract and retain customers; demand for transportation in the markets in which we operate; an outbreak of a disease that affects travel demand or travel behavior; demand for travel and the impact that global economic conditions have on customer travel patterns; excessive taxation and the inability to offset future taxable income; general economic conditions (including interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates, investment or credit market conditions, crude oil prices, costs of aviation fuel and energy refining capacity in relevant markets); our ability to cost-effectively hedge against increases in the price of aviation fuel; any potential realized or unrealized gains or losses related to fuel or currency hedging programs; the effects of any hostilities, act of war or terrorist attack; the ability of other air carriers with whom we have alliances or partnerships to provide the services contemplated by the respective arrangements with such carriers; the costs and availability of aviation and other insurance; the costs associated with security measures and practices; industry consolidation or changes in airline alliances; competitive pressures on pricing and on demand; our capacity decisions and the capacity decisions of our competitors; U.S. or foreign governmental legislation, regulation and other actions (including open skies agreements); labor costs; our ability to maintain satisfactory labor relations and the results of the collective bargaining agreement process with our union groups; any disruptions to operations due to any potential actions by our labor groups; weather conditions; the possibility that expected merger synergies will not be realized or will not be realized within the expected time period; and other risks and uncertainties set forth under Item 1A., Risk Factors of Annual Report on Form 10-K, as well as other risks and uncertainties set forth from time to time in the reports we file with the SEC. Consequently, forward-looking statements should not be regarded as representations or warranties by us that such matters will be realized.

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Non-GAAP To GAAP Reconciliations

Pursuant to SEC Regulation G, the Company has included the following reconciliation of reported non-GAAP financial measures to comparable financial measures reported on a GAAP basis. The Company believes that excluding fuel costs and certain other items from some measures is useful to investors because it provides an additional measure of management's performance excluding the effects of a significant cost item over which management has limited influence, and the effects of certain other items that would otherwise make analysis of the Company's operating performance more difficult.

| Operating expense per ASM – CASM (cents) | 1Q 2011 H Low | Estimate High | FY 2011 E Low | stimate High |
|---|------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Mainline operating expense excluding profit sharing | 12.43 | 12.51 | 12.26 | 12.34 |
| Special items and other exclusions (a) | _ | | _ | — |
| Mainline operating expense excluding profit sharing and special items(a) | 12.43 | 12.51 | 12.26 | 12.34 |
| Less: fuel expense (excluding net non-cash mark-to-market impact) (c) | (3.96) | (3.96) | (4.14) | (4.14) |
| Mainline operating expense excluding fuel, profit sharing and special items (c) | 8.47 | 8.55 | 8.12 | 8.20 |
| Regional Affiliates & Other expense per ASM – CASM (cents) | Q4 2010 H Low | Estimate High | Full Year 201 Low | 0 Estimate High |
| Regional Affiliates & Other operating expense | 18.85 | 19.01 | 18.37 | 18.53 |
| Less: Regional Affiliates & Other fuel expense | (6.48) | (6.48) | (6.43) | (6.43) |
| Regional CASM excluding fuel | 12.37 | 12.53 | 11.94 | 12.10 |
| Operating expense per ASM – CASM (cents) | Q4 2010 H Low | Estimate High | Full Year 201 Low | 0 Estimate High |
| Consolidated operating expense excluding profit sharing | 13.24 | 13.33 | 13.06 | 13.15 |
| Special items and other exclusions (a) | | | | |
| Consolidated operating expense excluding profit sharing and special items (b) | 13.24 | 13.33 | 13.06 | 13.15 |
| Less: fuel expense (excluding net non-cash mark-to-market impact) (c) | (4.28) | (4.28) | (4.44) | (4.44) |
| Consolidated expense excluding fuel, profit sharing and special items (c) | 8.96 | 9.05 | 8.62 | 8.71 |

(a) Operating expense per ASM – CASM excludes special items, the impact of certain primarily non-cash impairment, severance and other similar accounting charges. While the Company anticipates that it will record such special items and charges throughout the year and may record profit sharing, at this time the Company is unable to provide an estimate of these items with reasonable certainty.

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(b) These financial measures provide management and investors the ability to measure and monitor the Company's performance on a consistent basis.

(c) Both the cost and availability of fuel are subject to many economic and political factors and are therefore beyond the Company's control.