# AirAsia X Berhad

#### **Analyst Deck**

Quarter and Full Year ended 31 December 2024



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#### **Takeaways & Overview**

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### Key Takeaways

#### Highlights of the Company's Performance in 4Q24 and FY2024



- Revenue crossed the RM3 billion mark at RM3.2 billion for the full year ended December 2024 driven by growth in passenger numbers and impressive ancillary revenue performance at RM253 per passenger; for 4Q24 Revenue trended at RM872.3 million, up by 6% YoY
- Total operating expenses were up during 4Q24 and FY2024, mainly driven by higher maintenance and overhaul costs following fleet reactivation and operations ramp-up, mitigated by lower jet fuel prices and stronger Ringgit
- EBITDA surged by 74% to RM119.6 million in 4Q24 compared to RM68.7 million in the previous year due to (i) lower aircraft fuel expenses and aircraft lease expenses as we exited PBH arrangements; EBITDA FY2024 lower by 30% YoY at RM461.2 million due to reversal of provision resulting in positive opex in FY2023
- Full Year Net Profit stood at RM229.1 million and 4Q24 Net Profit recorded at RM22.6 million
- CASK improved to 12.99 sen in 4Q24 compared to 15.71 sen in 4Q23, with lower fuel expenses and improved capacity utilisation following a 26% growth in ASK capacity during the quarter - remain lowest among peer airlines with CASK at 2.96 USc and CASK ex-fuel at 1.50 USc
- During the quarter, average base fare was at RM496 as capacity returns in the markets while ancillary revenue per passenger impressive at RM268
- Full fleet reactivation and arrival of an additional aircraft expected by 1H25, strategically enhancing network reach and optimising operations to meet growing demand
- Associate AirAsia X Thailand recorded a revenue of RM469.1 million in 4Q24 and RM1.7 billion in FY2024 with net operating profit standing at RM42.7 million in 4Q24, and net profit at RM56.3 million for FY2024 operationally, made strategic relocation to Don Mueang International Airport in October 2024
- Secured shareholders' approval for the acquisition of Capital A Berhad's aviation business in October 2024 gearing up to embrace future opportunities in a promising market landscape as we work to complete the exercise

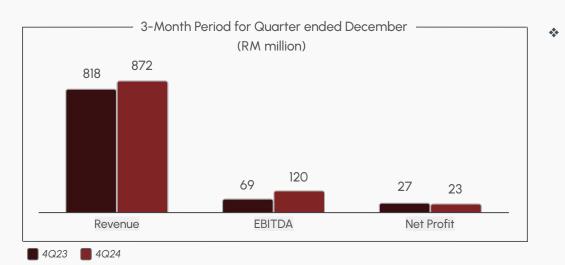
#### Financial & Operational Highlights

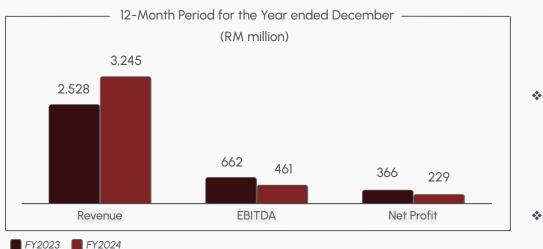


## **Key Financial Highlights**

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Full Year Revenue Sound with Sustained Growth in Ancillary Revenue





- Revenue was up close to 7% YoY to RM872.3 million in 4Q24 and 28% YoY to RM3.2 billion for full year 2024, on the back of:
  - Scheduled flights revenue increasing 22% YoY to RM2.0 billion in FY2024 as more aircraft returned to operations in the past 12-month, driving passenger take-up; in 4Q24, scheduled flights revenue was marginally lower YoY at RM530.1 million as fare was adapted to increased capacity in the wider market
  - Ancillary revenue surged 49% YoY to RM1.0 billion in FY2024 and 31% YoY to RM286.6 million in 4Q24 - ancillary RPP impressive at RM254 and RM268 in FY2024 and 4Q24 respectively
  - Freight services revenue rose by 11% YoY and 23% YoY to RM52.1 million and RM186.4 million in 4Q24 and FY2024 respectively on the back of higher belly capacity
- EBITDA trended at RM119.6 million in 4Q24, up 74% YoY due to lower aircraft fuel expenses and aircraft lease expenses as aircraft exited PBH arrangements; in FY2024, EBITDA was at RM461.2 million against RM661.7 million in FY2023 due to reversal of provisions in FY2023 resulting in positive operating expenses
- In 4Q24, Net Profit charted at RM22.6 million from RM27.4 million weighed by forex losses recorded in the quarter; on a full year basis, net profit stood at RM229.1 million

## **Key Operational Highlights**

Passenger Number for FY2024 up by 41% to 4 Million Passengers, outpacing Capacity Growth

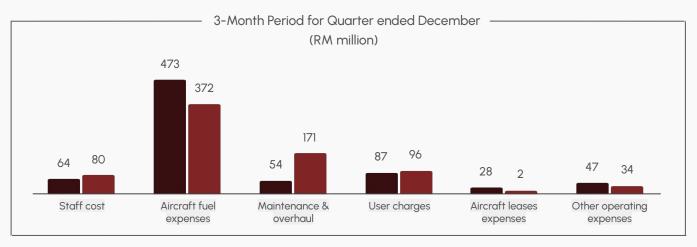
	4Q24	4Q23		YoY	FY2024	FY2023	YoY
ASK Capacity (million)	5,794	4,770		21%	20,369	15,604	31%
Sectors Flown	3,611	3,038		19%	13,262	9,799	35%
Passengers Carried	1,068,994	890,289		20%	3,992,931	2,822,605	41%
Load Factor	82%	82%	_	0 ppt	83%	80%	+3 ppts

- The number of passengers carried grew by 20% YoY to 1.1 million passengers in 4Q24 and driving full-year number of passengers carried to about 4 million passengers in FY2024
- With passenger load factor trending healthy at 82% and 83% in 4Q24 and FY2024 respectively, demand remains sustained across our markets
- Sectors flown grew by 19% and 35% in 4Q24 and FY2024 respectively, driven by:-
  - > Boost in ASK Capacity by 21% and 21% YoY in 4Q24 and FY2024 respectively, as more aircraft were returned to operations; and
  - > Network expansion of new routes and ramp-up of popular routes in the months of 2024

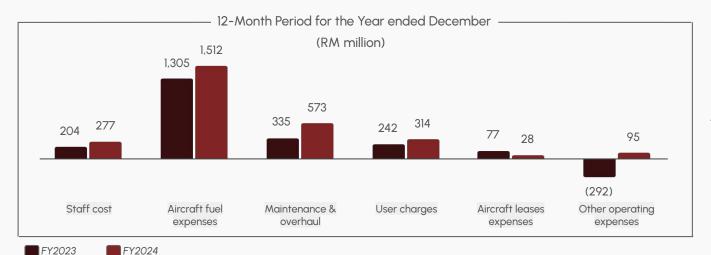


### **Review of Operating Expenses**

Increase in Total Operating Expenses on the back of Increased Flight Operations



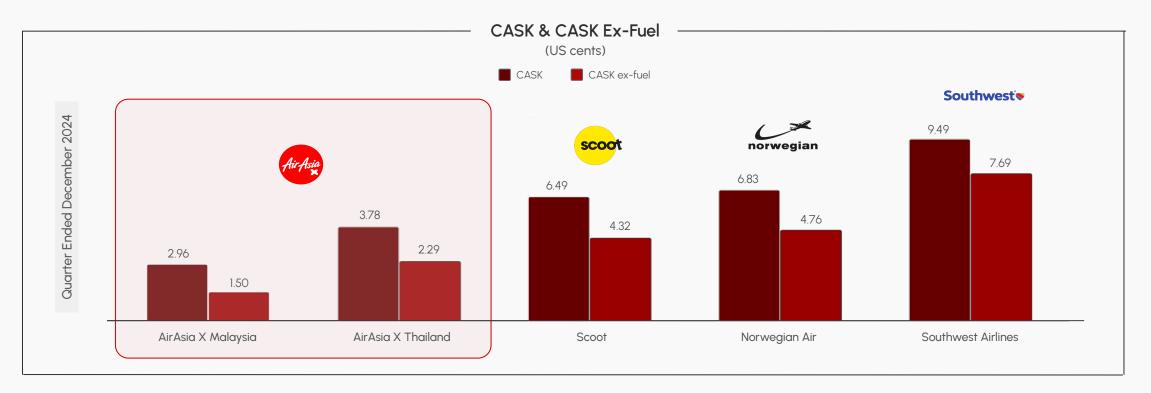
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- Total Operating Expenses in 4Q24 up by 0.1%
  YoY to RM754.1 million, attributable to:-
  - Increase in maintenance & overhaul due to reactivation of aircraft and aircraft scheduled checks; mitigated by
  - Lower aircraft lease expenses due to the current fixed rental rate as opposed to
     PBH rate used in 2023; and
  - Lower aircraft fuel expenses despite higher fuel uptake due to the lower fuel price and stronger Ringgit Malaysia against the US Dollar compared to the preceding year
- Total Operating Expenses for FY2024 recorded RM2.8 billion up by 33% YoY, compared to RM2.1 billion in FY2023, driven by (i) ramp-up of operations and (ii) the existence of reversal of provision in FY2023

### Lowest Unit Cost among Peers

Staying true to our DNA with lowest unit cost, driven by high utilisation and operational efficiency

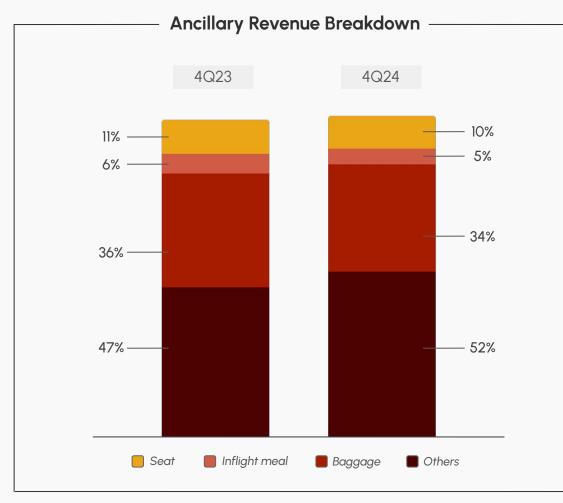


- AirAsia X maintains its leadership in cost structure as CASK & CASK ex-fuel remains the lowest among peer airlines
  - High utilisation and efficiency over 15 hours per day remains core of keeping cost low
  - Prudent management of operating expenses amidst continuous ramp-up of operations as aircraft exited PBH arrangements
  - Further bolstered with the stability of the Malaysian Ringgit during the quarter compared to the preceding year



## **Ancillary Performance**

Maintaining momentum as ancillary revenue per passenger at RM268 in 4Q24 and RM253 in FY2024



- Ancillary revenue rose 31% YoY to RM287 million in 4Q24 and surged 49% YoY to RM1.0 billion in FY2024 – ancillary RPP impressive at RM254 and RM268 in FY2024 and 4Q24 respectively on the back of: –
  - Higher capacity and passengers carried ultimately drive more ancillary income across the board;
  - Value-driven initiatives driving sales through its ongoing refinement in its offering, services and customer experience within the year



**Seat was up 10% YoY**, on the back of an increase in passengers carried and dynamic pricing optimisation



**Inflight meal went up 5% YoY**, with further enhancement in ----<sup>!</sup> variation of meals and beverages offerings onboard



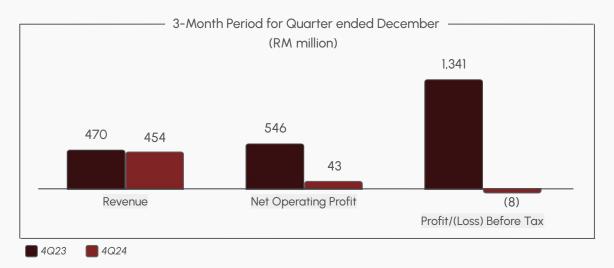
**Baggage was up 34% YoY**, as data-driven personalisation was progressively fine-tuned

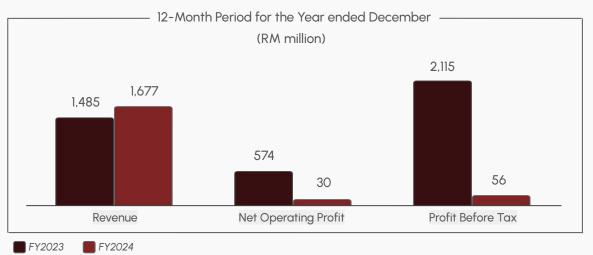


#### **Associate Performance: TAAX**

## **Associate: TAAX Key Financial Highlights**

Financial Highlights for Period ended 31 December 2024





- Total Revenue charted RM454 million in 4Q24 and RM1.7
  billion in FY2024 following the increase in the number of passengers carried on the back of ramp-up of operations
- Net Operating Profit for the 4Q24 and FY2024 stood at RM42.7 million and RM30 million respectively - lower compared to the previous year of RM546.2 million in 4Q23 and RM574.2 in FY2023 due to higher operating expenses environment
- Net Loss recorded at RM8.2 million during 4Q24 due to end of period adjustment, while full-year 2024 reported net profit of RM56.3 million

### **Associate: TAAX Operational Highlights**

Operational Highlights for Period ended 31 December 2024

	4Q24	4Q23	YoY	FY2024	FY2023	YoY
ASK Capacity (million)	2,554	2,027	26%	8,394	7,230	16%
Sectors Flown	1,653	1,213	36%	5,308	4,299	23%
Passenger Carried	463,463	387,217	20%	1,606,341	1,330,445	21%
Load Factor	78%	86%	-8 ppts	83%	83%	0 ppt

- ASK capacity grew by 26% YoY in 4Q24 and up by 16% YoY in FY2024, on the back of :
  - > Increase in the number of operational aircraft with **full fleet reactivation** of its 10 aircraft by December 2024,
  - Increase in destinations served along with the flight frequencies, leading to the growth in sectors flown at 1,653 in 4Q24 and 5,308 in FY2024
- The number of passengers carried charted over 1.6 million passengers in FY2024, an increase by 21% compared to the preceding year. In 4Q24 alone, TAAX carried a total of 463,463 passengers, reflecting 20% higher than in 4Q23
- Passenger load factor stood healthy at 83% for the year 2024, maintaining the YoY comparison even with an increase in seat capacity within the year. While PLF trended at 78% in 4Q24 due to relocation of its operational hub from BKK to DMK, availing one-off service recovery options to passengers



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#### **Network Updates**

### **Our Network**

Strengthening Global Reach through Connectivity





#### Now serving 22 routes by February 2025

- More flights in China with launch of Chongqing and expanding to Nairobi in Kenya, marking its maiden venture into the African region, with more prospects in South Asia and Central Asia in 2025 as we trail the success of Almaty
- To focus on strengthening its connectivity and rebuilding
  frequencies, driving up FlyThru traffic which is now at about
  20%, bridging and leveraging on the wider AirAsia network:
  - Expand connectivity between China, South Korea,
    Japan, India, Australia and up to East Europe through
    Kazakhstan with tourist favourites, e.g., Bali, Phuket,
    Penang and Langkawi

#### AirAsia X's Immediate Outlook

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## **Tapping into our Current Prospects**



Key Focus for AirAsia X in the immediate future

- Focusing on enhancing network across more regions where connectivity is limited, with demands that are high and profitable leveraging KUL ranked as the world's second most connected airport
  - Rebuilding capacity for the year with more routes in core markets as well as sustaining market share through key routes and venturing into new markets as we trail the success of Almaty eyeing more routes in Central Asia and South Asia
- Fleet Plan

Commercial

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Network Plan

- Focuses on last leg of fleet reactivation along with the induction of an additional aircraft expected by 1H2025 as the airline remain focused in enhancing connectivity while ensuring optimal aircraft utilisation, meeting all network requirements efficiently, and strengthening operational readiness
- Anticipated promotional activities in near future ancillary revenue projected to grow further as well with improved offerings aligned with fine-tuned pricing and personalisation strategy
- Ongoing targeted marketing and optimisation initiatives with Capital A, with focuses on elevating FlyThru traffic and incorporation of new products and partnerships
- Sustained momentum with Teleport as our partner achieves more milestones with growth in its interlining capacity, uptick in contribution from e-commerce across the network and most recently, fresh flowers from Nairobi



Engaging with Capital A Berhad to progress the Company's growth ambitions for the years to come - onwards from securing shareholders' approval for the Proposed Acquisitions in October 2024; fundraising underway with book billing expected after relevant approvals are secured

### **Our Internal Targets**

AAX's Inaugural Financial Targets Disclosure



	Components	Targets	Basis of Assumptions	
Revenue	RM3.5 billion to RM4.0 billion	Pax Carried	4.7 million	
	Kevende		ASK	Over 24,000 million
	EBITDA	RM0.5 billion to RM0.55 billion	Fleet size	19
		Jet fuel/bbl	USD 90	
NOP Margin		4.5% - 5.5%	USD/MYR	4.4

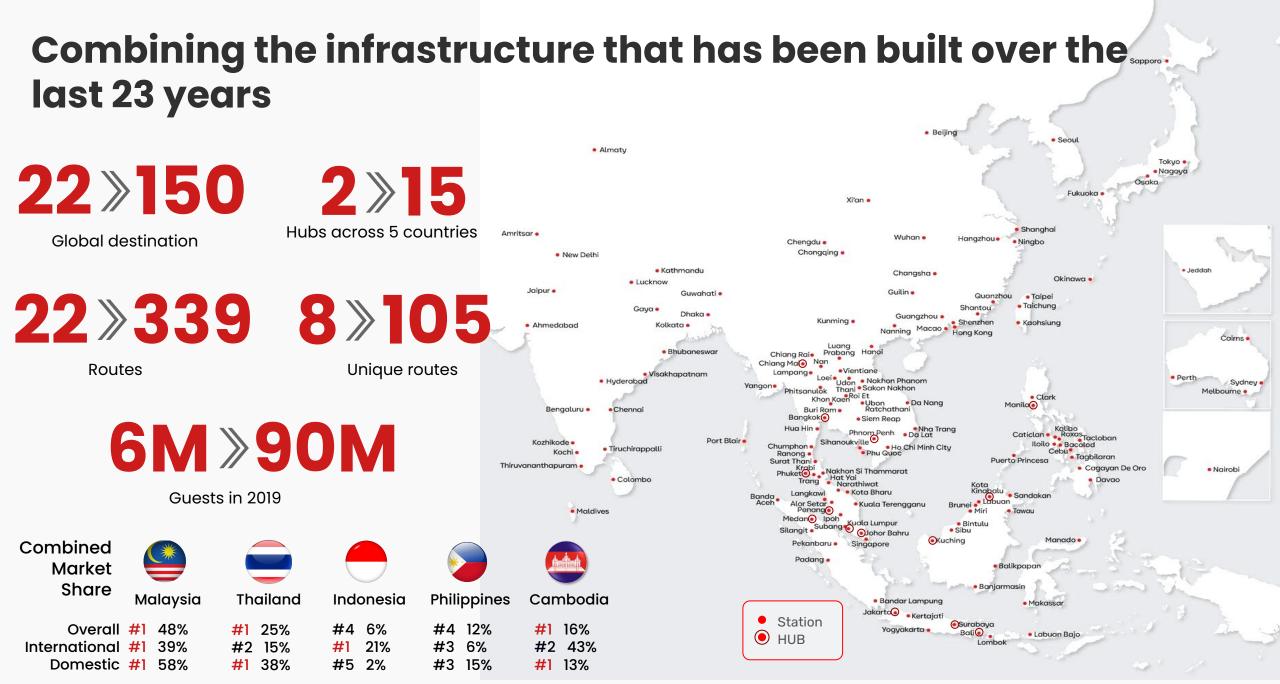
- Assuming a stable and unchanged economic and political landscape, along with prevailing legislations and regulations, we expect to achieve the above mentioned targets, driven by:
  - Seasonality AAX expects its 1st and 4th quarter to be buoyed by peak holiday season across the regions, and the 2nd and 3rd quarters to be supported by localised travel and holiday peaks in the markets we operate, e.g., summer peak in Almaty and Golden Week in China
  - > Operational fleet size AAX expects to have 19 aircraft operational by 1H25 and this is expected to boost revenue
  - Network optimisation AAX expects to add more connections in the South Asia and Central Asia region within the year and this is being executed with profitability as key
  - > Aircraft Vintage AAX expects higher aircraft maintenance checks to fall in the current financial year, tracking the fleet vintage

#### Note:

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#### **Tapping into the Network Infrastructure**





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