

Continental Airlines Reports August 2007 Operational Performance

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Continental Airlines (NYSE:CAL) today reported an August consolidated (mainline plus regional) load factor of 85.3 percent, 2.9 points above the August 2006 consolidated load factor, and a mainline load factor of 85.9 percent, 2.9 points above the August 2006 mainline load factor.

The carrier reported a domestic mainline load factor of 88.0 percent, 2.5 points above August 2006, and an international mainline load factor of 83.7 percent, 3.4 points above August 2006. All four were records for August. Domestic load factor was an all time record.

During the month, Continental recorded a U.S. Department of Transportation on-time arrival rate of 75.3 percent and a mainline segment completion factor of 99.2 percent.

In August 2007, Continental flew 9.1 billion consolidated revenue passenger miles (RPMs) and 10.6 billion consolidated available seat miles (ASMs), resulting in a traffic increase of 8.1 percent and a capacity increase of 4.4 percent as compared to August 2006. In August 2007, Continental flew 8.2 billion mainline RPMs and 9.5 billion mainline ASMs, resulting in a mainline traffic increase of 9.7 percent and a mainline capacity increase of 6.0 percent as compared to August 2006. Domestic mainline traffic was 4.3 billion RPMs in August 2007, up 8.7 percent from August 2006, and domestic mainline capacity was 4.9 billion ASMs, up 5.6 percent from August 2006.

For August 2007, consolidated passenger revenue per available seat mile (RASM) is estimated to have increased between 6.5 and 7.5 percent compared to August 2006, while mainline passenger RASM is estimated to have increased between 8.0 and 9.0 percent compared to August 2006. For July 2007, consolidated passenger RASM increased 3.0 percent compared to July 2006, while mainline passenger RASM increased 4.1 percent from July 2006.

Continental's regional operations had a record August load factor of 80.2 percent, 2.2 points above the August 2006 load factor. Regional RPMs were 912.3 million and regional ASMs were 1,137.7 million in August 2007, resulting in a traffic decrease of 4.9 percent and a capacity decrease of 7.5 percent versus August 2006.

PRELIMINARY TRAFFIC RESULTS			
AUGUST	2007	2006	Change
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)			
Domestic	4,329,100	3,981,998	8.7 Percent
International	3,834,162	3,456,972	10.9 Percent
Transatlantic	2,033,507	1,765,194	15.2 Percent
Latin America	1,077,232	1,020,205	5.6 Percent
Pacific	723,423	671,573	7.7 Percent
Mainline	8,163,262	7,438,970	9.7 Percent
Regional	912,292	959,435	-4.9 Percent
Consolidated	9,075,554	8,398,405	8.1 Percent
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)			
Domestic	4,917,424	4,654,891	5.6 Percent
International	4,580,806	4,305,204	6.4 Percent
Transatlantic	2,429,420	2,200,637	10.4 Percent
Latin America	1,288,572	1,260,029	2.3 Percent
Pacific	862,814	844,538	2.2 Percent
Mainline	9,498,230	8,960,095	6.0 Percent
Regional	1,137,690	1,230,027	-7.5 Percent
Consolidated	10,635,920	10,190,122	4.4 Percent
PASSENGER LOAD FACTOR			
Domestic	88.0 Percent	85.5 Percent	2.5 Points
International	83.7 Percent	80.3 Percent	3.4 Points
Transatlantic	83.7 Percent	80.2 Percent	3.5 Points
Latin America	83.6 Percent	81.0 Percent	2.6 Points
Pacific	83.8 Percent	79.5 Percent	4.3 Points
Mainline	85.9 Percent	83.0 Percent	2.9 Points
Regional	80.2 Percent	78.0 Percent	2.2 Points
Consolidated	85.3 Percent	82.4 Percent	2.9 Points
ONBOARD PASSENGERS			
Mainline	4,761,799	4,356,907	9.3 Percent
Regional	1,646,488	1,679,477	-2.0 Percent
Consolidated	6,408,287	6,036,384	6.2 Percent
CARGO REVENUE TON MILES (000)			
Total	82,093	87,743	-6.4 Percent

PRELIMINARY TRAFFIC RESULTS			
YEAR-TO-DATE	2007	2006	Change
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)			
Domestic	30,844,424	29,155,593	5.8 Percent
International	26,649,448	24,690,106	7.9 Percent
Transatlantic	13,468,301	11,992,425	12.3 Percent
Latin America	8,001,622	7,661,192	4.4 Percent
Pacific	5,179,525	5,036,489	2.8 Percent
Mainline	57,493,872	53,845,699	6.8 Percent
Regional	6,712,903	6,991,667	-4.0 Percent

Consolidated	64,206,775	60,837,366	5.5 Percent
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)			
Domestic	36,396,463	34,653,024	5.0 Percent
International	33,036,399	31,244,916	5.7 Percent
Transatlantic	16,728,788	15,132,687	10.5 Percent
Latin America	9,756,049	9,582,867	1.8 Percent
Pacific	6,551,562	6,529,362	0.3 Percent
Mainline	69,432,862	65,897,940	5.4 Percent
Regional	8,523,055	8,903,610	-4.3 Percent
Consolidated	77,955,917	74,801,550	4.2 Percent
PASSENGER LOAD FACTOR			
Domestic	84.7 Percent	84.1 Percent	0.6 Points
International	80.7 Percent	79.0 Percent	1.7 Points
Transatlantic	80.5 Percent	79.2 Percent	1.3 Points
Latin America	82.0 Percent	79.9 Percent	2.1 Points
Pacific	79.1 Percent	77.1 Percent	2.0 Points
Mainline	82.8 Percent	81.7 Percent	1.1 Points
Regional	78.8 Percent	78.5 Percent	0.3 Points
Consolidated	82.4 Percent	81.3 Percent	1.1 Points
ONBOARD PASSENGERS			
Mainline	34,897,544	33,177,295	5.2 Percent
Regional	12,166,325	12,341,311	-1.4 Percent
Consolidated	47,063,869	45,518,606	3.4 Percent
CARGO REVENUE TON MILES (000)			
Total	671,296	703,729	-4.6 Percent
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PRELIMINARY OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL RESULTS

AUGUST	2007	2006	Change
On-Time Performance(1)	75.3%	76.3%	(1.0)Points
Completion Factor(2)	99.2%	99.6%	(0.4)Points
July 2007 year-over-year consolidated RASM change			3.0 Percent
July 2007 year-over-year mainline RASM change			4.1 Percent
August 2007 estimated year-over-year consolidated RASM change			6.5 - 7.5 Percent
August 2007 estimated year-over-year mainline RASM change			8.0 - 9.0 Percent
August 2007 estimated average price per gallon of fuel, including fuel taxes			2.23 Dollars
Third Quarter 2007 estimated average price per gallon of fuel, including fuel taxes			2.21 Dollars

(1) Department of Transportation Arrivals within 14 minutes

(2) Mainline Mileage Completion Percentage

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