

### **Airlines**

# BofA Seat Tracker: No major changes to MAX 9 schedules

**Industry Overview** 

### **BofA Seat Tracker tracks weekly changes in capacity**

In this report, we track weekly system changes by carrier and outline monthly capacity by domestic, Europe, Latin America, and Asia Pacific regions. We also include changes in the Canadian market on a regional basis.

### No major changes to MAX 9 schedules this week

This week's data did not show any meaningful changes to 737 MAX 9 capacity by type operators UAL and ALK. With the FAA's grounding remaining in place and the timeline for resolution remaining unclear, the carriers have incrementally cancelled flights on the type, rather than make wholesale removals from schedules. Based on the latest updates, cancellations currently extend through today, and we await a further update as the grounding continues.

### **UAL adds to Latin America capacity, lowers April domestic**

UAL raised Latin America capacity in April and May by 700bps and 450bps, respectively, while reducing domestic capacity by 170bps in April. Capacity adds were generally shorthaul flying, primarily to Mexico. For 2Q24, UAL's Latin American schedules reflect over +10.8% growth.

### LUV cuts 2Q24 capacity

LUV reduced 2Q24 capacity, with April and May seeing the greatest cuts at 100bps and 110bps, respectively, while June reductions were far more modest. Reductions were purely domestic, with Latin American capacity unchanged. LUV's schedules are tracking toward +10.1% capacity growth in 2Q24, at the high end of the industry and in line with our forecast.

### Exhibit 1: System capacity changes versus prior week

LUV cuts March/April capacity by 100/110bps; AAL adds 110bps in June

			Change v	ersus Prior \	Week	
	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jun 2024
System						
DAL	0.0%	0.0%	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.1%	0.2%
AAL	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%
UAL	0.0%	-0.4%	0.0%	-0.2%	0.5%	0.0%
LUV	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-1.0%	-1.1%	-0.1%
ALK	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
JBLU	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
HA	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
SAVE	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
ALGT	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
ULCC	-0.1%	-0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
SNCY	0.0%	0.1%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
System Total	0.0%	-0.1%	0.0%	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.2%
Source: OAG						

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**AAL: American Airlines** 

ALGT: Allegiant

ALK: Alaska Air Group

DAL: Delta Air Lines

FAA: Federal Aviation Administration

HA: Hawaiian Airlines

JBLU: JetBlue

LUV: Southwest Airlines

SAVE: Spirit Airlines

**UAL: United Airlines Holdings** 

**ULCC: Frontier Airlines** 

SNCY: Sun Country

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**Exhibit 2: US airline capacity changes versus prior week and monthly capacity growth**UAL lowered Atlantic capacity by 240bps in February; International carriers moderated Atlantic capacity growth in the spring

			Change vs.	Prior Weel	k							
	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jun 2024	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jun 2024
System												
DAL	0.0%	0.0%	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	5.0%	8.5%	5.7%	9.6%	9.8%	10.3%
4AL	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	8.1%	8.6%	7.7%	8.0%	12.0%	8.9%
JAL	0.0%	-0.4%	0.0%	-0.2%	0.5%	0.0%	10.6%	12.5%	11.9%	15.2%	14.9%	11.5%
LUV	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-1.0%	-1.1%	-0.1%	8.7%	9.8%	13.4%	8.9%	5.9%	15.5%
ALK	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.3%	2.9%	7.3%	4.7%	10.9%	14.8%
BLU	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	-3.8%	0.1%	-2.7%	-2.8%	-2.9%	0.1%
HA	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	5.8%	3.4%	5.3%	8.2%	8.2%
SAVE	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-2.9%	2.8%	15.0%	13.1%	8.5%	9.4%
ALGT	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-1.1%	-7.1%	1.4%	-11.6%	1.4%	4.3%
JLCC	-0.1%	-0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.9%	6.3%	11.1%	1.8%	-5.6%	-9.2%
SNCY	0.0%	0.1%	2.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	12.2%	12.0%	15.7%	4.1%	15.2%	9.2%
System Total	0.0%	-0.1%	0.0%	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.2%	8.8%	11.3%	10.2%	10.7%	10.9%	9.7%
JS Domestic												
DAL	0.0%	0.0%	-0.2%	-0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	-0.1%	3.5%	0.7%	7.7%	10.7%	10.9%
\AL	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	5.0%	5.3%	4.8%	7.8%	13.2%	9.8%
JAL	0.0%	0.0%	-0.1%	-1.7%	0.1%	0.1%	2.5%	4.0%	2.2%	5.1%	6.8%	4.8%
LUV	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-1.0%	-1.1%	-0.1%	8.6%	9.6%	13.1%	9.2%	5.7%	15.1%
ALK	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	-5.7%	-2.7%	2.9%	3.2%	11.2%	15.1%
BLU	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	-12.9%	-9.3%	-12.6%	-13.9%	-10.6%	-8.6%
HA	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-4.9%	-1.0%	-5.8%	-2.0%	1.2%	0.8%
SAVE	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-4.1%	1.0%	15.2%	12.8%	11.2%	14.2%
ALGT	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%	4.0%	1.4%	-11.6%	1.4%	4.3%
JLCC	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-2.8%	2.2%	9.4%	-2.4%	-5.5%	-7.6%
SNCY	0.0%	0.1%	3.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	9.7%	9.0%	14.2%	5.9%	15.1%	14.7%
Domestic Total	0.0%	-0.1%	0.0%	-0.5%	-0.1%	0.4%	2.1%	4.2%	4.6%	5.5%	8.1%	8.9%
Atlantic	0.0 /0	0.170	0.070	0.5 /0	0.1 /0	<b>0.</b> 470	2.1 /0	7.2 /0	4.0 /0	3.3 /0	0.170	0.5 /0
DAL	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	1.9%	2.9%	6.4%	2.0%	4.0%
AL	0.0%	0.0%	-0.1%	-0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	7.7%	7.0%	13.3%	9.5%	8.4%	6.6%
JAL	0.0%	-2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-7.7%	-3.5%	-1.4%	14.7%	10.1%	6.3%
BLU	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	36.6%	53.2%	115.5%	128.2%	136.0%	156.3%
nternational Carriers	-0.2%	1.3%	-0.4%	-2.2%	-1.7%	-0.7%	25.5%	29.2%	17.6%	16.1%	28.0%	21.4%
Atlantic Total	-0.1%	-0.3%	-0.1%	-0.6%	-0.4%	-0.2%	6.8%	8.9%	8.3%	12.6%	12.3%	10.3%
Pacific	0.170	0.5 70	0.170	0.070	0.170	0.2 /0	0.0 70	0.5 /0	0.5 70	12.0 /0	12.5 70	10.5 %
DAL	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	40.3%	46.0%	35.9%	19.8%	26.6%	34.1%
\AL	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	68.8%	72.7%	36.7%	10.1%	11.4%	6.0%
JAL	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	73.7%	73.1%	79.9%	77.6%	70.9%	67.6%
nternational Carriers	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	27.0%	32.2%	26.8%	29.0%	23.4%	19.6%
Pacific Total	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	35.7%	40.3%	35.5%	34.4%	29.8%	26.6%
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DAL	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	23.3%	28.8%	26.4%	25.1%	16.9%	11.2%
AAL	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	11.6%	13.5%	10.0%	6.7%	11.6%	8.5%
JAL	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	7.0%	4.5%	0.2%	26.4%	29.4%	23.4%	10.2%	14.8%	7.9%
LUV	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2 %	9.2%	14.4%	19.7%	4.3%	10.0%	24.0%
ALK	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	68.0%	75.4%	64.8%	23.0%	6.6%	9.5%
BLU	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.4%	16.7%	10.9%	10.6%	2.7%	5.3%
SAVE	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%	10.7%	13.6%	14.1%	-2.0%	-7.5%
JLCC	-0.1%	-0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.1%	48.2%	27.3%	20.6%	23.7%	-6.1%	-14.3%
	0.0%	0.0%	-0.5%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	18.8%	18.8%	18.6%	-3.3%	16.2%	-14.5%
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SNCY nternational Carriers	0.2%	0.5%	1.2%	3.0%	-0.5%	-0.2%	17.6%	18.7%	16.9%	6.2%	-4.4%	-15.1%

Source: OAG BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH



# Exhibit 3: Canadian airline capacity changes and monthly capacity growth There were no major changes in the Canadian market this week

	Change vs. Prior Week							Current Capacity Growth YoY					
	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jun 2024	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jun 2024	
Canada Domestic													
AC	-0.1%	-0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.5%	0.6%	0.5%	2.6%	9.5%	13.4%	
WestJet	0.0%	0.0%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.1%	7.9%	-2.5%	0.8%	2.3%	-0.2%	
Canadian ULCCs	-0.7%	-3.5%	-1.0%	-0.7%	-0.3%	-0.1%	-8.4%	0.7%	-10.6%	-10.2%	5.1%	1.5%	
Canada Domestic Total	-0.2%	-1.0%	-0.3%	-0.2%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.8%	2.4%	-3.1%	-1.5%	6.3%	6.2%	
Canada Transborder													
AC	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.9%	6.6%	6.7%	5.9%	15.6%	10.1%	
WestJet	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.2%	18.6%	11.3%	12.0%	41.5%	32.0%	
US Carriers	0.0%	-2.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.5%	0.3%	16.9%	22.0%	27.0%	27.8%	31.1%	24.1%	
Canada Transborder Total	0.0%	-0.6%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	8.7%	13.8%	13.7%	14.1%	25.3%	18.7%	
Air Canada International													
Atlantic	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.8%	0.2%	0.0%	6.4%	16.5%	14.4%	11.9%	8.5%	4.2%	
Pacific	0.0%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.2%	0.0%	45.2%	40.7%	31.4%	40.1%	23.0%	18.2%	
Latin America	0.0%	-0.2%	-0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	2.7%	5.0%	-4.7%	-2.6%	-0.4%	
Canada System													
AC	0.0%	-0.1%	0.0%	-0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	10.5%	12.5%	10.9%	10.8%	11.4%	9.0%	
WestJet	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	16.5%	22.8%	17.6%	18.0%	26.5%	17.2%	
Canada System Total	0.0%	-0.1%	0.0%	-0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	12.0%	15.0%	12.5%	12.5%	14.7%	10.8%	

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**Exhibit 4: Absolute capacity by quarter**UAL's current schedules reflect the highest capacity growth rate through 3Q24

_	Absolute ASM's per Schedules								Absolute ASM's per Company Reports					ASM growth per Schedules		
_	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24		
Delta Air Lines																
Domestic	40,782,928,940	43,737,271,601	46,375,937,178	44,122,531,148	41,310,289,644	48,027,885,265	52,124,870,604	39,506,000,000	40,328,690,600	43,069,446,950	45,967,320,000	1.3%	9.8%	12.4%		
Atlantic	10,834,654,887	17,001,508,254	18,909,136,130	13,926,734,767	11,033,647,774	17,684,850,207	19,416,874,553	12,220,000,000	10,769,090,388	16,862,778,000	18,540,340,000	1.8%	4.0%	2.7%		
Latin America	6,772,778,785	5,536,827,886	5,174,841,249	6,175,095,546	8,538,944,938	6,528,593,943	5,820,923,418	4,795,000,000	6,749,385,562	5,500,847,929	5,114,620,000	26.1%	17.9%	12.5%		
Asia Pacific	3,442,753,025	3,562,171,938	3,601,333,880	4,376,457,637	4,837,293,391	4,519,352,091	5,077,172,368	2,985,000,000	3,503,850,000	3,560,179,200	3,570,000,000	40.5%	26.9%	41.0%		
Total System	61,833,115,637	69,837,779,679	74,061,248,437	68,600,819,098	65,720,175,747	76,760,681,506	82,439,840,943	59,506,000,000	61,351,016,550	68,993,252,079	73,192,280,000	6.3%	9.9%	11.3%		
American Airlines																
Domestic	44,206,452,218	45,291,039,280	47,975,519,557	46,022,562,506	46,428,447,658	49,955,032,875	51,655,586,676	44,939,000,000	44,554,000,000	45,700,000,000	48,146,000,000	5.0%	10.3%	7.7%		
Atlantic	8,313,675,817	12,835,123,274	14,293,793,240	10,775,653,278	9,106,227,271	13,865,304,512	14,793,765,857	9,725,000,000	8,242,000,000	12,823,000,000	14,262,000,000	9.5%	8.0%	3.5%		
Latin America	11,455,096,068	9,933,544,788	9,520,590,821	10,682,272,146	12,790,812,735	10,819,777,018	10,164,825,153	9,853,000,000	10,510,000,000	9,200,000,000	8,872,000,000	11.7%	8.9%	6.8%		
Asia Pacific	1,675,744,644	1,939,669,388	2,012,116,047	2,304,579,033	2,651,757,336	2,117,339,310	2,117,674,032	1,445,000,000	1,700,000,000	1,935,000,000	2,005,000,000	58.2%	9.2%	5.2%		
Total System	65,650,968,747	69,999,376,730	73,802,019,665	69,785,066,963	70,977,245,000	76,757,453,715	78,731,851,718	65,962,000,000	65,006,000,000	69,658,000,000	73,285,000,000	8.1%	9.7%	6.7%		
United Airlines																
Domestic	38,653,982,293	40,869,880,089	42,988,978,334	40,266,178,844	39,759,094,121	43,139,993,321	45,089,878,693	37,551,000,000	38,516,000,000	40,120,000,000	42,345,000,000	2.9%	5.6%	4.9%		
Atlantic	13,074,400,433	18,700,179,574	20,842,877,207	15,064,118,564	12,538,059,808	20,584,049,707	22,036,587,408	14,372,000,000	12,951,000,000	18,368,000,000	20,535,000,000	-4.1%	10.1%	5.7%		
Latin America	7,119,366,783	7,546,577,710	7,291,115,190	7,825,470,040	8,988,043,914	8,363,723,572	7,456,331,618	6,447,000,000	7,101,000,000	7,435,000,000	7,245,000,000	26.2%	10.8%	2.3%		
Asia Pacific	6,868,216,974	7,405,445,234	7,889,931,978	10,399,673,027	12,071,127,681	12,732,610,254	12,866,192,936	5,924,000,000	7,152,000,000	7,615,000,000	8,223,000,000	75.8%	71.9%	63.1%		
Total System	65,715,966,483	74,522,082,607	79,012,902,709	73,555,440,475	73,356,325,524	84,820,376,854	87,448,990,655	64,294,000,000	65,720,000,000	73,538,000,000	78,348,000,000	11.6%	13.8%	10.7%		
System Capacity																
Southwest	38,632,839,702	42,750,660,135	44,460,284,801	45,529,407,149	42,771,496,562	47,067,860,002	47,100,545,798	37,490,000,000	38,062,000,000	42,579,000,000	44,169,000,000	10.7%	10.1%	5.9%		
Alaska	15,841,116,909	17,127,241,929	18,542,153,218	17,002,491,983	16,375,756,778	18,877,490,356	20,290,919,873	15,031,400,000	15,705,000,000	17,160,000,000	18,582,000,000	3.4%	10.2%	9.4%		
letBlue	16,826,215,355	17,575,182,764	17,768,890,374	16,954,482,935	16,450,792,749	17,245,176,495	18,033,911,897	16,470,000,000	16,769,000,000	17,353,000,000	17,362,000,000	-2.2%	-1.9%	1.5%		
Hawaiian	4,941,445,907	5,066,587,608	5,216,239,082	5,145,700,016	5,110,619,113	5,434,481,226	5,595,148,636	4,940,514,000	4,917,517,000	5,014,432,000	5,168,883,000	3.4%	7.3%	7.3%		
Spirit	13,399,474,501	14,213,062,288	13,933,305,381	14,832,569,784	14,073,961,046	15,673,552,830	6,341,220,068	12,871,503,000	13,209,136,000	13,908,113,000	13,769,941,000	5.0%	10.3%	-54.5%		
Allegiant	4,650,397,590	4,822,173,420	4,190,379,060	4,325,395,476	4,552,662,726	4,724,098,680	2,576,952,468	4,192,352,000	4,573,766,000	4,925,194,000	4,280,034,000	-2.1%	-2.0%	-38.5%		
Frontier	8,928,293,316	9,459,772,478	10,004,454,084	10,017,988,404	9,633,443,692	9,036,925,294	4,251,739,032	8,670,000,000	8,775,000,000	9,337,000,000	9,697,000,000	7.9%	-4.5%	-57.5%		
Sun Country	1,634,330,106	1,433,903,760	1,453,500,414	1,547,104,848	1,855,049,052	1,561,837,722	1,352,894,064	1.352.830.000	1,625,728,000	1,417,778,000	1.446.462.000	13.5%	8.9%	-6.9%		

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