





A Clear Strategic Direction The partnership with Emirates, entered into on 30th March 1998, (under which Emirates will ultimately acquire a 40% interest in Air Lanka) opens up a new period of opportunity for Air Lanka following

a time of uncertainty.

Air Lanka now has a clear strategic direction spelt out in detail in the Ten Year Business Plan adopted as an essential element of the part privatisation process. The plan is one of expansion and growth, and also one of profitability and positive cash flow. It will be the task of the new Management Team to ensure that these two drivers remain in balance.

The cornerstone of the Plan is the replacement of the ageing Tristar fleet with six Airbus A330-200s. Within less than two years, following the delivery of the last A330, Air Lanka will have an all Airbus fleet and one of the most modern, certainly in the region.

The network has also come under review, and whilst a number of destinations, particularly in Europe, will be enhanced by more direct flights, a small number of unprofitable routes will be cut, at least in the short-term.

In line with the strategy of expansion, new destinations will also be launched in the future. It is the objective and the ambition of Air Lanka to build Colombo Airport into an important hub, a transfer point between East and West and between Northern and Southern hemispheres.

Whilst the plan and its implementation will inevitably bring change and the need for flexibility and adaptation by the staff of the airline, some things will remain the same.

The quality and warmth of our service, particularly our inflight service, will continue to be an essential part of the foundations of Air Lanka which will be further reinforced by the product review currently being undertaken.

The future for Air Lanka is now looking very positive and there is every confidence that it will become one of the foremost carriers of the region.

Its standards, its style, its modern fleet, its well-trained and skilled staff and its increasing marketing muscle will make it a formidable force in its principal markets.

The Government and people of Sri Lanka will have a national carrier of which they can justifiably be proud.

Corporate Information

Public Limited Liability Company

Directors

D H S Jayawardena - Chairman

K Balapatabendi PC

D Nilaweera

W P S Jayawardena

T C Clark - Managing Director

G W Chapman

D Mannion

A Gray

(Alternate to T C Clark)

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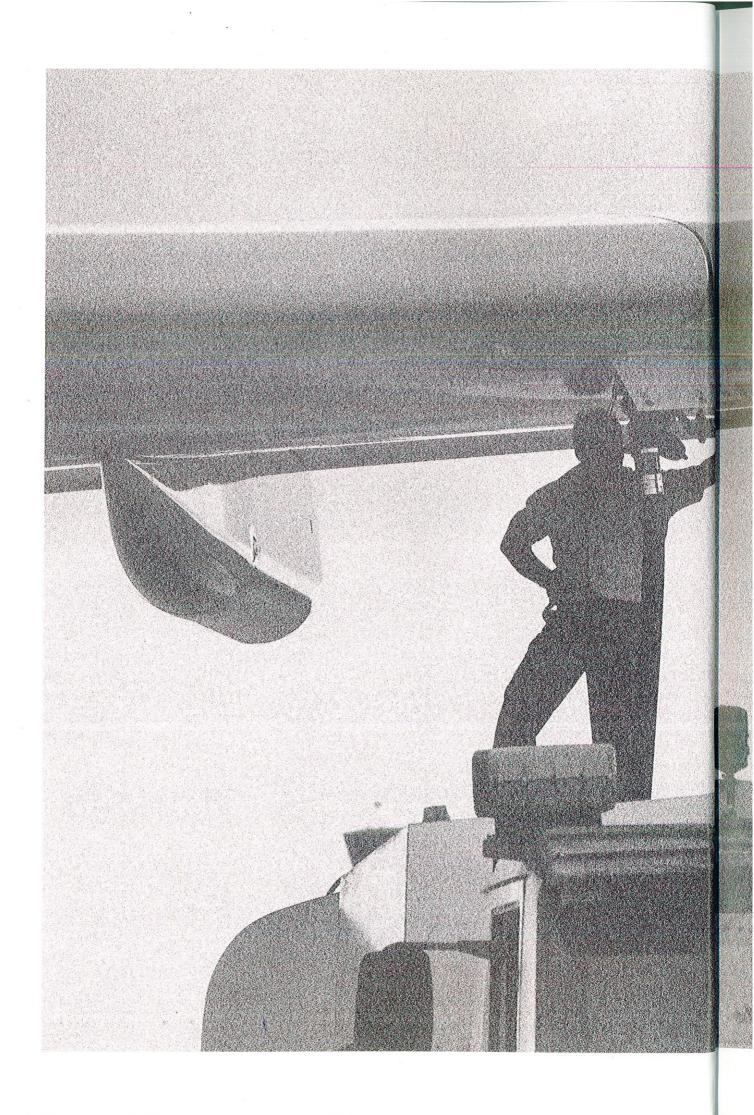
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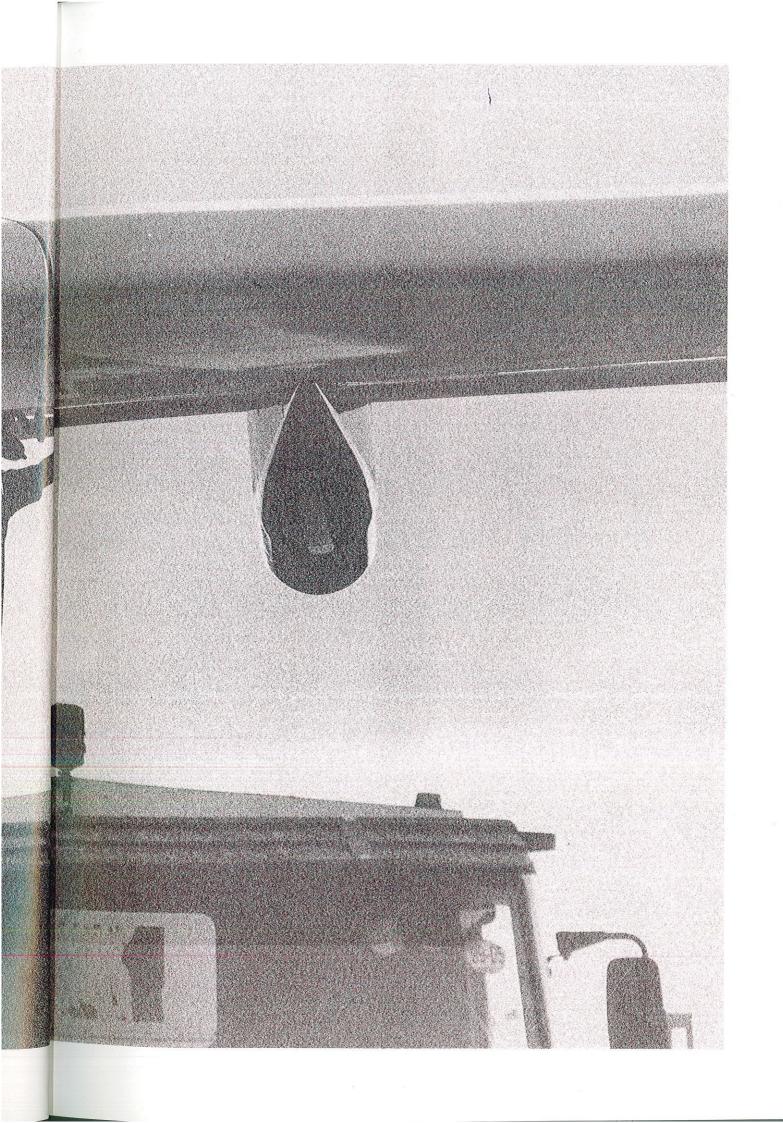
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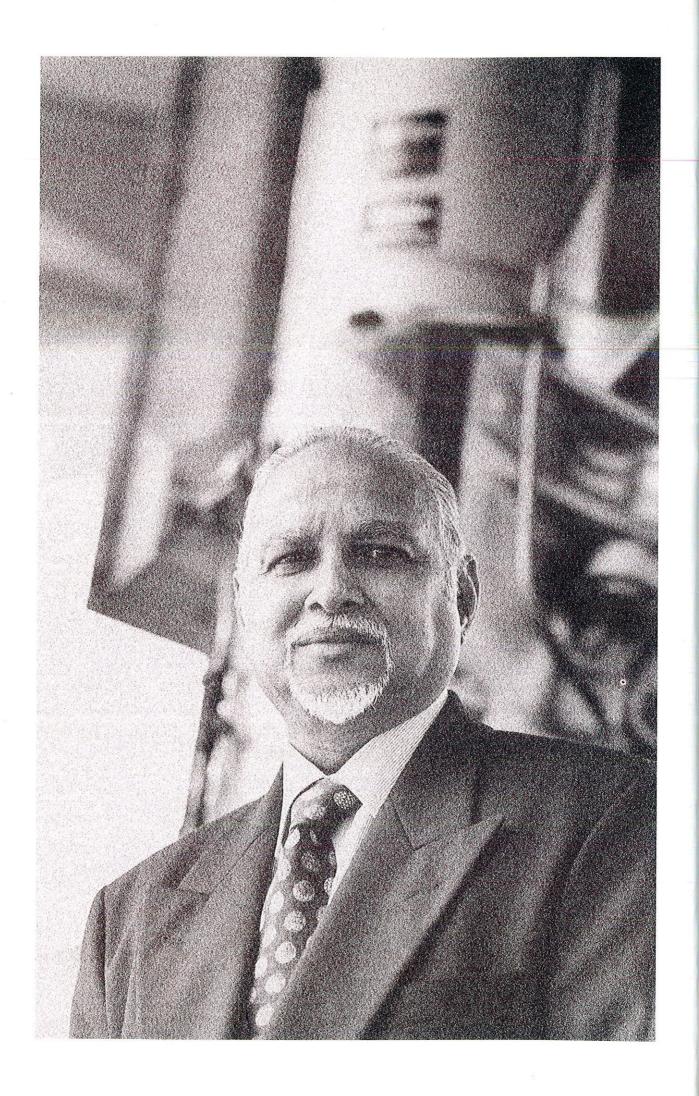
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Ten Year Review

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Chairman's Statement The year under review has been one of achievement for Air Lanka. It has also seen a transformation in the Company's outlook and attitude, in business orientation and customer focus.

We recorded the highest ever revenue and reported respectable profits, which were possible through our focus on operational efficiency, staff productivity and service standards; through also, the development of our employees to contribute more effectively to our goals of strengthening operations, to sustain growth, enhance profitability and more importantly to ensure the comfort and convenience of our customers.

Our achievement is all the more significant considering that most airlines in the region were affected by the economic downturn in Asia.

In an effort to show our appreciation to Air Lanka's loyal and dedicated staff, the Board of Directors was happy to be able, in turn, to share our profits with our employees, offering them a two months' bonus at the end of the financial year - the first time an incentive of this magnitude has been bestowed on the staff in the history of the airline.

Also for the first time in the history of Air Lanka, dividends were declared, both interim and final to the benefit of the shareholders of the Company.

In the year under review, 44% of tourists who visited

Sri Lanka travelled on Air Lanka. Consolidation of our route
network saw an injection of capacity into each of the
geographical destinations to which we operate - Europe,
the Middle East, the Indian sub-continent and the Far East.

More frequencies were also added to London, Singapore/
Kuala Lumpur, New Delhi and Kuwait. We also implemented
our newly acquired 5th freedom traffic rights between

Dubai and Kuwait. Due credit also must be given to the Agents the world over for this continued service to the customers and the airline.

Much has been achieved this year, but more needs to be done. Managing transformation is a complicated task. Our objective is to have an airline which is founded on real productivity and excellence in the way its employees perform their duties.

Now that our search for a strategic business partner has been concluded, we are confident that the success we achieved this year will be consistently sustained, and that Air Lanka will continue to keep the Sri Lankan flag flying high.

D H S Jayawardena

Highlights

Financial

		Group		Company	
		1998	1997	1998	1997
Operating revenue	Rs. M	18,019.33	16,005.27	17,608.29	15,619.30
Operating expenditure	Rs. M	14,815.93	14,274.23	14,640.36	14,121.08
Operating profit	Rs. M	3,203.40	1,731.04	2,967.93	1,498.22
Net profit / (loss)	Rs. M	1,405.22	(391.13)	1,641.59	(447.72)
Traffic					
Capacity offered	ASK millions			5,672.66	5,525.10
_	ATK millions			757.42	746.78
Passengers carried	Thousands			1,201	1,196
Cargo carried	Tonnes			36,478	35,039
Passenger load factor	%			73.24	72.45
Overall load factor	%			72.24	69.91
Break-even load factor	%			70.80	74.40
Staff and product	ivity		.25		
Average number of staff	Nos.	5,508	5,670	4,823	4,965
Revenue per employee	Rs.	3,271,483	2,822,799	3,650,900	3,145,881

Aircraft fleet as at 31st March1998

Aircraft type	On finance leases	Owned	On order
Airbus A340-300 Airbus A320-200	3 2		
Airbus A330-200 Lockheed Tristar L1011-500 Lockheed Tristar L1011-100 Lockheed Tristar L1011-50		2 1 1	6
	5	4	6

Review of Operations The Company registered a net profit of Rs.1,641.59 million during the year 1997/98, compared with a net loss of Rs. 447.72 million recorded in 1996/97. This is the highest net profit ever, in its 19 year history.

The Group net profit for the year ended 31st March 1998 amounted to Rs.1,405.22 million, an increase of Rs.1,796.35 million from the previous year.

Revenue Total operating revenue amounted to Rs.17,608.29 million, up by Rs.1,988.99 million or 12.7% from 1996/97.

The revenue of the Group in 1997/98 was Rs. 18,019.33 million, an increase of Rs. 2,014.06 million or 12.6% from the previous year.

Revenue from airline operations increased by Rs. 1,641.33 million or 11.4% to Rs. 16,048.78 million.

Passenger revenue, excluding charter revenue, totalled Rs. 13,298.95 million; an increase of 11.8% from 1996/97.

Revenue from cargo carriage increased by 7.7% to Rs. 2,178.41 million.

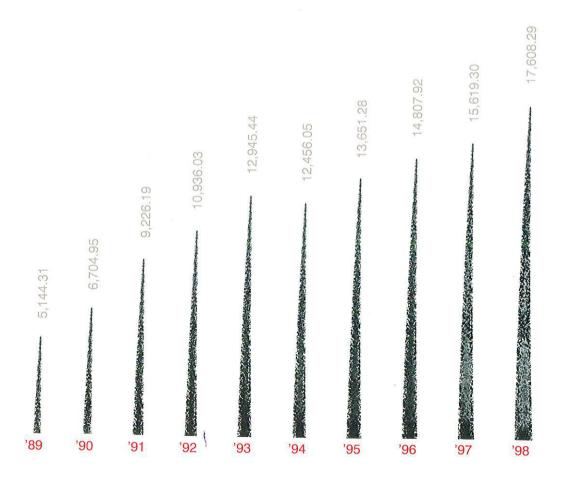
Revenue from charter operations increased by Rs. 50.79 million or 33% to Rs. 204.34 million, while ground

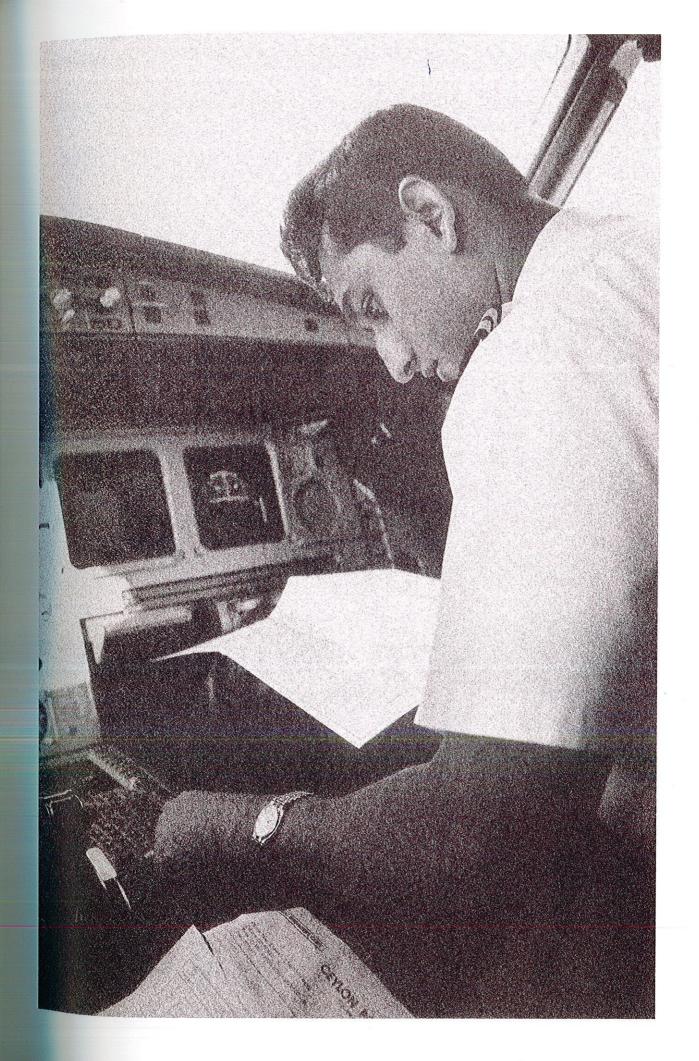
handling revenue increased by 31.4% or Rs. 340.05 million to Rs. 1,421.63 million.

Duty Free Sales increased by Rs. 7.61 million or 5.8% to Rs. 137.88 million.

Composition of revenue	%
Passenger	77
Cargo	13
Charter	1
Ground handling	8
Duty free sales	I

Revenue GROWTH (Millions)





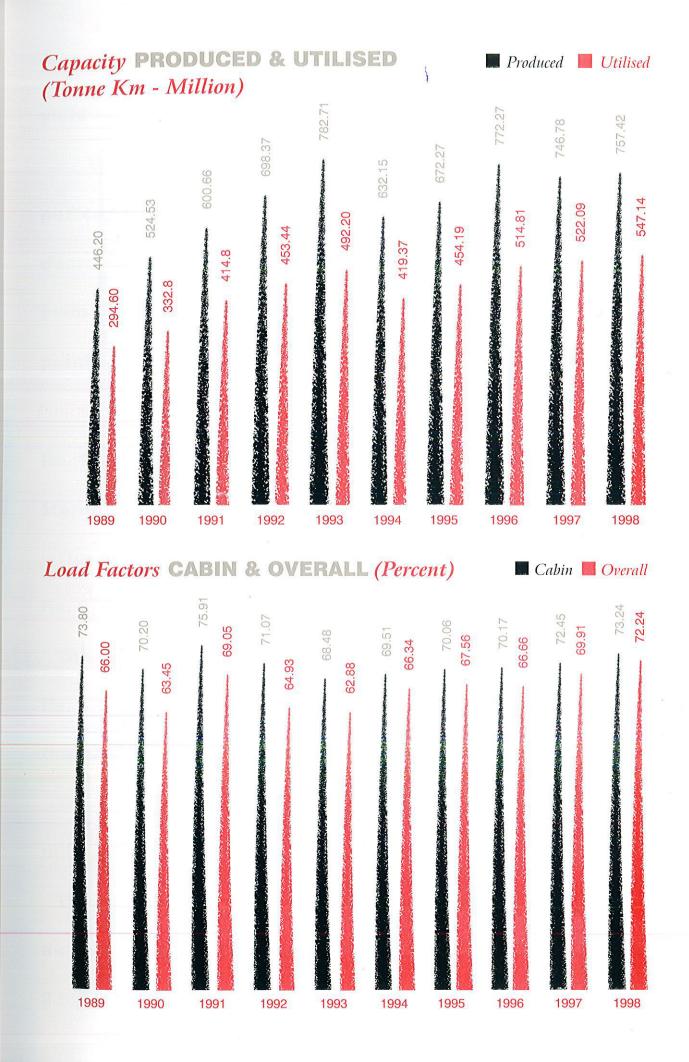
Expenditure In 1997/98 the Company's operating expenditure totalled Rs. 14,640.36 million reflecting an increase of 3.7% from 1996/97. Cost of aviation fuel registered a decline of Rs. 236 million due to favourable prices.

Composition of expenditure	Rs. M	%
Staff	1,872.71	13
Fuel	2,712.36	19
Aircraft maintenance	2,479.52	17
Route	4,538.72	31
Aircraft & related equip. depreciation	1,667.66	11
Others	1,369.39	9
Total	14,640.36	100

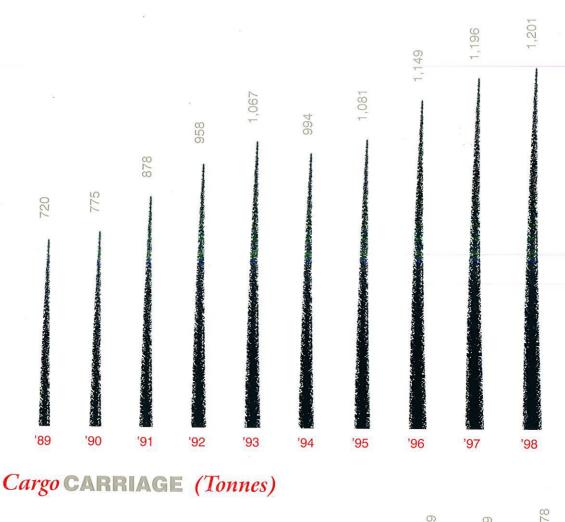
Capacity and traffic growth 1997/98 saw an increase of 1.4% in total capacity production from 746.78 million tonne kilometers to 757.42 million tonne kilometers.

Traffic rose by 4.8% against a 1.4% increase in capacity. This resulted in an increase in the overall load factor by 2.33 percentage points to 72.24%. The number of passengers carried increased marginally to reach 1,201 thousands in 1997/98 compared to 1,196 thousands in the previous year. Cargo carriage increased from 35,039 tonnes to 36,478 tonnes.

Passenger seat factor rose 0.79 percentage points to 73.24%. Seat kilometers offered increased 2.6% to 5,672.66.



Passenger CARRIAGE (Thousands)





Yield/unit cost/break-even load factor Compared to 1996/97 unit yield increased by 5.8% to Rs.29.0 per load tonne kilometer.

Unit cost increased marginally from Rs. 20.3 to Rs. 20.5 per capacity tonne kilometer. Break-even load factor decreased from 74.4% to 70.8%. The gap between break-even load factor and overall load factor is 1.44 percentage points.

Financial position Shareholder's funds increased by Rs. 1,047.57 million to Rs. 3,324.59 million as at 31st March 1998.

The Company's liquid assets rose by Rs. 952.95 million to Rs. 6,285.60 million.

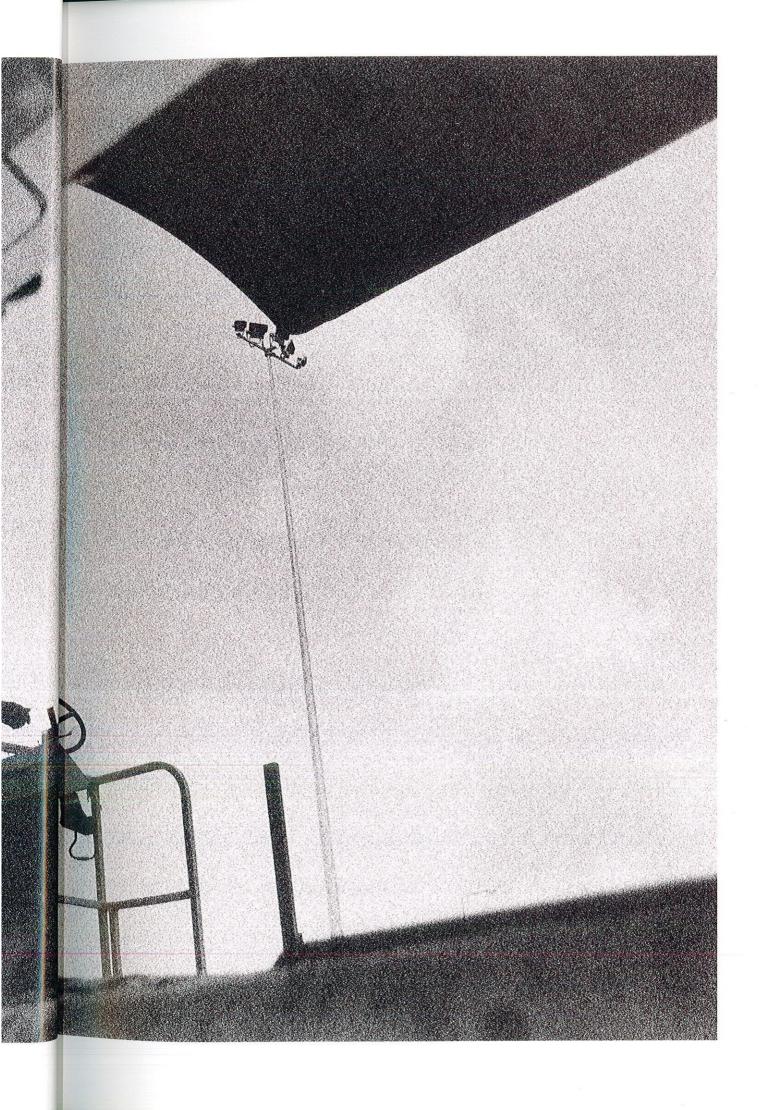
The Group liquid assets as at 31st March 1998 was

Rs. 6,432.42 million, an increase of Rs. 905.95 million from
the previous year.

Total assets of the Company increased by Rs.1,091.91 million or 3.9% to Rs. 29,109.58 million.

The total assets of the Group were Rs. 29,513.74 million as at 31st March 1998, an increase of Rs. 1,112.41 million or 3.9% from 1996/97.





Total assets	%
Aircraft and related equipment	60
Property and other equipment	7
Current assets	33

Cash flow In the year 1998 the Company's net cash generation from operations increased by Rs. 1,324.53 million or 45% to Rs. 4,273.57 million.

Net cash used in investing activities increased to Rs. 1,853.50 million compared with Rs. 77.39 million in the previous year.

Repayment of long term loans and leases amounted to Rs. 1,467.12 million compared to Rs. 2,333.07 million in the previous year.

Operating, investing and financing activities contributed to a net cash inflow of Rs. 952.95 million during the year, resulting in a year end cash balance of Rs. 6,285.60 million as at 31st March 1998. Cash balance as at 31st March 1998 increased by 17.9% from Rs. 5,332.65 million as at 31st March 1997.

The Group cash balance increased by Rs. 905.95 million or 16.4% to Rs. 6,432.42 million as at 31st March 1998.

Human resources The total number of personnel employed by the Company as at 31st March 1998 stood at 4,823 compared to 4,965 as at 31st March 1997.

Functional analysis	No. of staff	%
Flight Deck Crew	132	3
Cabin Crew	453	9
Engineering & Maintenance	1,301	27
Marketing & Sales - Colombo	680	14
Marketing & Sales - Overseas	181	4
Airport Services - Colombo	814	17
Airport Services - Overseas	85	2
Security	306	6
Others	871	18
Total	4,823	100

In the year under review, the Air Lanka Centre for Training which has IATA accreditation, continued to provide in-house training and earn revenue by providing training for external institutions, also expanding services to include several other hoteworthy projects, which are listed overleaf.

Its revenue generation of Rs. 2.5 million in the period under review is testimony to the standards of professionalism it maintains.

In-house training included the areas of airline operations, customer care, computer skills and management programmes. Training for other institutions was in the areas of airline operations and customer care.

Service quality In keeping with the worldwide focus of the 1990s on the concept of Total Quality Management to increase productivity, the Air Lanka Centre for Training enlisted the support of volunteers from a cross section of the Company to disseminate the principles of service quality among staff.

World Standards Day In keeping with its focus on Service

Quality, the Air Lanka Centre for Training celebrated World

Standards Day for the first time, on 14th October 1997.

Exemplary Service Awards In order to encourage and motivate

staff, the Air Lanka Centre for Training initiated an

exemplary service awards scheme where deserving staff
received recognition from management.

Route development During the year under review, Air Lanka continued to operate to 29 destinations in 21 countries as in the previous year.

A fifth weekly frequency was added to London in Summer 1998. An additional frequency each to Delhi and Singapore (which is combined with Kuala Lumpur) was also introduced.

Air Lanka introduced travel facilities between Dubai and

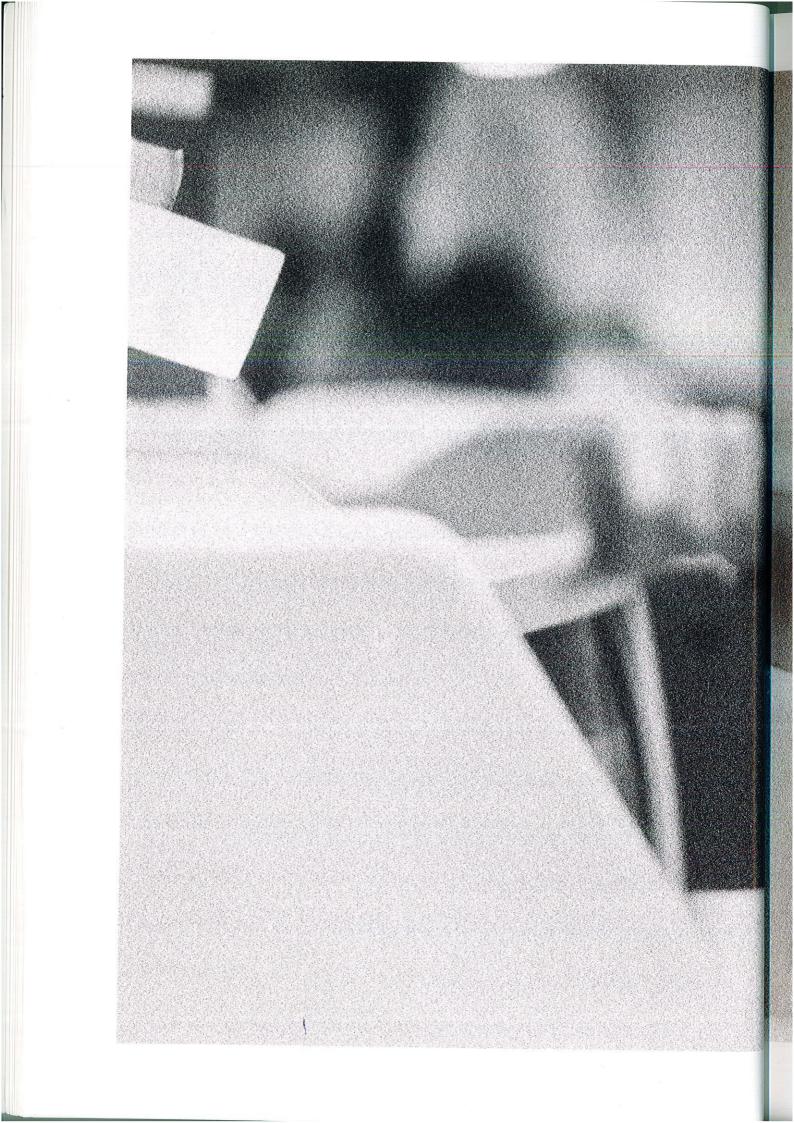
Kuwait in Summer 1998, utilizing its newly acquired traffic rights between these two stations and offering four weekly frequencies on the Colombo/Dubai/Kuwait route.

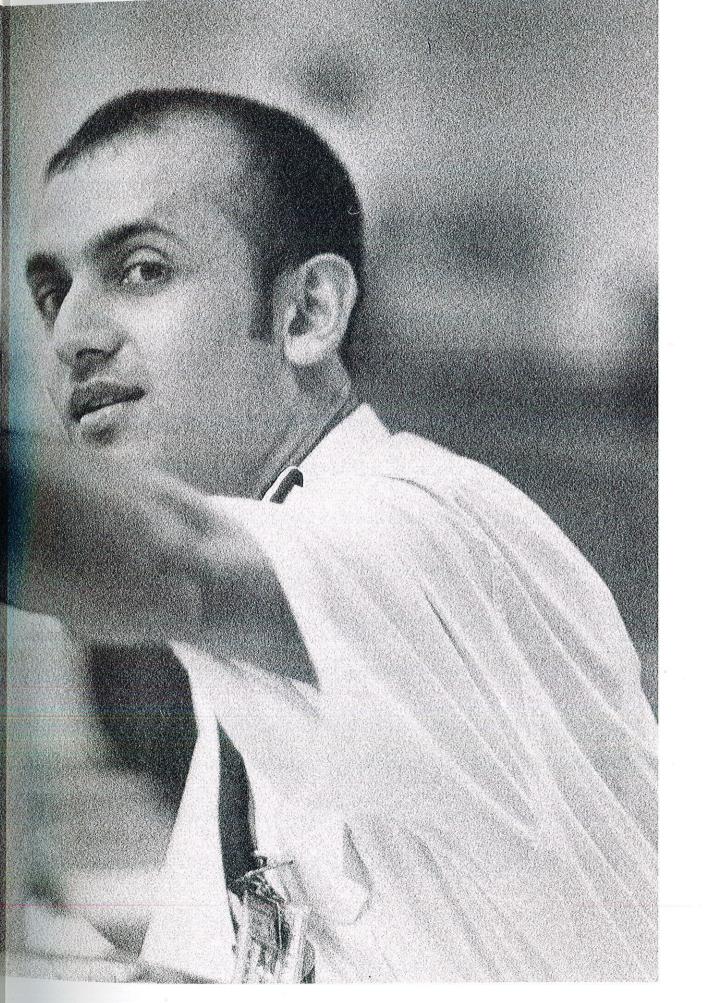
Flight operations In keeping with the high standards of professionalism that Air Lanka demands, much emphasis was placed on initial training/continuation training, during the period under review. Six Second Officers were upgraded to the rank of First Officer, while five First Officers were successful in becoming Captains. Four Cadet

In conjunction with the Office of the Director-General of

Second Officers later this year.

Pilots were recruited in January 1998 to be inducted as





Civil Aviation, Air Lanka finalized plans to conduct the ICAO Flight Operations Officer licensing course in May 1998. This seven month course to be conducted for the seventh time, would be held for 20 students including five staff from Air Lanka.

Ground handling Air Lanka's Ground Handling department provided services to 20 scheduled carriers and 5 scheduled charter carriers in the year under review. Passenger Handling Services were provided to a total of 1,192,910 departing passengers and 1,143,897 arriving passengers at the Bandaranaike International Airport. Of these 51% travelled on Air Lanka.

During the year under review, as part of its programme to consistently upgrade its services, Air Lanka obtained four new passenger buses and placed orders for more ramp equipment such as ambulifts, sky loaders, tractors, passenger steps and joint container pallet loaders (JCPLs).

A closed circuit TV system is now in place in the Baggage
Make-up and Sorting areas of the Passenger Terminal,
while the most sophisticated baggage/cargo scanning

equipment has been installed in the Cargo Terminal of the Bandaranaike International Airport to provide better customer service.

Inflight and duty free services

Cabin crew services Twenty-six trainee stewardesses were inducted as fully fledged cabin crew during the year under review. In keeping with its encouragement of multi-lingual skills to better assist passengers, Air Lanka now deploys cabin crew with French and German language skills on flights to/from Paris and Frankfurt.

Inflight support services The Inflight Support Services section

designed new menus and provided new catering

equipment to upgrade lounge facilities at the Bandaranaike

International Airport, for First and Business Class

passengers.

On Air Lanka's new services between Dubai and Kuwait, a typically Middle Eastern cuisine has been introduced, catering to the special preference of the majority of

passengers on these sectors.

Another major service enhancement was the introduction of

authentic Japanese cuisine, accompanied with sake as well as beer from Japan, on all flights from Colombo to Japan.

Duty free services The new product mix for duty free services for the year under review was launched in May 1997 with the help of a new catalogue and video and included popular existing items as well as attractive new additions sought by customers.

Air Lanka continued to offer three broad types of duty free services: (a) a systemwide range available on all flights other than A320 flights (b) a special range for A320 flights and (c) a special pre-order facility for some products in the systemwide range on services to Japan, which enables passengers to place their orders on the onward flight to Sri Lanka and collect their goods on the return flight to Japan.

The London and Middle Eastern sectors were the highest duty free revenue earners for Air Lanka in the year under review.

Engineering and maintenance In the year under review, the Engineering and Maintenance department continued its drive to increase its share of line maintenance services

offered to scheduled and non-scheduled carriers operating to Colombo. The department also provided training for a batch of engineers from B.E.Services (Singapore).

The major thrust of the Engineering and Maintenance
department was geared towards systematization and
streamlining of procedures to facilitate handling of third
party services in the future.

Marketing services The Maldivian Government which
celebrated 25 years of Sustainable Tourism in the Maldives
in 1997, accorded Air Lanka a singular honour, awarding
the national carrier a Certificate of Recognition for its
innovative holiday package titled 'Air Lanka Holidays Maldives'.

During the year under review, in order to facilitate reconfirmation of travel, an office for this purpose was opened at the Taj Samudra Hotel.

Communications services The Local Area Network (LAN) for Reservations Control and Sales departments is now fully Operational. The network will be expanded to cover the Operation area.

The present tele-type messaging system will be replaced with an improved version of the user friendly SITATEX system using PCs. LAN gateways are proposed to distribute the access level to user departments which will enhance the efficiency of the messaging system.

Intra-building fibre-connectivity which is in place in the Engineering complex is to be extended to the Airport areas to provide a high speed communications backbone to meet future requirements.

International relations During the period under review, there was considerable improvement in the area of bilateral agreements compared with the previous year of 1996/97.

During this period, the aeronautical authorities of Sri

Lanka met their counterparts of Austria, United Kingdom,
the Netherlands, Nepal, Oman and Bulgaria at negotiations.

Out of the above, the most successful for Air Lanka was the
meeting with the British authorities where Air Lanka was
able to obtain a fifth frequency to the United Kingdom.

In January 1998, Air Lanka signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Indian Airlines for the purpose of entering into a codeshare agreement covering Air Lanka's operation of three weekly services on the Colombo/Delhi route.

Information technology In the year under review, two more modules, Fixed Assets and Accounts Payable, were added to the existing financial information system - OLAS. The inhouse developed Accounts Payable system for overseas stations was implemented at our Hong Kong station. More new systems were developed and implemented on PCs and LANs at user departments.

Year 2000 project Air Lanka is taking the Year 2000 problem

very seriously and the new management has focused much
attention to addressing the issue. Having completed a high
level review, a strategy has been put in place for each

system and a new infrastructure is being built to support
the new systems. A Year 2000 Project Manager has been
appointed to be responsible for external business
partnerships, ensuring that critical infrastructure and
services worldwide which Air Lanka rely on, are protected
against the 'Millennium Bug'.





Subsidiary company Air Lanka Catering Services Limited (ALCS), previously a joint venture with Thai Airways, is now wholly owned by Air Lanka consequent to Air Lanka acquiring Thai Airways' share earlier this year. ALCS supplies catering facilities to all Air Lanka flights, as well as to most other carriers operating to Colombo. These number 15 in all. ALCS supplies more than 1.5 million meals annually. This showpiece establishment has gained a superb reputation for high quality catering and has won numerous awards for its excellence and innovativeness of operations. In the year 1997/98, ALCS added to this list the British Airways award for excellence in catering, in recognition of quality and service excellence.

Serving the Nation As the national carrier, Air Lanka continued to demonstrate its commitment to the nation, supporting a wide range of deserving projects on the one hand and helping to promote Sri Lanka on the other.

In particular, Air Lanka contributed much to the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of Independence.

Air Lanka offered complimentary travel to 50 deserving

including students, farmers, dairy farmers, artisans,
disabled members of the security forces and artistes.

Several Golden Jubilee projects of Sri Lankan missions
overseas also received support from the national carrier.

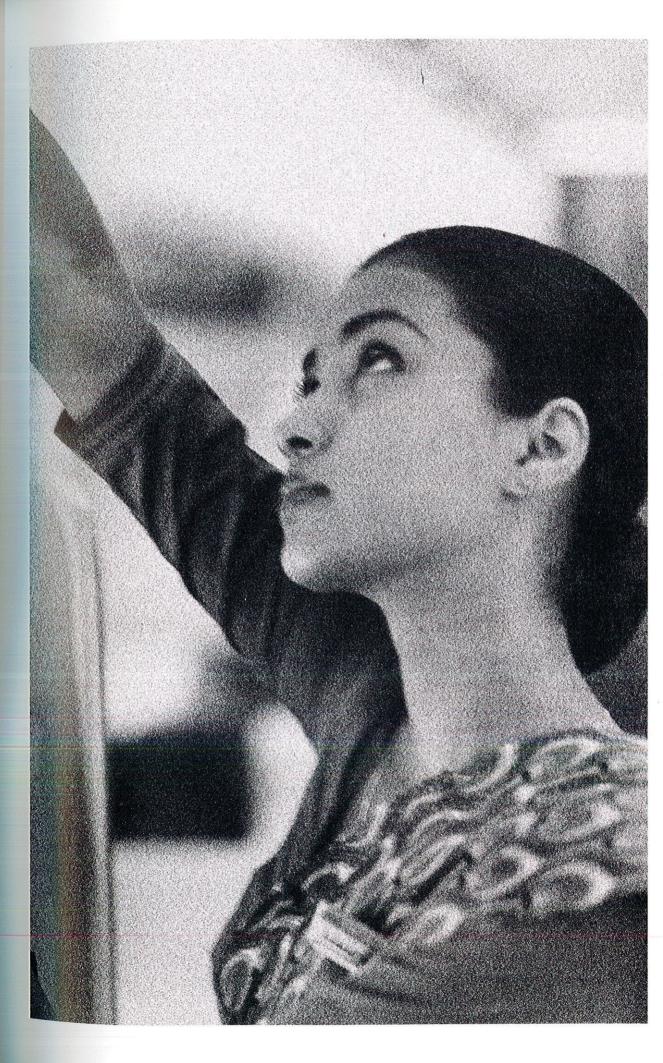
Air Lanka's float at the Independence Day parade on the
4th of February demonstrated the ways in which the airline
assists the socio-economic development of the country,
while a table model of the National Flag was also
distributed to all Air Lanka passengers flying out of
Colombo on this day.

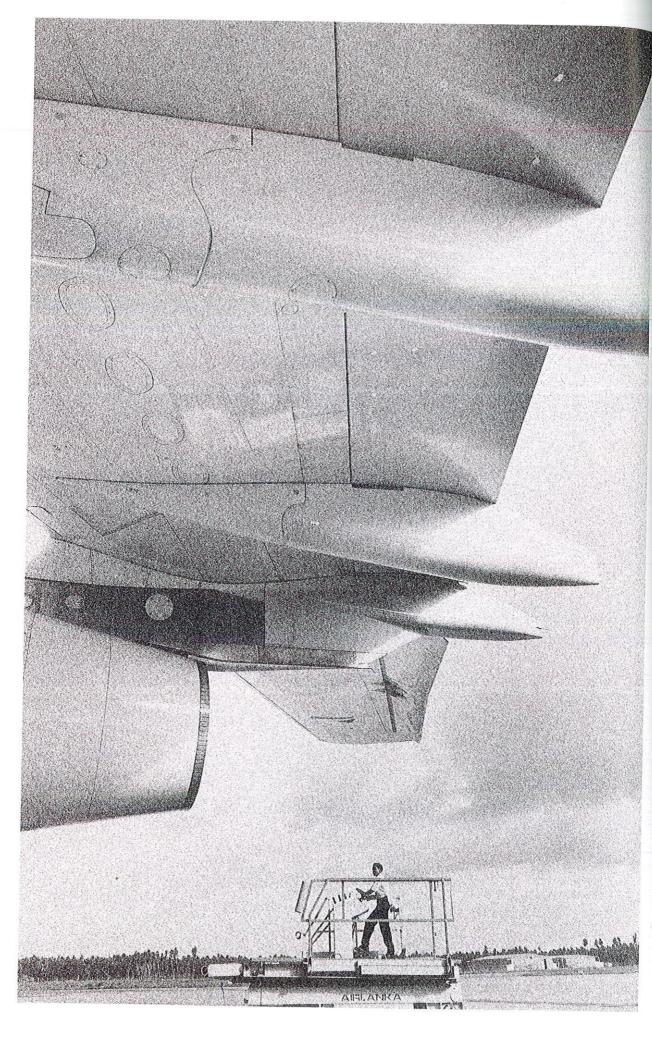
Air Lanka continued to promote Sri Lanka as a tourist destination by providing travel facilities to over 300 travel trade representatives including hoteliers, ground handling agents, Ceylon Tourist Board and aviation officials to attend the major travel trade fairs held worldwide. Over 10,000 kilogrammes of free cargo space too was provided for the carriage of tourism promotion material to overseas destinations.

Over 300 sportsmen and sportswomen representing the

country at international meets were assisted with travel facilities. This included facilities for disabled service personnel to participate in meets for the disabled.

Over 200 Sri Lankan artistes were also provided complimentary air travel to attend a variety of Sri Lankan cultural festivals abroad.





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Directors' Report The Directors have pleasure in submitting their Report and audited Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1998. The Accounts are set out on pages 46 to 73.

Principal Activities Air Lanka's principal activity is the operation of international scheduled and non-scheduled air services for the carriage of passengers, freight and mail, as the designated carrier of Sri Lanka. Providing Air Terminal services at the Bandaranaike International Airport and the sale of duty free goods on-board, constitute other main activities of the Company.

As at 31st March 1998 Air Lanka owned 60% of the issued share capital of its subsidiary Company, Air Lanka Catering Services Limited (ALCS), which is the sole caterer to airlines operating through Bandaranaike International Airport. On 31st May 1998, the Company acquired 40% of the shareholding of ALCS which was held by Thai Airways International Limited. ALCS is now a fully owned subsidiary of Air Lanka Limited.

There was no significant change in the nature of the

activities of the Company during the year.

Directors in office The names of the present Directors of Air

Lanka Limited are listed below:-

Mr. D H S Jayawardena (Chairman)

Mr. K Balapatabendi PC

Mr. D Nilaweera

Mr. W P S Jayawardena

Mr. T C Clark (Managing Director)

Mr. G W Chapman

Mr. D Mannion

Mr. A Gray (alternate to Mr. T C Clark)

Mr. M Flanagan (alternate to Mr. G W Chapman)

Mr. Ghaith Al Ghaith (alternate to Mr. D Mannion)

The Company's Chairman/MD as at 31st March 1997 was

Mr. W T Jayasinghe who resigned from the Board with

effect from 30th June 1997.

Mr. D H S Jayawardena was appointed as the Chairman of

the Company with effect from 15th July 1997, resigned from

the Board of the Company on 30th March 1998 and was

re-appointed on 31st March 1998. The following Directors

on the Board as at 01st April 1997, resigned on the dates indicated below:

Mr. K Balapatabendi PC

30th March 1998

Mr. B C Perera

31st January 1998

Mr. W P S Jayawardena

30th March 1998

Mr. N Jayamanne PC

30th March 1998

The following Directors appointed to the Board on 15th

July 1997 resigned from the Board on 30th March 1998:

Mr. JMS Brito

Mr. H Rajapakse

Mr. S D Saparamadu

Mr. D Nilaweera who was appointed to the Board on 24th March 1998, resigned on 30th March 1998 and was re-appointed on 31st March 1998 together with the following:

Mr. K Balapatabendi PC

Mr. W P S Jayawardena

Mr. T C Clark

Mr. G W Chapman

Mr. D Mannion

The following were appointed alternate Directors with effect from 24th June 1998:

Mr. A Gray (alternate to Mr. T C Clark)

Mr. M Flanagan (alternate to Mr. G W Chapman)

Mr. Ghaith Al Ghaith (alternate to Mr. D Mannion)

Particulars of interests of Directors in contracts and proposed contracts having been declared by the Directors are in notes 23 and 24 to the accounts.

Accounts The consolidated profit for the year ended 31st

March 1998, before interest and other similar charges was

Rs 4,405.89 million. Consolidated net profit for the year,

after interest and similar charges, deferred expenditure,

extraordinary items, taxation and minority interests

amounted to Rs 1,405.22 million.

Reserves There were no material transfers to or from reserves or provisions during the year ended 31st March 1998, other than those stated in the accounts and the notes thereto.

Accounting Policies The principal accounting policies of the Company are set out on pages 48 to 52.

Property, Plant and Equipment Movements of property, plant and equipment are shown in Note 8 to the accounts.

Bank and other borrowings The net bank loans and other borrowings, including obligations under finance leases of the Company are shown under Notes 17 and 18 to the accounts.

Auditors A resolution for the re-appointment of Ernst & Young as the auditors of the Company and determining their remuneration is to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

By order of the Board
Mildred Peries
Company Secretary

21st September 1998
Registered Office:
37 York Street
Colombo 1.

Report of the Auditors

To the members of Air Lanka Limited. We have examined the Balance Sheet of Air Lanka Limited as at 31st March 1998, the Consolidated Balance Sheet of the Company and of its Subsidiary as at that date and the related statements of Profit and Loss and Cash Flows for the year then ended, together with the accounting policies and notes as set out on pages 46 to 73 of this Annual Report.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors The directors are responsible for preparing and presenting these financial statements in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements, based on our audit.

Basis of opinion We conducted our audit in accordance with the Sri Lanka Auditing Standards, which require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the said financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the

said financial statements, assessing the accounting

principles used and significant estimates made by the directors, evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements, and determining whether the said financial statements are prepared and presented in accordance with the Sri Lanka Accounting Standards. We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for purposes of our audit. We therefore believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Opinion In our opinion, so far as it appears from our examination, the Company maintained proper books of account for the year ended 31st March 1998 and proper returns adequate for the purpose of our audit have been received from Stations not visited by us, and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the said Balance Sheet and related statements of Profit and Loss and Cash Flows and accounting policies and notes thereto, which are in agreement with the said books and have been prepared and presented in accordance with the Sri Lanka Accounting Standards, provide the information

required by the Companies Act, No. 17 of 1982 and give a true
and fair view of the Company's state of affairs as at 31st March
1998 and its profit and cash flow for the year then ended.

In our opinion, the Consolidated Balance Sheet, Statements of Profit and Loss and Cash flow and the accounting policies and notes thereto have been properly prepared and presented in accordance with the Companies Act No. 17 of 1982 and the Sri Lanka Accounting Standards, and give a true and fair view of the state of affairs as at 31st March 1998 and profit and cash flows for the year then ended of the Company and its subsidiary dealt with thereby, so far as concerns the members of the Company.

Directors' interests in contracts with the company According to the information made available to us, the directors of the Company were not directly or indirectly interested in contracts with the Company during the year ended 31st March 1998, except as stated in Note 23 to these financial statements.

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Ernst & Young Chartered Accountants Colombo 21st September 1998.

Profit & Loss Account for the year ended 31st March

		GROUP		COMPANY	
	Note	1998 Rs. M	1997 Rs. M	1998 Rs. M	1997 Rs. M
REVENUE	1	18,019.33	16,005.27	17,608.29	15,619.30
OPERATING PROFIT	2	3,203.40	1,731.04	2,967.93	1,498.22
Other income	3	1,202.49	989.62	1,487.50	1,044.50
Interest and similar charges	4	4,405.89 (2,680.76)	2,720.66 (2,872.03)	4,455.43 (2,680.76)	2,542.72 (2,872.03)
Deferred expenditure written off	5	1,725.13 (114.32)	(151.37) (110.40)	1,774.67 (114.32)	(329.31) (110.40)
Profit / (Loss) before taxation		1,610.81	(261.77)	1,660.35	(439.71)
Taxation	6	(97.24)	(24.49)	(18.76)	(8.01)
Profit / (Loss) after taxation		1,513.57	(286.26)	1,641.59	(447.72)
Minority interest		(108.35)	(104.87)		194 3
PROFIT/# 000 TOT THE					
PROFIT/ (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR		1,405.22	(391.13)	1,641.59	(447.72)
PROFIT/(LOSS) BROUGHT FORWARD .	-	(2,692.87)	(2,301.74)	(2,962.36)	(2,514.64)
PROFIT/(LOSS) AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION APPROPRIATIONS		(1,287.65)	(2,692.87)	(1,320.77)	(2,962.36)
Dividends					
- Interim dividend paid - Final dividend proposed	_	(617.60) (85.01)		(617.60) (85.01)	
UNAPPROPRIATED PROFIT/(LOSS) CARRIED FORWARD	12 =	(1,990.26)	(2,692.87)	(2,023.38)	(2,962.36)

Balance Sheet as at 31st March

			GROUP	(COMPANY	
	Note	1998 Rs. M	1997 Rs. M	1998 Rs. M	1997	
Property, Plant and Equipment	8	19,608.13	19,296.98	19,542.49	Rs. M	
Work in progress				10,042.43	19,217.72	
			0.47	•	-	
Investment in subsidiary	9	-	% =	30.40	30.40	
Net current assets/(liabilities)	10	642.59	429.48	312.32	(87.12)	
		20,250.72	19,726.93	19,885.21	19,161.00	
FINANCED BY:						
Issued share capital	11	5,146.35	5,146.35	5,146.35	5,146.35	
Profit and loss account	12	(1,990.26)	(2,692.87)	(2,023.38)	(2,962.36)	
Capital reserve	13	297.16	297.16	267.56	267.56	
Revenue reserve	14	0.63	0.63		Ü., _	
Other reserves	15				-	
		3,453.88	2,751.27	3,390.53	2,451.55	
Less: Deferred items	16	(65.94)	(174.53)	(65.94)	(174.53)	
Shareholder's funds		3,387.94	2,576.74	3,324.59	2,277.02	
Minority Interests		227.99	210.65		1.	
Long term loans	17	900.32	964.65	900.32	964.65	
Obligations under finance leases	18	15,359.11	15,654.69	15,359.11	15,654.69	
Deferred Liabilities	19	375.36	320.20	301.19	264.64	
		20,250.72	19,726.93	19,885.21	19,161.00	
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For and on behalf of the Board

D. Nilaweera Director

Colombo, 21st September 1998.

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T.C. Clark Managing Director

Colombo, 21st September 1998.

The accounting policies and notes on pages 48 to 73 form part of these accounts.

Accounting Policies

a) Accounting Convention

- (i)The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with accepted accounting principles and the Accounting Standards laid down by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka. No adjustments have been made for the effects of inflation other than for revaluation and restatement of certain assets as stated below.
- (ii) Certain comparative amounts have been reclassified to conform to current year's presentation.
- b) Consolidation The Consolidated Financial Statements include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiary, Air Lanka Catering Services Limited.

The Company and its subsidiary have a common financial year which ends on 31st March.

The consolidated Profit and Loss Account includes the total profits and losses of the Company and of its subsidiary, Air Lanka Catering Services Limited. The proportion of the profit or loss applicable to outside shareholders is shown under the heading "Minority Interest". All assets and liabilities of the Company and of its subsidiary, Air Lanka Catering Services Limited are included in the consolidated balance sheet. The interests of the outside shareholders are shown in the consolidated balance sheet under the heading "Minority interest".

The consolidated profit and loss account does not include unrealised profits from inter-company transactions involving inventory and turnover from intra-group transactions.

c) Property, Plant and Equipment Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost of acquisition or construction except for certain properties which are included at valuation or are restated.

Major overhauls and modifications which result in an increase in the

earning capacity or the useful life of assets are capitalised.

Cost of property, plant and equipment which have been financed by foreign currency loans/leases were restated in 1987/88 and in 1988/89 at year-end exchange rates. These are carried at their restated value as at 31st March 1989.

- I. Fleet Aircraft and aircraft engines owned by the Company prior to 31st March 1989 are stated in the accounts at their restated value as at 31st March 1989. Subsequent additions are reflected at cost.
- 2. Property and Equipment Property owned by the Company and situated at No. 12 Sir Baron Jayatilaka Mawatha, Colombo 1, was valued by Mr. D S A Senaratne, Chartered Valuer on 25th December 1988 and the Air Lanka Administration and Training Building situated at Katunayake was valued by Mr. S Fernando, Chartered Valuer, on 20th January 1989. These properties are included in the accounts on the basis of that valuation. All other property and equipment have been included in these accounts at cost.
- 3. Aircraft Rotable Spares Aircraft rotable spares, which are treated as tangible fixed assets are recorded in the balance sheet at cost.
- 4. Leased Assets Where assets are financed by lease arrangements under which all the risks and rewards of ownership are substantially transferred to the lessee, such assets are treated as fixed assets purchased outright at the values equivalent to the principal values of total rental payable during the periods of the leases and the corresponding lease commitments are included under liabilities. Amounts payable under operating lease agreements are charged to the Profit and Loss Account as they arise.
- d) Depreciation Depreciation is provided on all property, plant and equipment (freehold and leasehold) other than freehold land at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less residual value if any, over their estimated useful lives, on a straight-line basis.

All assets, with the exception of Buildings, Fixtures and Fittings,
Engineering Tools and Aircraft Rotable Spares, are depreciated from
the date of their purchase. Buildings, Fixtures and Fittings,
Engineering Tools and Aircraft Rotable Spares are depreciated
commencing from the financial year immediately following the year
of purchase.

New aircraft and spare engines - over 16 years after making a 10 percent allowance for residual value.

Used aircraft and spare engines - over the estimated remaining useful life which currently ranges from 4 to 8 years.

Buildings - over the expected useful life subject to a maximum of 20 years.

- over periods ranging from 3 to

10 years according to the type
of equipment.

Aircraft rotable spares - over 8 years.

e) Subsidiary company A subsidiary company is an enterprise in which the Company has a controlling interest and in which the company has more than 50 percent investment in equity.

The Profit and Loss Account of the Company includes the dividends declared and paid by the subsidiary company.

The investment in the subsidiary company is stated at cost.

f) Stocks and consumables Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for any obsolete or slow moving items.

Aircraft consumable spares and ground support equipment consumable spares are valued on the basis of weighted average cost.

Other consumable stocks are valued on a first-in-first-out basis.

g) Conversion of foreign currencies

- (i) Foreign currency transactions are converted into Sri Lankan Rupees at the rates of exchange prescribed by the International Air Transport Association where applicable, and at exchange rates ruling on transaction dates in all other cases.
- (ii) Gains and losses arising from the translation of long-term foreign currency borrowings as at balance sheet date are dealt with in the Profit and Loss account as currency losses.
- (iii) All monetary assets and other liabilities denominated in foreign currencies as at balance sheet date are translated at the exchange rates ruling as at 31st March 1998. Gains and losses arising from the translation are dealt with in the Profit and Loss Account as exchange differences.
- h) Debtors Debtors are stated at the amounts they are estimated to realise. Provision has been made in the accounts for bad and doubtful debts.
- i) Liabilities and provisions All known liabilities as at the balance sheet date have been provided for in the financial statements.

 All employees based in Sri Lanka are covered under the Employees Provident Fund and Employees Trust Fund. All employees based in Sri Lanka with 5 or more years service with the Company are entitled to the payment of gratuity, under the Payment of Gratuity Act No 12 of 1983.

Overseas based employees are covered under social security schemes applicable in their home country.

Airframe and aircraft engine overhaul cost is provided for in these accounts on the basis of actual hours flown, at an estimated cost per flying hour established at the commencement of the financial year.

j) Airline revenue recognition Passenger and cargo sales are initially recorded as a liability in the sales in advance of carriage account and subsequently recognised as air transport revenue when the service is utilised through carriage by the Company.

Passenger and cargo sales made by the Company and utilised on the services of other airlines are billed by them and offset against sales in advance of carriage when paid.

Actual revenue adjustments are dealt with in the Profit and Loss Account.

- k) Deferred expenditure Computer systems development, crew conversion and aircraft structural modification costs are deferred and amortised over periods ranging from three to five years.
- I) Borrowing costs Borrowing costs amounting to Rs.588.5 million incurred on long-term loans obtained to meet pre-delivery payments in respect of new aircraft have been capitalised during financial years of 1992/93 to 1994/95 as part of the cost of such aircraft. Exchange losses which are regarded as an adjustment to borrowing costs, amounting to Rs.258.66 million on long-term loans obtained to meet pre-delivery payments in respect of new aircraft have been capitalised during financial years of 1992/93 to 1994/95 as part of the cost of such aircraft, as permitted by Sri Lanka Accounting Standard No. 20.
- m) Income from investments Dividend income and interest income are accounted for on a cash basis.
- n) Post balance sheet events All material events occurring after the Balance Sheet date are considered and where necessary adjustments made in these financial statements.
- o) Frequent flyer programme Air Lanka operates three principal frequent flyer programmes. They are Serendib Club, Serendib Premium and Air Lanka Plus Programme. The obligation to provide travel rewards to members of the frequent flyer programme is progressively accrued as a current liability as points are accumulated. This accrual is based on the incremental direct cost of ultimately providing the travel rewards. As members redeem awards or their entitlements expire, the accrual is reduced accordingly to reflect the acquittal of the outstanding obligation.

1. Revenue

	G	c	COMPANY	
	1998 Rs. M	1997 Rs. M	1998 Rs. M	1997 Rs. M
Airline operations Note 1 (a) Ground handling Duty free sales Flight catering	16,034.17 1,421.63 137.88 425.65	14,392.53 1,081.58 130.27 400.89	16,048.78 1,421.63 137.88	14,407.45 1,081.58 130.27
	18,019.33	16,005.27	17,608.29	15,619.30

1(a) Revenue from airline operations comprises:

	СО	COMPANY		
	1998			
	Rs. M	Rs. M		
Scheduled services:				
Passenger	13,298.95	11,899.32		
Excess baggage	318.39	258.22		
Cargo	2,178.41	2,022.01		
Mail	48.69	74.35		
	15,844.44	14,253.90		
Non-scheduled services:	204.34	153.55		
	16,048.78	14,407.45		

2. Operating profit /(loss)

		GROUP	C	OMPANY
	1998	1997	1998	1997
	Rs. M	Rs. M	Rs. M	Rs. M
Airline operations	1,807.10	666.93	1,807.10	666.93
Ground handling	1,096.04	785.56	1,096.04	785.56
Duty free sales	64.79	45.73	64.79	45.73
Flight catering	235.47	232.82	1-2	-
	3,203.40	1,731.04	2,967.93	1,498.22
	(GROUP	C	OMPANY
	1998	1997	1998	1997
Operating profit has been arrived at after charging:	Rs. M	Rs. M	Rs. M	Rs. M
Depreciation on owned Property, Plant & Equipment Depreciation on leased Property, Plant	816.79	740.60	792.80	718.32
& Equipment	1,061.52	1,061.52	1,061.52	1,061.52
	1,878.31	1,802.12	1,854.32	1,779.84
Auditor's remuneration	1.18	1.12	0.85	0.00
Director's emoluments	9.45	9.90	0.54	0.82 1.26
Bad and doubtful debts	28.02	-	28.02	1.20
Loss on disposal of Property, Plant			-0.02	-
and Equipment	4.25	8.31	5.15	9.87
Provision for slow moving stocks	455.56	85.27	455.56	85.27
Durayant to the desiring the				

Pursuant to the decision taken by the Company to retire the Lockheed Tristar fleet beginning in the fourth quarter of 1999, an additional provision of Rs. 450.18 million has been made in these accounts in order to reduce the L1011 Tristar aircraft non-rotable spares stock to its net realisable value.

3 Other income

	GROUP		COMPANY	
	1998	1997	1998	1997
	Rs. M	Rs. M	Rs. M	Rs. M
Exchange differences	513.81	478.81	480.78	453.18
Interest	429.71	281.65	412.71	263.38
Dividend from subsidiary Company Other items	-	-	336.27	99.83
Other items	258.97	229.16	257.74	228.11
	1,202.49	989.62	1,487.50	1,044.50

4. Interest & similar charges

		GROUP	COMPANY		
Interest charges :	1998 Rs. M	1997 Rs. M	1998 Rs. M	1997 Rs. M	
On bank and other loans On lease finances	(102.84) (1,402.21)	(184.43) (1,350.10)	(102.84) (1,402.21)	(184.43) (1,350.10)	
	(1,505.05)	(1,534.53)	(1,505.05)	(1,534.53)	
Currency losses: On bank and other loans On lease finances On lease finances due to change in Accounting Policy 1996/97	(68.85) (1,106.86) -	(139.55) (300.72) (897.23)	(68.85) (1,106.86)	(139.55) (300.72) (897.23)	
	(1,175.71)	(1,337.50)	(1,175.71)	(1,337.50)	
	(2,680.76)	(2,872.03)	(2,680.76)	(2,872.03)	

5. Deferred expenditure written off

	GI	GROUP		
	1998 Rs. M	1997 Rs. M	1998 Rs. M	OMPANY 1997 Rs. M
Crew training and conversion Computer systems development Aircraft structural modifications	(2.13) (18.16) (94.03)	(3.02) (13.11) (94.27)	(2.13) (18.16) (94.03)	(3.02) (13.11) (94.27)
	(114.32)	(110.40)	(114.32)	(110.40)

6. Taxation

	GROUP		COMPANY	
	1998 Rs. M	1997 Rs. M	1998 Rs. M	1997 Rs. M
Taxes on income for the year	18.68	16.48	_	_
Taxes on interest income on deposits - pending appeal	12.51	5.34	12.51	5.34
Penalty on taxes - pending appeal	6.25	2.67	6.25	2.67
Withholding Tax on Air Lanka Catering Services Dividends	59.80	=		- 3
	97.24	24.49	18.76	8.01

7. Prior year adjustments

	1998	1997	1998	1997
	Rs. M	Rs. M	Rs. M	Rs. M
Accumulated exchange losses	-	(1,549.06)		(1 540 00)
Transfer from Revenue Adjustment		632.23	-	(1,549.06)
Net income received in respect of Duty	50	032.23	-	632.23
Free Merchandising Support Fund		35.34		35.34
	•	(881.49)		(881.49)

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COMPANY

8. Property, Plant & Equipment - Group

Aircraft and Related equipment

	Own Rs. M	Leased Rs. M	Property Rs. M	Equipment Rs. M	Projects Rs. M	Total Rs. M
Cost	0.100.00					1101111
At 01st April 1997	8,465.28	18,871.39	775.21	1,977.45	5.95	30,095.28
Additions	411.91	2	-	142.76	1,661.10	2,215.77
Disposals	(14.23)	8	1=1	(28.57)	-	(42.80)
Adjustments & transfers	(13.02)	-		(0.11)	(6.41)	(19.54)
At 31st March 1998	8,849.94	18,871.39	775.21	2.001.50	4 000 04	
(IV)	=======================================	10,071.00	113.21	2,091.53	1,660.64	32,248.71
Depreciation						
At 01st April 1997	5,765.43	2,879.98	469.01	1,683.88	1	10,798.30
Charge for the year	606.14	1,061.52	40.46	170.19		1,878.31
Disposals	(7.37)	-	<u>=</u>	(28.35)	-	(35.72)
Adjustments & transfers	-	¥1	· ·	(0.31)	-	(0.31)
			-		-	
At 31st March 1998	6,364.20	3,941.50	509.47	1,825.41		12,640.58
Net book value						
At 31st March 1998	2,485.74	14,929.89	265.74	266.12	1,660.64	19,608.13
				200.12	1,000.04	19,000.13
At 01st April 1997	2,699.85	15,991.41	306.20	293.57	5.95	19,296.98
Will continue						

The amounts reflected under property includes land at a valuation of Rs. 31.25 million as referred to in Accounting policy (C) 2.

Pursuant to the decision taken by the Company to retire the Lockheed Tristar fleet beginning in the fourth quarter of 1999, an additional depreciation charge amounting to Rs. 78.63 million was charged to the Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st March 1998, in order to write down the net book value of L1011 Tristar aircraft and related equipment to its expected net realisable value as at 31st March 1999.

8(a) Property, Plant & Equipment - Company

		raft and				
Cont	Own Rs. M	equipment Leased Rs. M	Property Rs. M	Equipment Rs. M	Projects Rs. M	Total Rs. M
Cost At 01st April 1997 Additions Disposals Adjustments & transfers At 31st March 1998	8,465.28 411.91 (14.23) (13.02) 8,849.94	18,871.39 - - - - 18,871.39	677.70	1,679.54 132.27 (26.22) (0.11)	5.95 1,661.10 (6.41)	29,699.86 2,205.28 (40.45) (19.54)
Depreciation At 01st April 1997 Charge for the year Disposals Adjustments & transfer	5,765.43 606.14 (7.37)	2,879.98 1,061.52 -	402.45 36.26	1,434.28 150.40 (26.12) (0.31)	-	10,482.14 1,854.32 (33.49) (0.31)
At 31st March 1998	6,364.20	3,941.50	438.71	1,558.25	_	12,302.66
Net book value At 31st March 1998	2,485.74	14,929.89	238.99	227.23	1,660.64	19,542.49
At 01st April 1997	2,699.85	15,991.41	275.25	245.26	5.95	19,217.72

The amounts reflected under property includes land at a valuation of Rs.31.25 million as referred to in Accounting policy (C) 2.

Pursuant to the decision taken by the Company to retire the Lockheed Tristar fleet beginning in the fourth quarter of 1999, an additional depreciation charge amounting to Rs. 78.63 million was charged to the Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st March 1998, in order to write down the net book value of L1011 Tristar aircraft and related equipment to its expected net realisable value as at 31st March 1999.

9. Investment in subsidiary Company

	со	MPANY
	1998 Rs. M	1997 Rs. M
Investment in Air Lanka Catering Services Ltd. At 01st April (600,000 shares of Rs. 100 each)	30.40	30.40
At 31st March (600,000 shares of Rs. 100 each)	30.40	30.40

A bonus issue of 9:16 was made by Air Lanka Catering Services Limited (ALCS) during the year 1995/96. As a consequence, the Company received 216,000 shares of Rs. 100 each, based on its holding of 60% of the issued share capital of ALCS.

The Company's shareholding in ALCS as at 31st March 1998 is included in these accounts at cost. The difference between cost of shareholding and its nominal value is recognised in the Consolidated Capital Reserve - (See note 13).

10. Net current assets / (liabilities)

	GROUP			COMPANY	
	1998	1997	1998	1997	
	Rs. M	Rs. M	Rs. M	Rs. M	
Current assets :					
Stocks	1,078.77	1,458.40	1,048.25	1,415.11	
Debtors - trade	1,453.88	1,405.89	1,381.85	1,324.13	
Debtors - other	194.23	256.52	194.23	256.52	
Debtors - staff	12.24	12.41	8.83	8.60	
Advances and deposits	384.59	212.82	278.41	201.53	
Cash and bank balances	6,781.90	5,757.84	6,625.12	5,563.66	
Total current assets	9,905.61	9,103.88	9,536.69	8,769.55	
Current liabilities:					
Bank overdraft	349.48	231.37	339.52	231.01	
Bank and other loans	130.92	262.21	130.92	262.21	
Finance leases	1,376.32	1,176.53	1,376.32	1,176.53	
_	1,856.72	1,670.11	1,846.76	1,669.75	
Trade creditors	2,316.39	2,983.72	2,321.95	2,956.18	
Provision for airframe and aircraft					
engine overhaul	1,916.34	1,811.83	1,916.34	1,811.83	
Amounts due to subsidiary company	-	-	217.76	242.32	
Income tax payable	194.18	175.42	194.18	175.42	
Dividends payable	85.01	~	85.01	- 7	
Other creditors and provisions	430.26	179.29	178.25	147.14	
Sales in advance of carriage	2,464.12	1,854.03	2,464.12	1,854.03	
Total current liabilities	9,263.02	8,674.40	9,224.37	8,856.67	
Net current assets / (liabilities)	642.59	429.48	312.32	(87.12)	

Balance shown under sales in advance of carriage represents approximately 8.1 weeks of average sales (6.8 in1996/97). Management is committed to the introduction of an automated ticket matching system in order to ascertain, on a coupon by coupon basis, the precise value of unredeemed passenger and cargo revenue. This is expected to result in a future write-back to income in respect of unredeemed revenue.

The balances shown under Debtors (trade, other and staff) are net of provisions for bad and doubtful debts amounting to Rs.186.22 million (Rs.148.53 million in1996/97).

A provision of Rs.551.21million has been made with respect to slow moving stocks (Rs.95.64 million in 1996/97). Please refer Notes 2 and 27.

During the year 1997/98 the period of carrying accruals was reduced from 3 years to 2 years. This has resulted in an additional reversal of accruals amounting to Rs. 293.5 million.

11. Share capital

		OMPANY
Authorised	1998 Rs. M	1997 Rs. M
Shares of Rs.100 each (150,000,000 Shares)	15,000.00	15,000.00
Issued and fully paid		
Ordinary Shares of Rs.100 each At 01st April (42,713,463 Shares)		
Preference Shares reconverted (8,750,000 Shares)	4,271.35 875.00	4,271.35
At 31st March (51,463,463 Shares)	5,146.35	4,271.35
Cumulative Preference Shares of Rs.100 each (Coupon rate not specified) At 01st April (8,750,000 Shares) Reconverted to Ordinary Shares (8,750,000 Shares)	875.00 (875.00)	875.00
At 31st March	-	875.00
At 31st March	5,146.35	5,146.35

Reconversion of shares took place at an extraordinary meeting held on 30th March 1998.

Emirates, the international airline of the United Arab Emirates entered into an agreement with the Government of Sri Lanka to acquire 40% of the Issued Share Capital of the Company together with Management Control of the Company for a period of ten years from 31st March 1998.

13,380,500 Ordinary Shares comprising of 26% of the Issued Share Capital was paid for and taken up on 31st March 1998, being the first tranche of the total investment by the Emirates Airline.

The Government of Sri Lanka intends to gift 4,631,712 Ordinary Shares held by the Secretary to the Treasury, to the employees of Air Lanka Limited and Air Lanka Catering Services Limited in accordance with the Government's policy on divestiture of Public Enterprises.

12. Profit and loss account

	GROUP			COMPANY	
	1998	1997	1998	1997	
	Rs. M	Rs. M	Rs. M	Rs. M	
Profit / (loss) for the year Profit and loss account at 01st April	1,405.22	(391.13)	1,641.59	(447.72)	
As previously reported	(2,692.87)	(1,420.25)	(2,962.36)	(1,633.15)	
Prior year adjustment [see note 7]	-	(881.49)	-	(881.49)	
As restated	(2,692.87)	(2,301.74)	(2,962.36)	(2,514.64)	
Interim dividend paid	(617.60)		(617.60)		
Final dividend proposed	(85.01)	-	(85.01)		
Profit and loss account at 31st March	(1,990.26)	(2,692.87)	(2,023.38)	(2,962.36)	

13. Capital reserve

	GROUP		COMPANY	
	1998	1997	1998	1997
	Rs. M	Rs. M	Rs. M	Rs. M
At 01st April	297.16	297.16	267.56	267.56
Additions		-	-	-
At 31st March	297.16	297.16	267.56	267.56

Capital reserve represents;

The Group:

- a) The difference between the book value and the restated value of fleet and property Rs. 267.56 million. (See Accounting Policies (C)1and (C)2).
- b) Reserve on Consolidation Rs. 8.00 million (See Note 9).
- c) Bonus Issue Rs.21.6 million (See Note 9).

The Company:

a) The difference between the book value and the restated value of fleet and property - Rs. 267.56 million. (See Accounting Policies (C)1and (C)2).

14. Revenue reserve

	GROUP		COMPANY	
	1998 Rs. M	1997 Rs. M	1998 Rs. M	1997 Rs. M
At 01st April Additions/transfers during the year	0.63	0.63		-
At 31st March	0.63	0.63		

15. Other reserves

	GROUP		COMPANY	
	1998	1997	1998	1997
At Od at Asset	Rs. M	Rs. M	Rs. M	Rs. M
At 01st April	•	35.34	-	35.34
Additions during the year		17.22	-	17.22
Charge for the year	M 0	(17.22)	-	(17.22)
Prior year adjustment [see note 7]		(35.34)	-	(35.34)
At 31st March			-	-

Other reserves represent merchandising support contributions from vendors of duty-free products sold on board.

16. Deferred items	GF	ROUP	CON	//PANY
10. Dejerrea tients	1998	1997	1998	1997
	Rs. M	Rs. M	Rs. M	Rs. M
Exchange equalisation (Note a)		<u>~</u>	-	-
Deferred expenditure (Note b)	65.94	174.53	65.94	174.53
	65.94	174.53	65.94	174.53

COMPANY

Rs. M

1997

Rs. M

1,549.06

1,197.95

(300.72)

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1997

Rs. M

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(1,549.06)

(a) Exchange equalisation GROUP 1998 Rs. M At 01st April 1,549.06

Exchange loss on translation of foreign currency borrowings Charge for the year (see note 4) Charge due to change in Accounting Policy 1996/97 (see note 4)

Prior year adjustment (see note 7)

At 31st March

(b) Deferred expenditure

	GROUP		COMPANY	
	1998	1997	1998	1997
	Rs. M	Rs. M	Rs. M	Rs. M
At 01st April	174.53	280.05	174.53	280.05
Additions during the year	5.73	4.88	5.73	4.88
Charge for the year	(114.32)	(110.40)	(114.32)	(110.40)
At 31st March	65.94	174.53	65.94	174.53

17. Long-term loans

The Company has loan obligations to banks and other institutions which are denominated in US Dollar.

	USD M	GROUP Rs. M	USD M	COMPANY Rs. M
At 01st April 1997 Additions during the year Repayments during the year Restatements	21.07 - (4.50)	1,226.86 - (264.47) 68.85	21.07 - (4.50) -	1,226.86 - (264.47) 68.85
At 31st March 1998	16.57	1,031.24	16.57	1,031.24

The future payments under these loans are as follows:

		1998		1007
Bank loans noveble	USD M	Rs. M	USD M	1997 Rs. M
Bank loans payable Within one year				110. 1
Between:	1.5		=	- 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1
- One and two years				
- two and three years	*	-	-	-
- three and four years	· ·		-	
- four and five years		•	(=	-
- after five years		•	-	7
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Other loans payable	-		_	ioma.
Within one year	2.10	130.92		
Between:	2.10	130.92	4.51	262.21
- One and two years	2.10	130.92	2.10	100.47
- two and three years	2.10	130.92	2.10	122.47 122.46
- three and four years	2.10 `	130.92	2.10	122.46
- four and five years	2.11	130.91	2.10	122.46
- after five years	6.06	376.65	8.17	474.80
	16.57	1,031.24	21.08	1,226.86
Total long term loans Amount due within one year included	16.57	1,031.24	21.08	1,226.86
under current liabilities	(2.10)	(130.92)	(4.51)	(262.21)
	14.47	900.32	16.57	964.65

Loans are repayable on various dates upto the year 2007 at varying interest rates which ranged from 6.731 percent to 9.114 percent per annum during the year. The outstanding balance of USD 16.57 million (Rs.1,031.48 million) is guaranteed by the Government of Sri Lanka. Conversion rate - 1 US Dollar = Rs. 62.2500 (Rs. 58.2300 in 1996/97)

18. Obligations under finance leases

The Company has commitments under finance lease agreements expiring from 2004 to 2007 in respect of Airbus A320 and A340 Aircraft.

	GROUP		CC	OMPANY
	USD M	Rs. M	USD M	Rs. M
At 01st April 1997	289.05	16,831.22	289.05	16,831.22
Additions during the year			-	-
Repayments during the year	(20.21)	(1,202.65)	(20.21)	(1,202.65)
Restatements	14	1,106.86		1,106.86
At 31st March 1998	268.84	16,735.43	268.84	16,735.43

The future payments under these finance leases, which are US Dollar denominated are as follows.

	1998		1997	
	USD M	Rs. M	USD M	Rs. M
Within one year	22.11	1,376.32	20.20	1,176.53
Between:				
- One and two years	24.19	1,505.83	22.11	1,287.44
- two and three years	26.48	1,648.13	24.19	1,408.59
- three and four years	28.97	1,803.41	26.48	1,541.70
- four and five years	31.70	1,973.42	28.97	1,686.94
- after five years	135.39	8,428.32	167.10	9,730.02
	268.84	16,735.43	289.05	16,831.22
Amount due within one year included under current liabilities	(22.11)	(1,376.32)	(20.20)	(1,176.53)
	246.73	15,359.11	268.85	15,654.69

The future payments of interest charges relating to these finance leases are as follows.

	USD M	Rs. M
Within one year	20.29	1,262.87
Between: - One and two years	18.57	1,156.23
- two and three years	16.65	1,036.58
- three and four years	14.55	905.53
- four and five years	12.24	761.79
- after five years	22.23	1,383.69
	104.53	6,506.69

The Government of Sri Lanka has guaranteed the obligations of the Company under the finance lease agreements up to a limit of US Dollars 87.53 million (Rs. 5,448.74 million). Conversion rate - 1 US Dollar = Rs. 62.2500 (Rs. 58.2300 in 1996/97). The interest applicable to the finance leases ranged from 6.731 percent to 9.114 percent per annum.

19. Deferred liabilities

	GROUP		COMPANY	
	1998	1997	1998	1997
	Rs. M	Rs. M	Rs. M	Rs. M
At 01st April Payments during the year Charge for the year	320.20	239.22	264.64	191.12
	(12.63)	(12.07)	(11.22)	(10.01)
	67.79	93.05	47.77	83.53
At 31st March	375.36	320.20	301.19	264.64

Deferred liabilities represent provision for gratuity payable to qualified employees based in Sri Lanka and at Overseas Stations. (See Accounting policy i)

20. Commitments

GROUP	COMPANY
1998	1998
Rs. M	Re M

Outstanding Commitments for Capital Expenditure as at 31st March 1998 are as follows:

Contracts placed Authorised, but not contracted for	36,984.50 51.16	36,984.50 51.16
	37,035.66	37,035.66

Amount shown under Contracts placed includes the price of six Airbus A330 aircraft on order.

Outstanding commitments for Capital Expenditure as at 31st March 1998, excluding Airbus A330-200 aircraft, are expected to be crystallised during the year 1998/99.

21. Loans granted to employees

Staff debts outstanding as at 31st March 1998 amounting to Rs.12.24m for the Group (Rs.8.83m for the Company) are inclusive of loans granted to employees in excess of Rs. 20,000. Particulars of such loans are as follows;

	No. of employees	Amount in Rs.
GROUP		
Balance as at 1st April 1997	91	2,799,711
Loans granted during the year	41	1,966,104
Loans recovered during the year	44	(1,820,761)
Balance as at 31st March 1998	88	2,945,054
COMPANY		
Balance as at 1st April 1997	68	2,545,009
Loans granted during the year	20	1,360,604
Loans recovered during the year	14	(1,265,059)
Balance as at 31st March 1998	74	2,640,554

22. Taxation

Sri Lanka taxation

The Company has signed an agreement under Section 17 of the Greater Colombo Economic Commission Law No. 4 of 1978 which exempts it from the payment of income tax, corporate tax and tax on dividends and royalties for an initial period of seven years from 01st September 1979, subsequently extended for a period of three years from 01st August 1986, and thereafter a period of five years from 01st August 1989. In August 1994 the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka granted flagship status to the Company, extending the tax exemption period up to 31st March 1998.

In March 1998 the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka granted a further extension extending the tax exemption period up to 31st March 2013.

The subsidiary, Air Lanka Catering Services Limited has signed an agreement under Section 17 of the Greater Colombo Economic Commission Law No. 4 of 1978 which exempts it from the payment of income tax, corporate tax and tax on dividends and royalties for an initial period of five years from 01st April 1980, subsequently extended for a period of two years and thereafter for another three years. This exemption which was further extended for a period of five years, ended in August 1995. Effective from 20th August 1995, the Company now pays a tax on turnover at 2% flat. This tax is paid instead of income tax and is applicable until the year 2006.

Overseas taxation

The Company is liable to tax on its overseas operations in countries where there are no double tax treaties at present. However, there is no liability in the current year due to the carry forward tax losses available to the Company.

23. Directors' interests

Air Lanka has the right to nominate four Directors to the Board of Air Lanka Catering Services Limited, with whom the Company has a contract for catering. The nominee Directors as at 31st March 1998 were:

Mr. D H S Jayawardena Mr. K Balapatabendi PC

The nominee Directors as at date are:

Mr. D H S Jayawardena

Mr. K Balapatabendi PC

Mr. Dixon Nilaweera

Mr. Dermot Mannion

Mr. Dixon Nilaweera and Mr. Dermot Mannion were appointed as Directors, with effect from 01st April 1998.

24. Related Party Transactions

As described in Note 23 above, four directors of Air Lanka Limited are directors of Air Lanka Catering Services Limited (ALCS) in which Air Lanka Limited holds 60% of the equity. ALCS provides flight catering services to Air Lanka Limited and Air Lanka Limited provides passenger and freight services to ALCS in the normal course of business. During the year 1997/98, the value of flight catering services provided to Air Lanka Limited amounted to Rs.516 million and freight and air tickets provided to ALCS amounted to Rs.14.6 million.

25. Post balance sheet events

- (i) On 31st May 1998, the Company acquired the remaining 40% of the shareholding of Air Lanka Catering Services Limited, which was held by Thai Airways International Limited, for a purchase consideration of Rs. 40 Million. Air Lanka Catering Services Limited is now a fully owned subsidiary of Air Lanka Limited.
- (ii) The Company has set in motion a series of initiatives to achieve the objectives as set in its Business Plan covering the period 1998/99 to 2007/08 which includes the following :
- * Introducing six (6) Airbus A330-200 aircraft, beginning in the 4th quarter of 1999 through 2000.
- * Retiring the fleet of Lockheed Tristar aircraft commencing in the 4th quarter of 1999.
- Upgrading all Information Technology applications ensuring Year 2000 compliance.
- Restructuring the organisation, suspending operations to unprofitable destinations and introducing new destinations.
- (iii) The management has estimated the cost of Year 2000 compliance of all IT Systems to be in the region of USD 4 million for which no provision has been made in these accounts.
- (iv) The Company is taking steps to install Traffic Collision Avoidance systems on two of its Lockheed Tristar Aircraft to enable their continued operation over Indian airspace beginning January 1998. The installation of such equipment is expected to cost USD 350,000 (Rs.23 million). No provision has been made in these accounts for such expenses.
- (v) The Company currently has PKR 21.47million (Rs.30.84 million) blocked in Pakistan, of its sales made subsequent to the balance sheet date. These funds cannot be repatriated to Sri Lanka as the State Bank of Pakistan is not currently processing foreign exchange transfer applications. The Company is pursuing this matter through the Government of Sri Lanka as well as through the International Air Transport Association to achieve an early resumption of the repatriation process.

26. Aircraft rotable spares - (Rs. 1,180.87 million - Book value)

Aircraft rotable spares were physically verified at the year end. These spares were valued as follows:

- (i) Purchases prior to 01st April 1991 using the cross rate arrived at by dividing the Sri Lanka Rupee book value of rotable spares as at 31st March 1991 by the aggregate US Dollar value of individual rotable spares as at that date.
- (ii) Purchases after 01st April 1991 at cost.

The method of valuing rotable spares purchased prior to 01st April 1991 is a departure from Sri Lanka Accounting Standard No. 18 which requires fixed assets to be valued at historical rupee values. This method was nevertheless adopted, in order to establish individual rupee costs which were previously not available.

Pursuant to the decision taken by the Company to retire the Lockheed Tristar fleet beginning in the fourth quarter of 1999, an additional depreciation charge amounting to Rs. 16.13 million was charged to the Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st March 1998 in order to write down the net book value of L1011 aircraft rotable spares stock to its expected net realisable value as at 31st March 1999.

27. Aircraft non-rotable spares - (Rs. 636.98 million)

Aircraft non-rotable spares were physically verified during the year under a continuous verification programme. These spares were valued as follows:

- (i) Purchases prior to 01st April 1992 using the weighted average US Dollar rates available in the perpetual inventory records and converted into Sri Lanka Rupees by using a cross rate. The cross rate was arrived at by dividing the Sri Lanka Rupee book value of the non-rotable spares as at 31st March 1992 by the aforesaid US Dollar value.
- (ii) Purchases after 01st April 1992 at cost.

The method of valuing non-rotable spares purchased prior to 01st April 1992 is a departure from Sri Lanka Accounting Standard No. 5 which requires inventories to be valued at cost or net realisable value whichever is lower. The Directors, however, consider this appropriate in order to establish individual rupee costs which were previously not available.

Pursuant to the decision taken by the Company to retire the Lockheed Tristar fleet beginning in the fourth quarter of 1999, an additional provision of Rs. 450.18 million has been made in these accounts, in order to reduce the L1011 non-rotable spares stock to its net realisable value.

28. Contingencies

No provision has been made in these accounts in respect of contingent liabilities arising in the normal course of business of the Company, in respect of legal actions or other claims being undertaken against the Company. Contingent liabilities are estimated by the management at Rs. 349.61million.

A contingent liability exists in respect of the taxes withheld on dividends paid by the subsidiary, Air Lanka Catering Services Limited to the minority shareholder - Thai Airways International. This contingent liability, which is estimated at Rs. 41.83 million may crystallise depending on the ongoing negotiations with Inland Revenue authorities.

Cash Flow Statement

			GROUP		COMPANY
	2000000-18	1998	1997	1998	1997
Cash flows from operating activities	Note	Rs.M	Rs.M	Rs.M	Rs.M
oush nows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	Α	6,818.35	4,497.10	6,403.06	4,403.14
Interest paid		(1,500.67)	(1,444.09)	(1,500.67)	(1,444.09)
Income taxes paid		(36.06)	(14.41)	_	(1,111.00)
Dividends paid		(696.62)	(76.78)	(617.60)	
Deferred liabilities paid		(12.63)	(12.07)	(11.22)	(10.01)
		(2,245.98)	(1 547 05)	(0.100.40)	(4.454.43)
		(2,243.96)	(1,547.35)	(2,129.49)	(1,454.10)
Cash flow before extraordinary items		4,572.37	2,949.75	4,273.57	2,949.04
Extraordinary item			6	-	
Net cash from operating activities		4,572.37	2,949.75	4,273.57	2,949.04
Cash flows from investing activities					
Purchase of property, plant and equipment Proceeds from disposal of property, plant		(2,196.40)	(205.33)	(2,185.85)	(173.32)
and equipment		2.83	2.54	1.81	0.98
Dividend received		-	10-1	336.27	99.83
Deferred expenditure	-	(5.73)	(4.88)	(5.73)	(4.88)
Net cash used in investing activities		(2,199.30)	(207.67)	(1,853.50)	(77.39)
Cash flows from financing activities					
Proceeds from long-term loans			-	-	_
Proceeds from finance leases		-	-		-
Repayment of long-term loans		(264.47)	(1,299.37)	(264.47)	(1,299.37)
Repayment of finance leases		(1,202.65)	(1,033.70)	(1,202.65)	(1,033.70)
Net cash used in financing activities		(1,467.12)	(2,333.07)	(1,467.12)	(2,333.07)
Net Increase in cash and cash equivalents		905.95	409.01	952.95	538.58
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning					
of period		5,526.47	5,117.46	5,332.65	4,794.07
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period		6,432.42	5,526.47	6,285.60	5,332.65
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Notes to the Cash Flow Statement

A) Reconciliation of net profit to cash generated from operating activities.

Net profit before taxation, extraordinary items and after minority interest Adjustments for:	1998 Rs. M 1,502.46	GROUP 1997 Rs. M (366.64)	1998 Rs. M 1,660.35	COMPANY 1997 Rs. M (439.71)
Minority interest Provision for gratuity Profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment Depreciation Foreign exchange loss Investment income Interest expense Deferred expenses Other non cash items (Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables (Increase)/decrease in inventories Increase/(decrease) in trade payables	108.35 67.79 4.25 1,878.31 1,175.71 - 1,505.05 114.32 (0.20) (157.30) 379.63 239.98	104.87 93.05 8.31 1,802.12 1,337.50 - 1,534.53 110.40 1.22 (125.16) 99.73 (102.83)	47.77 5.15 1,854.32 1,175.71 (336.27) 1,505.05 114.32 (0.20) (72.54) 366.86 82.54	83.53 9.87 1,779.84 1,337.50 (99.83) 1,534.53 110.40 1.22 (105.50) 102.08 89.21
Cash generated from operations	6,818.35	4,497.10	6,403.06	4,403.14

Ten Year Review - Company

Profit and loss account		1989	1990	1991
Operating revenue	Rs. Million	5,144.31	6,704.95	0.226.10
Operating expenditure	Rs. Million	4,713.94	6,405.91	9,226.19 8,821.99
Net profit/(loss)	Rs. Million	(128.43)	163.17	
1101 (1000)	rcs. rviimori	(120.43)	105.17	201.06
Balance sheet				
Share capital	Rs. Million	7,369.47	7,369.47	7,369.47
Fixed assets	Rs. Million	3,979.55	3,497.75	3,231.25
Current assets	Rs. Million	1,962.62	2,666.08	3,354.33
Total assets	Rs. Million	6,035.80	6,246.56	6,609.58
Current liabilities	Rs. Million	2,158.64	2,945.89	3,710.71
		_,100.01	2,7 13.07	3,710.71
Yield/Unit cost				
Overall yield	Rs. tkm	16.4	18.8	20.9
Unit cost	Rs. tkm	10.2	11.9	14.4
Breakeven load factor	%	62.4	63.1	68.7
Revenue per RPK	Rs./RPK	1.6	2.0	2.1
Production				
Passenger capacity	ASK Millions	3,401.17	3,945.39	4,539.59
Overall capacity	ATK Millions	446.20	524.53	600.66
Traffic				
Passengers carried	Nos. Thousands	720	775	070
Passengers carried	RPK Millions	2,510.06	2,769.50	878
Passenger load factor	%	73.80	70.20	3,445.91
rasseriger load factor	70	73.60	70.20	75.91
Cargo carried	Tonnes	14,995	17,177	22,090
Cargo load carried	RTK Millions	64.35	77.06	92.13
Overall load carried	RTK Millions	294.60	332.80	414.80
Cargo load factor	%	51.43	47.13	53.05
Overall load factor	%	66.00	63.45	69.05
Staff				
Average strength	Nos.	3,535	3,603	3,678
Revenue per employee	Rs.	1,455,250	1,860,935	2,508,480
Capacity per employee	Tonne-km	126,223	145,581	163,312
Load carried per employee	Tonne-km	83,338	92,367	112,768
i i		23,330	72,507	112,700
Fleet				
Aircraft in service at year end	Nos.	5	6	6
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Glossary of terms used

Available Seat Kilometers (ASK) The product of seats offered for sale and the distance over which they are carried.

Available Tonne Kilometers (ATK) This is the measure of transport production. The ATK produced by a flight are the capacity for the payload of the aircraft measured by the distance flown.

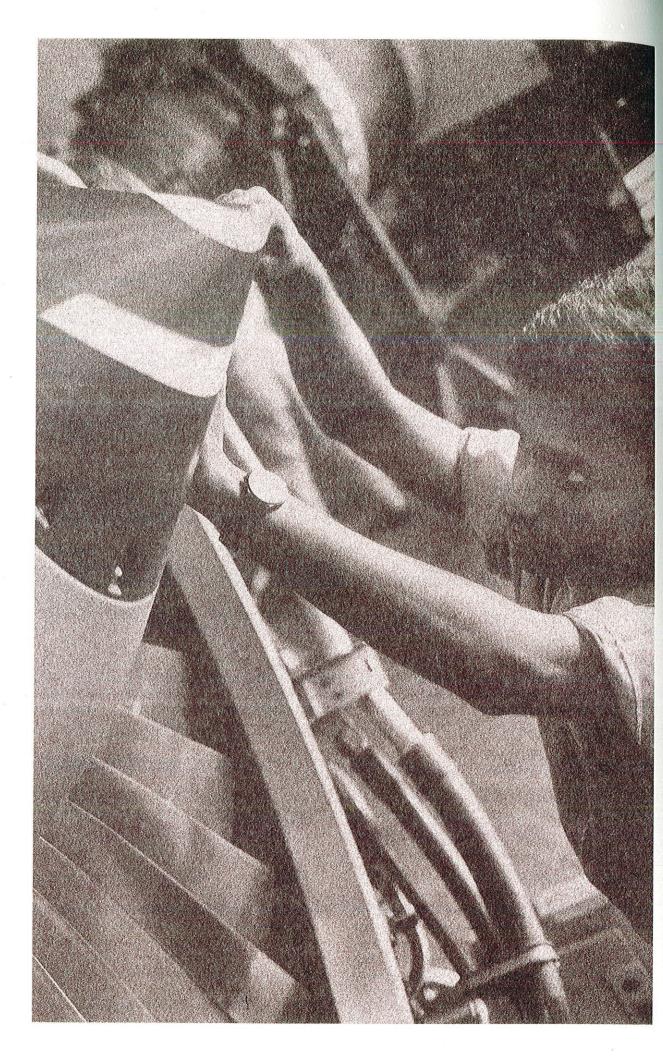
Revenue Passenger Kilometers (RPK) The product of passengers carried and the distance over which they are carried.

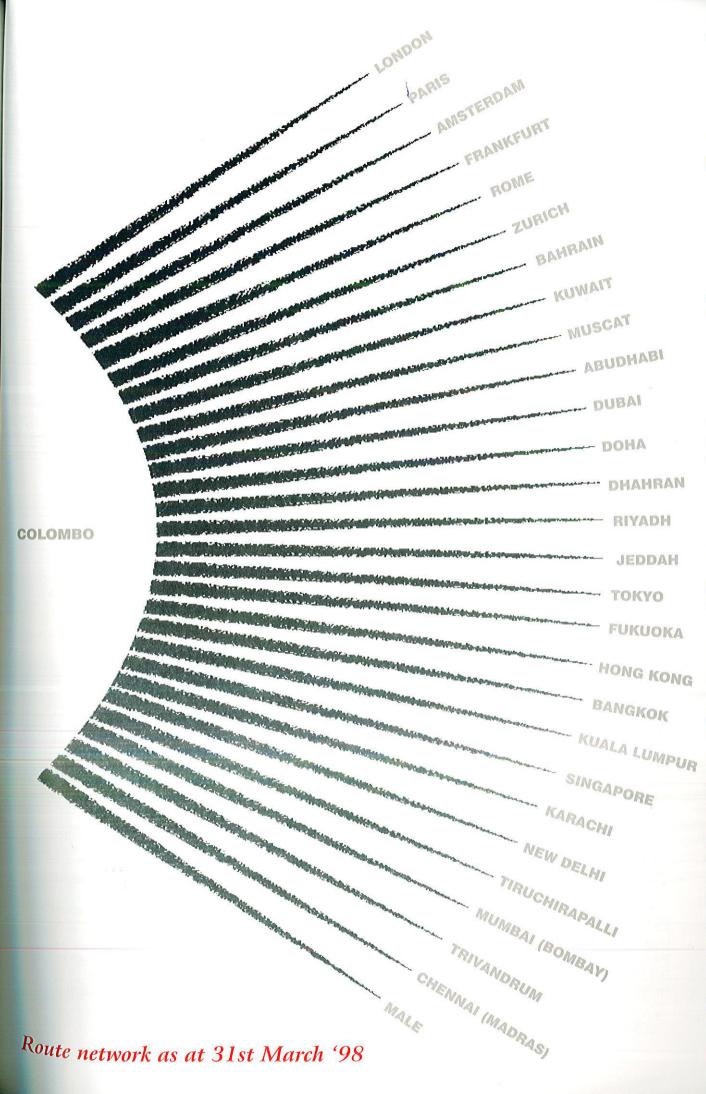
Revenue Tonne Kilometers (RTK) The product of passengers and cargo carried in tonnes and the distance over which they are carried.

Load Factor The percentage relationship of revenue load to capacity provided. The percentage load factor relates RPK to ASK while the overall load factor relates RTK to ATK.

Break-even Load Factor The load factor required to equate revenue from scheduled airline operations with operating costs.

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1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992
	15 (10 0)	14 007 00	13,651.28	12,456.05	12,945.44	10,936.03
17,608.29	15,619.30	14,807.92	12,154.46	11,747.81	12,390.28	10,571.89
14,640.36	14,121.08	13,253.64	431.74	188.60	127.61	218.36
1,641.59	(447.72)	(1,212.22)	131.71	100.00		
		5 1 4 6 0 5	5 146 95	5,146.35	7,369.47	7,369.47
5,146.35	5,146.35	5,146.35	5,146.35	10,742.20	9,019.84	5,723.71
19,542.49	19,217.72	20,836.32	22,318.81	5,054.09	5,323.45	2,554.93
9,536.69	8,769.55	8,154.25	7,175.43 29,524.64	15,826.69	14,373.69	8,309.04
29,109.58	28,017.67	29,020.97	8,858.31	7,142.16	7,005.56	4,614.17
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	0.7	26.5	27.8	27.6	24.9	22.8
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5,672.66	5,525.10 746.78	772.27	672.27	632.15	782.71	698.37
757.42	740.76	112.21				
1.001	1,196	1,149	1,081	994	1,067	958
1,201	4,003.19	3,931.26	3,786.56	3,576.75	4,203.25	3,772.02
4,154.46 73.24	72.45	70.17	70.06	69.51	68.48	71.07
73.24	72.13			25.057	26,518	25,819
36,478	35,039	35,409	28,748	25,957	108.63	105.49
173.62	164.43	166.23	119.77	107.38 419.37	492.20	453.44
547.14	522.09	514.81	454.19	50.81	48.28	51.95
65.40	61.94	61.56	52.15	66.34	62.88	64.93
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4,823	4,965	4,880	4,584 2,978,028	2,804,154	2,857,082	2,615,649
3,650,900	3,145,881	3,034,410 158,252	146,656	142,312	172,746	167,034
157,043	150,409	105,494	99,082	94,410	108,629	108,453
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