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### ..REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

OR

# ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012

OR

..TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_\_ to

OR

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(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

### CHINA SOUTHERN AIRLINES COMPANY LIMITED

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

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Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which registered

Ordinary H Shares of par value New York Stock Exchange RMB1.00 per share represented by American Depositary Receipts

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act.

None

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report: 7,022,650,000 A Shares of par value RMB1.00 per share and 2,794,917,000 H Shares of par value RMB1.00 per share.

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

" Yes þ No

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b Yes "No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

"Yes b No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer b Accelerated filer "Non-accelerated filer"

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U.S. GAAP " International Financial Reporting Standards b ". Other

as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board

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If this is an annual report, indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

" Yes þ No

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#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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This Annual Report contains forward-looking statements. These statements appear in a number of different places in this Annual Report. A forward-looking statement is usually identified by the use in this Annual Report of certain terminology such as "estimate", "project", "expect", "intend", "believe", "plan", "anticipate", "may", or their negatives or othe comparable words. Also look for discussions of strategy that involve risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements regarding the outlook for our future operations, forecasts of future costs and expenditures, evaluation of market conditions, the outcome of legal proceedings (if any), the adequacy of reserves, or other business plans. You are cautioned that such forward-looking statements are not guarantees and involve risks, assumptions and uncertainties. Our actual results may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements due to risks facing the Company or due to actual facts differing from the assumptions underlying those forward-looking statements.

Some of these risks and assumptions, in addition to those identified under Item 3, "Key Information - Risk Factors," include:

general economic and business conditions in markets where the Company operates, including changes in interest rates;

the effects of competition on the demand for and price of our services;

natural phenomena;

the impact of unusual events on our business and operations;

actions by government authorities, including changes in government regulations, and changes in the CAAC's regulatory policies;

our relationship with China Southern Air Holding Company (the "CSAHC");

uncertainties associated with legal proceedings;

technological development;

our ability to attract key personnel and attract new talent;

future decisions by management in response to changing conditions;

the Company's ability to execute prospective business plans;

the availability of qualified flight personnel and airport facilities; and

misjudgments in the course of preparing forward-looking statements.

The Company advises you that these cautionary remarks expressly qualify in their entirety all forward-looking statements attributable to the Company, the Group and persons acting on their behalf.

#### INTRODUCTORY NOTE

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In this Annual Report, unless the context indicates otherwise, the "Company", "we", "us" and "our" means China Southern Airlines Company Limited, a joint stock company incorporated in China on March 25, 1995, the "Group" means the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries, and "CSAHC" means China Southern Air Holding Company, the Company's parent company which holds a 53.12% interest in the Company as of April 19, 2013.

References to "China" or the "PRC" are to the People's Republic of China, excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan. References to "Renminbi" or "RMB" are to the currency of China, references to "U.S. dollars", "\$" or "US\$" are to the currence of the United States of America (the "U.S." or "United States"), and reference to "HK\$" is to the currency of Hong Kong. Reference to the "Chinese government" is to the national government of China. References to "Hong Kong" or "Hong Kong SAR" are to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC. References to "Macau" or "Macau SAR" are to the Macau Special Administrative Region of the PRC.

The Company presents its consolidated financial statements in Renminbi. The consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2012 (the "Financial Statements") have been prepared in accordance with all applicable International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs"), which collective term includes all applicable individual IFRSs, International Accounting Standards ("IASs") and Interpretations issued by the International Accounting Standards (the "IASB").

Solely for the convenience of the readers, this Annual Report contains translations of certain Renminbi amounts into U.S. dollars at the rate of US1.00 = RMB6.2855, which is the average of the buying and selling rates as quoted by the People's Bank of China at the close of business on December 31, 2012. No representation is made that the Renminbi amounts or U.S. dollar amounts included in this Annual Report could have been or could be converted into U.S. dollars or Renminbi, as the case may be, at any particular rate or at all. Any discrepancies in the tables included herein between the amounts listed and the totals are due to rounding.

## GLOSSARY OF AIRLINE INDUSTRY TERMS

In this Annual Report, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms have the respective meanings set forth below.

Capacity Measurements

"available seat

kilometers" or the number of seats made available for sale multiplied by the kilometers flown "ASKs"

"available ton kilometers" or "ATKs" the tons of capacity available for the transportation of revenue load (passengers and cargo) multiplied by the kilometers flown

Traffic Measurements

"cargo ton kilometers" the load in tons multiplied by the kilometers flown

"revenue

passenger kilometers" or the number of passengers carried multiplied by the kilometers flown "RPKs"

"revenue ton kilometers" or the load (passenger and cargo) in tons multiplied by the kilometers flown "RTKs"

Yield Measurements

"average yield" revenue from airline operations (passenger and cargo) divided by RTKs

	"cargo yield"	revenue from cargo operations	divided by cargo ton kilometers
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"passenger vield" revenue from passenger operations divided by RPKs

"ton" a metric ton, equivalent to 2,204.6 pounds

#### Load Factors

"breakeven load he load factor required to equate scheduled traffic revenue with operating costs assuming that total factor" operating surplus is attributable to scheduled traffic operations

"overall load factor" RTKs expressed as a percentage of ATKs

"passenger load RPKs expressed as a percentage of ASKs factor"

#### Utilization

"utilization	the actual number of flight and taxi hours per aircraft per operating day
rates"	the actual number of flight and taxi hours per aircraft per operating day

#### Equipment

"expendables" aircraft parts that are ordinarily used up and replaced with new parts

"rotables" airc	craft parts that are or	dinarily repaired and reused
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Others

"ADR" American Depositary Receipt

"A Shares" Shares issued by the Company to investors in the PRC for subscription in RMB, with par value of RMB1.00 each

"CAAC" Civil Aviation Administration of China

"CAOSC" China Aviation Oil Supplies Company

### "CSRC" China Securities Regulatory Commission

"H Shares Shares issued by the Company, listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and subscribed for and traded in Hong Kong dollars, with par value of RMB1.00 each

"Nan LungNan Lung Holding Limited (a wholly-owned subsidiary of CSAHC)

"NDRC" National Development and Reform Commission of China

"SA Finance" Southern Airlines Group Finance Company Limited

"SAFE" State Administration of Foreign Exchange of China

"SEC" United States Securities and Exchange Commission

## PART I

# ITEM 1. IDENTITY OF DIRECTORS, SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND ADVISERS.

Not applicable.

# ITEM 2. OFFER STATISTICS AND EXPECTED TIMETABLE.

Not applicable.

ITEM 3. KEY INFORMATION.

A.

Selected Financial Data.

The following tables present selected financial data for the five-year period ended December 31, 2012. The selected consolidated income statement data for the three-year period ended December 31, 2010, 2011 and 2012 and selected consolidated statement of financial position data as of December 31, 2011 and 2012 excluding basic and diluted

earnings per ADR, are derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company, including the related notes, included elsewhere in this Annual Report. The selected consolidated income statement data for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2009 and selected consolidated statement of financial position data as of December 31, 2008, 2009 and 2010 are derived from the Company's audited consolidated financial statements that are not included in this Annual Report.

Moreover, the selected financial data should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements together with accompanying notes and "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects" which are included elsewhere in this Annual Report. Our consolidated financial statements are prepared and presented in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, or IFRSs.

	Year ended December 31,						
	2012	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	
	US\$	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB	RMB	
	(in million, except per share and per ADR data)						
Consolidated Income Statement Data:							
Operating revenue	15,832	99,514	90,395	76,495	54,802	55,288	
Operating expenses	(15,254)	,	(87,063)	,	(55,355)	(61,771)	
Operating profit/(loss)	811	5,099	4,353	6,282	1,436	(5,650)	
Profit/(loss) before taxation	754	4,738	6,930	8,089	428	(4,728)	
Profit/(loss) for the year	602	3,784	6,090	6,412	524	(4,789)	
Profit/(loss) attributable to:							
Equity shareholders of the Company	417	2,619	5,110	5,792	327	(4,826)	
Non-controlling interests	185	1,165	980	620	197	37	
Basic and diluted earnings/(loss) per share	0.04	0.27	0.52	0.70	0.05	(0.74)	
Basic and diluted earnings/(loss) per ADR <sup>(1)</sup>	2.12	13.34	26.02	34.83	2.31	(36.78)	

(1) Basic and diluted earnings/(loss) per share have been computed by dividing profit/(loss) attributable to equity shareholders of the Company by the weighted average number of shares in issue. Basic and diluted earnings/(loss) per ADR have been computed as if all of our issued or potential ordinary shares, including domestic shares and H shares, are represented by ADRs during each of the years presented. Each ADR represents 50 shares.

	Year end 2012 US\$ (in millio	led Decemi 2012 RMB on)	ber 31, 2011 RMB	2010 RMB	2009 RMB	2008 RMB
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position Data:						
Cash and cash equivalents Other current assets Asset classified as held for sale Property, plant and equipment, net Total assets Bank and other loans, including long-term bank and other loans due within one year Short-term financing bills Obligations under capital leases due within one year Bank and other loans, excluding balance due within one year Obligations under capital leases, excluding balance due within one year Total equity Number of shares (in million)	1,604 1,067 - 15,916 22,664 3,484 - 397 4,804 3,082 6,322 9,818	10,082 6,705 - 100,040 142,454 21,899 - 2,494 30,196 19,371 39,734 9,818	9,863 9,622 - 87,711 129,412 18,789 - 1,784 29,037 14,053 37,777 9,818	10,404 5,455 - 80,214 111,335 9,324 - 1,654 31,876 12,776 30,316 9,818	4,343 4,785 529 63,673 94,856 17,452 - 1,431 27,875 11,887 13,368 8,003	4,649 4,599 - 53,237 83,151 22,178 2,000 1,781 17,429 11,157 9,588 6,561
runnoer of shares (in minion)	2,010	2,010	2,010	2,010	5,005	0,001

# **Selected Operating Data**

The operating data and the profit analysis and comparison for other years below is calculated and disclosed in accordance with the statistical standards, which have been implemented by the Group since January 1, 2001. See "Glossary of Airline Industry Terms" at the front of this Annual Report for definitions of certain terms used herein.

	Year ended December 31,					
	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	
Capacity						
ASK (million)	169,569	151,064	140,498	123,441	112,767	
ATK (million)	23,065	20,795	19,140	15,446	14,276	
Kilometers flown (thousand)	1,052,495	939,233	872,899	746,133	686,236	
Hours flown (thousand)	1,681	1,507	1,392	1,195	1,106	
Number of landing and take-offs	757,022	702,264	686,223	616,296	556,914	
Traffic						
RPK (million)	135,535	122,344	111,328	93,002	83,184	
RTK (million)	16,160	14,461	13,104	10,067	9,200	
Passengers carried (thousand)	86,485	80,677	76,456	66,281	58,237	
Cargo and mail carried (tons)	1,232,000	1,135,000	1,117,000	862,000	835,000	
Load Factors						
Passenger load factor (RPK/ASK) (%)	79.9	81.0	79.2	75.3	73.8	

Overall load factor (RTK/ATK) (%)	70.1	69.5	68.5	65.2	64.4
Breakeven load factor (%)	69.9	69.4	65.3	68.1	73.8
Yield					
Yield per RPK (RMB)	0.66	0.67	0.62	0.54	0.61
Yield per cargo and mail ton kilometers (RMB)	1.59	1.61	1.70	1.63	1.96
Yield per RTK (RMB)	5.95	6.03	5.66	5.26	5.86
Fleet					
— Boeing	243	223	208	194	179
— Airbus	225	208	191	157	133
— McDonnell Douglas	-	-	12	16	25
— Others	23	13	11	11	11
Total aircraft in service at period end	491	444	422	378	348
Overall utilization rate (hours per day)	9.8	9.8	9.6	9.4	9.1

### **Exchange Rate Information**

The following table sets forth certain information concerning exchange rates, based on the noon buying rates in New York City for cable transfers in foreign currencies, as certified for customs purposes by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (the "Noon Buying Rate"), between Renminbi and U.S. dollars for the five most recent financial years.

Period	Period End	Average (1) (RMB per US\$)	High	Low
Annual Exchange Rate				
2008 2009 2010 2011 2012	6.8225 6.8259 6.6000 6.2939 6.2301	6.9477 6.8307 6.7696 6.4630 6.3088	7.2946 6.8470 6.8330 6.6364 6.3879	6.7800 6.8176 6.6000 6.2939 6.2221

(1) Determined by averaging the rates on the last business day of each month during the relevant period.

The following table sets out the range of high and low exchange rates, based on the Noon Buying Rate, between Renminbi and U.S. dollars, for the following periods.

Period	High	Low
Monthly Exchange Rate		
October 2012	6.2877	6.2372
November 2012	6.2454	6.2221
December 2012	6.2502	6.2251
January 2013	6.2303	6.2134
February 2013	6.2438	6.2213
March 2013	6.2246	6.2105
April 2013 (up to April 12, 2013)	6.2078	6.1914

B.

Capitalization and Indebtedness.

Not applicable.

C. Reasons for the Offer and Use of Proceeds.

Not applicable.

D.

Risk Factors.

**Risks Relating to our Business** 

# We are indirectly majority owned by the Chinese government, which may exert influence in a manner that may conflict with the interests of holders of ADRs, H Shares and A Shares.

Major Chinese airlines are wholly- or majority-owned either by the Chinese government or by provincial or municipal governments in China. CSAHC, an entity wholly-owned by the Chinese government, holds and exercises the rights of ownership of 53.12% of the equity of the Company. In addition, CSAHC also has the right to subscribe up to 487,804,878 A shares at RMB4.1 each pursuant to the A Share Subscription Agreement dated June 11, 2012. As of the date of this annual report, the proposed transaction is pending for the approval of CSRC. The interests of the Chinese government in the Company and in other Chinese airlines may conflict with the interests of the holders of the ADRs, H Shares and A Shares. The public policy considerations of the Chinese government in regulating the Chinese commercial aviation industry may also conflict with its indirect ownership interest in the Company. In addition, the Company may accept further capital injection from CSAHC through non-public subscriptions, which may have dilutive impact for other holders of ADRs, H Shares and A Shares. H Shares and A Shares.

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# Due to high degree of operating leverage and high fixed costs, a decrease in revenues of the Group could result in a disproportionately higher decrease in its profit for the year. The results of the Group's operations are also significantly exposed to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates.

The airline industry is generally characterized by a high degree of operating leverage. In addition, due to high fixed costs, the expenses relating to the operation of any flight do not vary proportionately with the number of passengers carried, while revenues generated from a flight are directly related to the number of passengers carried and the fare structure of such flight. Accordingly, a decrease in revenues could result in a disproportionately higher decrease in its profit for the year. Moreover, as the Group has substantial obligations denominated in foreign currencies, its results of operations are significantly affected by fluctuations in foreign exchange rates, particularly by fluctuations in the Renminbi-U.S. dollar exchange rate. Net exchange gain decreased by RMB2,488 million, from RMB2,755 million in 2011 to RMB267 million in 2012 mainly attributable to the exchange gain arising from translation and settlement of bank and other loans balances and finance lease obligations denominated in U.S. dollars, which was mainly because the exchange rate of Renminbi to U.S. dollar appreciated significantly in 2011 while remained stable in 2012.

# The Group has significant committed capital expenditures in the next three years, but may face challenges and difficulties as it seeks to maintain liquidity.

We have a substantial amount of debt, lease and other obligations, and will continue to have a substantial amount of debt, lease and other obligations in the future. As of December 31, 2012, the Group's current liabilities exceeded its current assets by RMB31,944 million. The Group generally maintains sound operating cash flow. However, our substantial indebtedness and other obligations may in the future negatively impact our liquidity. In addition, the Group has significant committed capital expenditures in the next three years, due to aircraft acquisitions. In 2012 and thereafter, the liquidity of the Group is primarily dependent on its ability to maintain adequate cash inflow from operations to meet its debt obligations as they fall due, and its ability to obtain adequate external financing to meet its committed future capital expenditures. If our operating cash flow is materially and adversely affected by factors such as increased competition, a significant decrease in demand for our services, or a significant increase in jet fuel prices, our liquidity would be materially and adversely affected. Moreover, the Group may not be able to meet its debt obligations as they fall due and commit future capital expenditures if certain assumptions about the availability of external financing on acceptable terms are inaccurate. In particular, our ability to obtain adequate external funding may be impacted by the economic stagnation globally. If we are unable to obtain adequate financing for our capital requirements, our liquidity and operations would be materially and adversely affected.

As of December 31, 2012, the Group had banking facilities with several PRC commercial banks for providing loan finance up to approximately RMB173,162 million, of which approximately RMB60,369 million was utilized. Our directors believe that sufficient financing will be available to the Group in 2013. However there can be no assurance that such loan financing will be available on terms acceptable to the Group or at all.

#### CSAHC will continue to be our controlling shareholder, and its interests may conflict with those of the Group. CSAHC and certain of its affiliates will continue to provide certain important services to the Group. Any disruption of the provision of services by CSAHC or its affiliates could affect the Group's operations and financial conditions.

CSAHC will continue to be the controlling shareholder of the Company. CSAHC and certain of its affiliates will continue to provide certain important services to the Group, including the import and export of aircraft spare parts and other flight equipment, advertising services, provision of air ticket selling services, property management services, leasing of properties and financial services, and repair, overhaul and maintenance services on jet engines. The interests of CSAHC may conflict with those of the Group. In addition, any disruption of the provision of services by CSAHC's affiliates or a default by CSAHC of its obligations owed to the Group could affect the Group's operations and financial conditions. In particular, as part of its cash management system, the Group periodically places certain amount of demand deposits after independent shareholders' approval with SA Finance, a PRC authorized financial institution controlled by CSAHC and an associate of the Company. The Group has taken certain measures to monitor the fund flows between itself and SA Finance and the placement of funds by SA Finance. Such monitoring measures may help to enhance the safety of the Group's deposits with SA Finance. In addition, we have received a letter of undertakings from CSAHC dated March 31, 2009, in which, among other things, CSAHC warranted that the Group's deposits and loans with SA Finance were definitely secure and that SA Finance would continue to operate in strict compliance with the relevant rules and regulations. However, the deposits may be exposed to risks associated with the business of SA Finance over which the Group does not have control. As of December 31, 2011 and 2012, the Group had deposits of RMB2,493 million and RMB2,307 million, respectively, with SA Finance.

# Both international and domestic economic fluctuations and Chinese government's macroeconomic controls affect the demand for air travel, which will in turn cause volatility to the Group's business and results of our operations.

Both international and domestic economic fluctuations and Chinese macroeconomic controls affect the demand for air travel. For example, the demand for air travel significantly decreased during the past few years as result of the U.S. subprime crisis and European debt crisis. In addition, the continuing global economic slowdown may have a negative effect on the growth rate of the Chinese economy. Chinese macroeconomic controls, taken to counteract such slowdown, such as financing adjustments, credit adjustments, price controls and exchange rate policies, would present unexpected changes to the aviation industry. As a result, the changing economic situation and Chinese macroeconomic controls may cause volatility to the Group's business and results of our operations.

The financial crisis and other global events may reduce consumer spending or cause shifts in spending. A general reduction or shift in discretionary spending can result in decreased demand for leisure and business travel and can also impact the Group's ability to raise fares to counteract increased fuel and labor costs. No assurance can be given that capacity reductions or other steps we may take will be adequate to offset the effects of reduced demand.

# The Group could be adversely affected by an outbreak of a disease or large scale natural disasters that affect travel behavior.

The outbreak of the H1N1 swine flu in March 2009 has had an adverse impact on the aviation industry globally (including the Group). The spread of the swine flu adversely affected the Group's international routes operations in 2009. Recently there have been over 100 cases of reported infection of H7N9 bird flu in China. Even though there is no indication of human-to-human transmission yet, if H7N9 bird flu spreads further in China and other countries of the world, our regional and domestic route operations and therefore our results of operation will be materially adversely affected. If there were another outbreak of a disease that affects travel behavior in the future, it could have a material adverse impact on us.

In 2011, a number of large-scale natural disasters occurred globally, such as the nuclear meltdown in Japan caused by earthquakes and subsequent tsunami, the hurricane on the East Coast of the United States, the flooding in Thailand and the typhoon in the Philippines. Disasters such as these can affect the aviation industry and the Group by reducing revenues and impacting travel behavior.

# Lack of adequate documentation for land use rights and ownership of buildings subjects us to challenges and claims by third parties with respect to the Company's use of such land and buildings.

Although systems for registration and transfer of land use rights and related real property interests in China have been implemented, such systems do not yet comprehensively account for all land and related property interests. The Group leased certain properties and buildings from CSAHC which are located in Guangzhou, Wuhan, Haikou and other PRC cities. However, CSAHC lacks adequate documentation evidencing CSAHC's rights to such land and buildings, and, as a result, the lease agreements between CSAHC and the Company for such land have not been registered with the relevant authorities. As a result, such lease agreements may not be enforceable. Lack of adequate documentation for land use rights and ownership of buildings subjects the Company to challenges and claims by third parties with respect to the Company's use of such land and buildings.

As of the date of this Annual Report, we had been occupying all of the land and buildings described above without challenge or claim by third parties. However, if any challenges to the property ownership or other claims are successful, our operation and business may be materially adversely affected. CSAHC has agreed to indemnify us

against any loss or damage caused by or arising from any challenge of, or interference with, the Company's right to use certain land and buildings.

# Any discontinuity or disruption in the direct flight arrangement between Taiwan and Mainland China may negatively affect the Group's results.

The policy restraint on direct flights between Taiwan and Mainland China has been further loosen in the past few years. As of April 19, 2013, there were 616 cross-Strait direct passenger flights per week. The Company was the first Chinese carrier to operate non-stop flights from Mainland China to Taiwan and as a result has benefited from the operation of such flights. However, given the cross-Strait flight arrangement is subject to the political relationship between Taiwan and Mainland China, any deterioration in such political relationship may cause the discontinuity or disruption in the flight arrangement, and therefore may have a material adverse impact on the Group's results.

# Terrorist attacks or the fear of such attacks, even if not made directly on the airline industry, could adversely affect the Company and the airline industry as a whole. The travel industry continues to face on-going security concerns and cost burdens.

The aviation industry as a whole has been beset with high-profile terrorist attacks, most notably the attack on September 11, 2001 in the United States. Terrorist attacks could also affect the aviation industry in China. Airlines in China have experienced several incidents of terrorist attacks or threats recently. For example, on March 7, 2008, on a China Southern Airlines flight boarding in Urumqi, crew members discovered a terrorist suspect. On July 14, 2010, a passenger jet en route from Urumqi to Guangzhou was forced to make an emergency landing after receiving an anonymous call claiming there was a bomb on the aircraft. On June 29, 2012, there was an attempted hijacking on a passenger flight operated by Tianjin Airlines between Hotan and Urumgi in China's Xinjiang region. CAAC has enhanced security measures, but the effectiveness of such measures cannot be ascertained. Additional terrorist attacks, even if not made directly on the airline industry, or the fear of or the precautions taken in anticipation of such attacks (including elevated threat warnings or selective cancellation or redirection of flights) could materially and adversely affect the Company and the aviation industry. Potential impacts that terrorist attacks could have on the Company include substantial flight disruption costs caused by grounding of fleet, significant increase in security costs and associated passenger inconvenience, increased insurance costs, substantially higher ticket refunds and significant decrease in traffic measured in revenue passenger kilometer. Additionally, increasingly strict security measures make air travel a hassle in the eyes of some consumers. These factors can have an uncertain impact on the development of the aviation industry.

#### We may suffer losses in the event of an accident involving our aircraft or the aircraft of any other airline.

An accident involving one of our aircraft could require repair or replacement of a damaged aircraft, and result in its consequential temporary or permanent loss from service and/or significant liability to injured passengers and others. Although we believe that we currently maintain liability insurance in amounts and of the types generally consistent with industry practice, the amounts of such coverage may not be adequate to fully cover the costs related to the accident or incident, which could result in harm to our results of operations and financial condition. In addition, any aircraft accident, even if fully insured, could cause a public perception that we are not as safe or reliable as other airlines, which would harm our competitive position and result in a decrease in our operating revenues. Moreover, a major accident involving the aircraft of any of our competitors may cause demand for air travel to decrease in general, which would adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

# The Group could be adversely affected by a failure or disruption of our computer, communications or other technology systems.

The Group is increasingly dependent on technology to operate its business. In particular, to enhance its management of flight operations, the Group launched the computerized flight operations control system in May 1999. The system utilizes advanced computer and telecommunications technology to manage the Group's flights on a centralized, real-time basis. The Group believes that the system will enhance the efficiency of flight schedule, increase the utilization of aircraft and improve the coordination of the Group's aircraft maintenance and ground servicing functions. However, the computer and communications systems on which we rely could be disrupted due to various factors, some of which are beyond our control, including natural disasters, power failures, terrorist attacks, equipment failures, software failures and computer viruses and hackers. The Group has taken certain steps to reduce the risk of some of these potential disruptions. There can be no assurance, however, that the measures we have taken are adequate to prevent or remedy disruptions or failures of those systems. Any substantial or repeated failure of those systems could adversely affect our operations and customer services, result in the loss of important data, loss of revenues, and increased costs, and generally harm our business. Moreover, a failure of certain of our vital systems could limit our ability to operate our flights for an extended period of time, which would have a material adverse effect on our operations and our business.

We may lose investor confidence in the reliability of our financial statements if we fail to achieve and maintain effective internal control over financial reporting, which in turn could harm our business and negatively impact the trading prices of our ADRs, H Shares or A Shares.

The United States Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, as required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, adopted rules requiring every public company in the United States to include a management report on such company's internal control over financial reporting in its annual report, which contains management's assessment of the effectiveness of the company's internal control over financial reporting. In addition,

the Company's independent registered public accounting firm is required to report on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Since 2011, pursuant to the Basic Standard for Enterprise Internal Control jointly issued by the Ministry of Finance, China Securities Regulatory Commission ("CSRC") and other three PRC authorities on May 22, 2008, and its application guidelines and other relevant regulations issued subsequently (collectively, "PRC internal control requirements"), the Company has carried out a self-assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control and issue a self-assessment report annually in accordance with the PRC internal control requirements, and the Company's auditor for its PRC GAAP financial statements (the "PRC Auditor") is required to report on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

However, our independent registered public accounting firm or PRC Auditor may not be satisfied with our internal controls, the level at which our controls are documented, designed, operated and reviewed. Our independent registered public accounting firm or PRC Auditor may also interpret the requirements, rules and regulations differently, and reach a different conclusion regarding the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. Although our management have concluded that our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012 was effective, we may discover deficiencies in the course of our future evaluation of our internal control over financial reporting and may be unable to remediate such deficiencies in a timely manner. If we fail to maintain the adequacy of our internal control over financial reporting on an ongoing basis, as required under the above mentioned rules and regulations. Moreover, effective internal control is necessary for us to produce reliable financial reports and is important to prevent fraud. As a result, our failure to achieve and maintain effective internal control over financial reporting could result in the loss of investor confidence in the reliability of our financial statements, which in turn could harm our business and negatively impact the trading prices of our ADRs, H Shares or A Shares.

# The Company could be classified as a passive foreign investment company by the United States Internal Revenue Service and may therefore be subject to adverse tax impact.

Depending upon the relative values of our passive assets and income as compared to our total assets and income each taxable year, we could be classified as a passive foreign investment company, or PFIC, by the United States Internal Revenue Service, or IRS, for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The Company believes that it was not a PFIC for the taxable year 2012. However, there can be no assurance that we will not be a PFIC for the taxable year 2013 and/or later taxable years, as PFIC status is re-tested each year and depends on the facts in such year.

The Company will be classified as a PFIC in any taxable year if either: (1) the average value during the taxable year of its assets that produce passive income, or are held for the production of passive income, is at least 50% of the average value of its total assets for such taxable year (the "Asset Test") or (2) 75% or more of its gross income for the taxable year is passive income (such as certain dividends, interest or royalties) (the "Income Test"). For purposes of the Asset Test: (1) any cash, cash equivalents, and cash invested in short-term, interest bearing, debt instruments, or bank deposits that is readily convertible into cash, will generally count as producing passive income or as being held for the production of passive income and (2) the average values of the Company's passive and total assets is calculated based on its market capitalization.

If we were a PFIC, you would generally be subject to additional taxes and interest charges on certain "excess distributions" the Company makes regardless of whether we continue to be a PFIC in the year in which you receive an "excess distribution". An "excess distribution" would be either (1) the excess amount of a distribution with respect to ADRs during a taxable year in which distributions to you exceed 125% of the average annual distributions to you over the preceding three taxable years or, if shorter, your holding period for the ADRs, or (2) 100% of the gain from the disposition of ADRs. For more information on the United States federal income tax consequences to you that would result from our classification as a PFIC, please see Item 10, "Taxation — United States Federal Income Taxation — U.S. Holders — Passive Foreign Investment Company".

#### We may be unable to retain key management personnel.

We are dependent on the experience and industry knowledge of our key management employees, and there can be no assurance that we will be able to retain them. Any inability to retain our key management employees, or attract and retain additional qualified management employees, could have a negative impact on us.

#### **Risks Relating to the Chinese Commercial Aviation Industry**

# The Group's business is subject to extensive government regulations, and there can be no assurance as to the equal treatment of all airlines under those regulations.

The Group's ability to implement its business strategy will continue to be affected by regulations and policies issued or implemented by relevant government agencies, particularly CAAC, which encompasses substantially all aspects of the Chinese commercial aviation industry, such as the approval of route allocation, the administration of certain airport operations and air traffic control. Such regulations and policies limit the flexibility of the Group to respond to market conditions, competition or changes in the Group's cost structure. The implementation of specific government policies could from time to time adversely affect the Group's operations.

# The Group's results may be negatively impacted by the fluctuation in domestic prices for jet fuel, and we would be adversely affected by disruptions in the supply of fuel.

The availability and cost of jet fuel have a significant impact on the Group's results of operations. The Group's jet fuel cost for 2012 accounted for 68.4% of its flight operations expenses. All of the domestic jet fuel requirements of Chinese airlines (other than at the Shenzhen, Zhuhai, Sanya, Haikou, Shanghai Pudong and other small airports) must be purchased from the exclusive providers, CAOSC and Bluesky Oil Supplies Company, which are supervised by the CAAC. Chinese airlines may also purchase jet fuel at the Shenzhen, Zhuhai, Sanya, Haikou, Shanghai Pudong and other small airports from joint ventures in which the CAOSC is a partner. Jet fuel obtained from the CAOSC's regional branches is purchased at uniform prices throughout China that are determined and adjusted by the CAOSC from time to time with the approval of the CAAC and the pricing department of the NDRC based on market conditions and other factors. As a result, the costs of transportation and storage of jet fuel in all regions of China are spread among all domestic airlines.

Domestic prices for jet fuel has experienced fluctuations in the past few years. The Group's profit for the year may suffer from an unexpected change in the fuel surcharge collection policies and other factors beyond our control. For more information on the jet fuel prices, please see "Item 4, Information on the Company - Business Overview - Jet Fuel" section below for further discussion.

In summary, given the constant fluctuation of volatile fuel price, no assurance can be given that the Group's operation and financial results will not be negatively impacted by the fluctuation in domestic prices for jet fuel.

In addition, China has experienced jet fuel shortages. On some rare occasions prior to 1993, the Group had to delay or even cancel flights. Although such shortages have not materially affected the Group's operations since 1993, there can be no assurance that such a shortage will not occur in the future. If such a shortage occurs in the future to the extent that the Group has to delay or cancel flights due to fuel shortage, its operational reputation among passengers as well as its operations may suffer.

In 2012, a reasonable possible increase or decrease of 10% in jet fuel price with volume of fuel consumed and all other variables held constant, would have increased or decreased the Group's annual fuel costs by approximately RMB3,740 million. Accordingly, even if the jet fuel supply remains stable, increases in jet fuel prices will nevertheless adversely impact our financial results.

# The Group's profit for the year may suffer from an unexpected volatility caused by any fluctuation in the level of fuel surcharges.

The level of fuel surcharges, which is regulated by Chinese government, affects domestic customers' air travel demand as well as the Group's ability to generate profits. On January 14, 2009, the NDRC and the CAAC jointly announced the collection of passenger fuel surcharge for domestic routes should be suspended from January 15, 2009 onwards. Subsequently, in response to the increase in international fuel prices, the NDRC and CAAC issued a notice on November 11, 2009 to introduce a new pricing mechanism of fuel surcharge that links it with airlines' jet fuel costs, which was further adjusted subsequently. We cannot guarantee that fuel surcharges would not be adjusted further in the future or adjusted in our favor. If fuel surcharges are not adjusted in correspondence to the increase in jet fuel, our profit for the year may be materially adversely affected.

#### The Group's results of operations are subject to seasonality.

The Group's operating revenue is substantially dependent on the passenger and cargo traffic volume carried, which is subject to seasonal and other changes in traffic patterns, the availability of appropriate time slots for the Group's flights and alternative routes, the degree of competition from other airlines and alternate means of transportation, as well as other factors that may influence passenger travel demand and cargo and mail volume. In particular, the Group's airline revenue is generally higher in the second and third quarters than in the first and fourth quarters. As a result, the Group's results may fluctuate from season to season.

# The Group's operations may be adversely affected by insufficient aviation infrastructure in Chinese commercial aviation industry.

The rapid increase in air traffic volume in China in recent years has put pressure on many components of the Chinese commercial aviation industry, including China's air traffic control system, the availability of qualified flight personnel and airport facilities. Airlines, such as the Group, which have route networks that emphasize short- to medium-haul routes, are generally more affected by insufficient aviation infrastructure in terms of on-time performance and high operating costs due to fuel inefficiencies resulting from the relatively short segments flown, as well as the relatively high proportion of time on the ground during turnaround. All of these factors may adversely affect the perception of the service provided by an airline and, consequently, the airline's operating results. In recent years, the CAAC has placed increasing emphasis on the safety of Chinese airline operations and has implemented measures aimed at improving the safety record of the industry. The ability of the Group to increase utilization rates and to provide safe and efficient air transportation in the future will depend in part on factors such as the improvement of national air traffic control and navigation systems and ground control operations at Chinese airports, factors which are beyond the control of the Group.

# The Group faces increasingly intense competition both in domestic aviation industry and in the international market, as well as from alternative means of transportation.

The CAAC's extensive regulation of the Chinese commercial aviation industry has had the effect of managing competition among Chinese airlines. Nevertheless, competition has become increasingly intense in recent years due to a number of factors, including relaxation of certain regulations by the CAAC and an increase in the capacity, routes and flights of Chinese airlines. Competition in the Chinese commercial aviation industry has led to widespread price-cutting practices that do not in all respects comply with applicable regulations. Until the interpretation of CAAC regulations limiting such price-cutting has been finalized and strictly enforced, discounted tickets from competitors will continue to have an adverse effect on the Group's sales.

The Group faces varying degrees of competition on its regional routes from certain Chinese airlines and Cathay Pacific Airways, Dragonair and Air Macau, and on its international routes, primarily from non-Chinese airlines, most of which have significantly longer operating histories, substantially greater financial and technological resources and greater name recognition than the Group. In addition, the public's perception of the safety and service records of Chinese airlines could adversely affect the Group's ability to compete against its regional and international competitors. Many of the Group's international competitors have larger sales networks and participate in reservation systems that are more comprehensive and convenient than those of the Group, or engage in promotional activities, which may enhance their ability to attract international passengers.

Furthermore, for short-distance transportation, airplanes, trains and buses are alternatives to each other. Given the recent development of high-speed trains (as discussed below), the construction of nationwide high-speed railway network and the improvement of inter-city expressway network, the commercial aviation sector as a whole faces increasing competition from the alternative means of transportation such as railways and highways.

### We expect to face substantial competition from the rapid development of the Chinese rail network.

The PRC government is aggressively implementing the expansion of its high-speed rail network, which will provide train services at a speed of up to 300km per hour connecting major cities such as Beijing, Shanghai, Wuhan, Qingdao, Guangzhou, Dalian and Hong Kong. In December 2012, the Beijing-Guangzhou and Harbin-Dalian High-Speed Railways commenced operation, the expansion of the coverage of this network and improvements in railway service quality, increased passenger capacity and stations located closer to urban centers than competing airports could enhance the relative competitiveness of the railway service and affect our market share on some of our key routes, in particular routes below 800km. The construction of all railways in China's "Four Longitudinal and one Horizontal" high-speed railway network is expected to complete in October 2013. We expect it will bring further negative impact on the domestic aviation industry. Increased competition and pricing pressures from railway service may have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

# Due to limitation on foreign ownership imposed by Chinese government policies, the Company may have limited access to the international equity capital markets.

Chinese government policies limit foreign ownership in Chinese airlines. Under these policies, the percentage ownership of our total outstanding ordinary shares held by investors in Hong Kong and any country outside China ("Foreign Investors") may not in the aggregate exceed 49%. Currently, we estimate that 28.47% of the total outstanding ordinary shares of the Company are held by Foreign Investors. For so long as the limitation on foreign ownership is in force, we will have limited access to the international equity capital markets.

#### The European Emissions Trading Scheme may increase operational cost of the Group.

Starting on January 1, 2012, aviation sector will be included in the European Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS), EU's mandatory cap-and-trade system for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Airline operators in the EU will receive tradable emission permits (aviation allowances) covering a certain level of their  $CO_2$  emissions per year for their flights operating to and from EU airports. If an airline fails to obtain free-of-charge emission permits from the EU, it will have to buy around EUR10 million (RMB 100 million) worth of  $CO_2$  emissions allowances from other greener industries. In March 2011, a group representing China's largest airlines sent a formal notice to the EU expressing strong opposition to non-member-state airlines' inclusion in the EU's Emissions Trading Scheme. Also, in early February 2012, CAAC issued instructions to various airlines announcing that without approval from the relevant government authorities, the major airlines are prohibited from joining the ETS and the transport airlines are also prohibited from raising the freight price or increasing fee items by adducing this reason. On November 12, 2012, EU announced to temporarily suspend the implementation of the ETS in the aviation sector in 2013 in order to forge a positive negotiation environment for all parties. A new globally recognized implementation proposal is expected to be reached in October 2013. There can be no assurance that the new implementation proposal will not have negative impact on our financial condition and result of operation.

#### We may utilize fuel hedging arrangements which may result in losses.

While we have not entered into any fuel hedging transactions since the fourth quarter of 2008, we have obtained the approval from the board and may in the future consider to hedge a portion of our future fuel requirements through various financial derivative instruments linked to certain fuel commodities to lock in fuel costs within a hedged price range. However, these hedging strategies may not always be effective and high fluctuations in aviation fuel prices exceeding the locked-in price ranges may result in losses. Significant declines in fuel prices may substantially increase the costs associated with our fuel hedging arrangements. In addition, where we seek to manage the risk of fuel price increases by using derivative contracts, we cannot assure you that, at any given point in time, our fuel hedging transactions will provide any particular level of protection against increased fuel costs.

#### **Risks Relating to the PRC**

The Group has significant exposure to foreign currency risk as majority of the Group's lease obligations and bank and other loans are denominated in foreign currencies. Due to rigid foreign exchange control by Chinese government, the Group may face difficulties in obtaining sufficient foreign exchange to pay dividends or satisfy our foreign exchange liabilities.

Under current Chinese foreign exchange regulations, the Renminbi is fully convertible for current account transactions, but is not freely convertible for capital account transactions. All foreign exchange transactions involving Renminbi must take place either through the People's Bank of China or other institutions authorized to buy and sell foreign exchange or at a swap centre.

The Group has significant exposure to foreign currency risk as substantially all of the Group's obligations under leases, bank and other loans and operating lease commitment are denominated in foreign currencies, principally U.S. dollars, Singapore dollars and Japanese Yen. Depreciation or appreciation of the Renminbi against foreign currencies affects the Group's results significantly because the Group's foreign currency liabilities generally exceed its foreign currency assets. The Group is not able to hedge its foreign currency exposure effectively other than by retaining its foreign currency denominated earnings and receipts to the extent permitted by SAFE, or subject to certain restrictive conditions, entering into foreign exchange forward option contracts with authorized banks. However, SAFE may limit or eliminate the Group's ability to purchase and retain foreign currencies in the future. In addition, foreign currency transactions under the capital account are still subject to limitations and require approvals from SAFE. This may affect our ability to obtain foreign exchange through debt or equity financing, including by means of loans or capital contributions. No assurance can be given that the Group will be able to obtain sufficient foreign exchange to pay dividends or satisfy our foreign exchange liabilities.

The Group also has exposure to foreign currency risk in respect of net cash inflow denominated in Japanese Yen from ticket sales in overseas branch office after payment of expenses. The Group entered into certain foreign exchange forward option contracts, which were fully settled in 2011, to manage this foreign currency risk. However, like other derivative products, there can be no assurance that such option contracts can provide, at any given time, particular level of protection against foreign exchange risks.

# The Group's operations are subject to immature development of legal system in China. Lack of uniform interpretation and effective enforcement of laws and regulations may cause significant uncertainties to the Group's operations.

The members of the Group are organized under the laws of China. The Chinese legal system is based on written statutes and is a system, unlike common law systems, in which decided legal cases have little precedential value. Since 1979, the Chinese government has been developing a comprehensive system of commercial laws and considerable progress has been made in the promulgation of laws and regulations dealing with economic matters, such as corporate organization and governance, foreign investments, commerce, taxation and trade. These laws, regulations and legal requirements are relatively recent, and, like other laws, regulations and legal requirements applicable in China (including with respect to the commercial aviation industry), their interpretation and enforcement involve significant uncertainties.

#### The PRC new tax law may in the future deprive us of preferential income tax rates, which we currently enjoy.

On March 16, 2007, the Fifth Plenary Session of the Tenth National People's Congress passed the Corporate Income Tax Law of the PRC which took effect on January 1, 2008. As a result of the new tax law, the statutory income tax rate adopted by the Company and its subsidiaries has been changed to 25% with effect starting from January 1, 2008. Prior to enactment of the new tax law, certain branches and subsidiaries of the Company were taxed at rates ranging from 15% to 33%. Pursuant to the new tax law, the income tax rates of entities that previously enjoyed preferential tax rates of 15% and 18% have been revised to 18%, 20%, 22%, 24% and 25% for 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 onwards respectively. To the extent that there are any withdrawals of, or changes in, the preferential tax treatment that we currently enjoy, our tax liability may increase correspondingly and our results of operations and financial condition may be adversely affected.

Pursuant to Cai Shui [2012] No. 71 jointly issued by the PRC Ministry of Finance ("MoF") and the State Administration of Taxation ("SAT") on July 31, 2012, the pilot program regarding the transition from business tax to Value Added Tax ("VAT") was launched in certain provinces since November 1, 2012, including Guangdong and Fujian. Under this pilot program, the traffic revenue and the other revenues, including ground service income, cargo handling income and others, generated in locations that fall into the scope of this pilot program are subjected to VAT levied at rates of 17%, 11% or 6% from November 1, 2012; while the revenue generated in other locations continue to be subject to business tax at applicable tax rates.

The PRC new tax law may have negative tax impact on holders of H Shares or ADRs of the Company, by requiring the imposition of a withholding tax on dividends paid by a Chinese company to a non-resident enterprise.

The new tax law generally provides for a withholding tax on dividends paid by a Chinese company to a non-resident enterprise at a rate of 10%.

For individuals, Chinese tax law generally provides that an individual who receives dividends from the Company is subject to a 20% income tax. A 50% reduction of taxable income is granted by Chinese tax law for an individual receiving dividends from a listed company on Shanghai Stock Exchange or Shenzhen Stock Exchange. As a result, the effective tax rate for dividends received by A Share individual holders is 10% in 2012. Dividend received by any foreign individual that holds overseas shares in Chinese enterprise is generally subject to individual income tax at a flat rate of 20%, subject to exemption or reduction by an applicable double-taxation treaty.

# Our investors in the U.S. who rely on our auditor's audit reports currently do not have the benefit of PCAOB oversight.

Under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, or PCAOB, has the authority and is required to conduct continuing inspections of registered public accounting firms that provide audit services to public companies subject to the reporting requirements of the SEC. Our external auditor is registered with the PCAOB and is subject to inspections by the PCAOB. However, the PCAOB is currently unable to inspect a registered public accounting firm's audit work relating to a company's operations in China where the documentation of such audit work is located in China, such as our registered public accounting firm's audit work relating to our operations in China. As a result, our investors may be deprived of the benefits of PCAOB's oversight of our independent registered public accounting firm through such inspections.

### ITEM 4. INFORMATION ON THE COMPANY.

A.

History and Development of the Company

We were incorporated under PRC laws on March 25, 1995 as a joint stock company with limited liability under the name of China Southern Airlines Company Limited. The address of our principal place of business is 278 Ji Chang Road, Guangzhou, People's Republic of China 510405. Our telephone number is +86 20 8612 4462 and our website is www.csair.com.

In July 1997, we issued 1,174,178,000 H Shares, par value RMB1.00 per share, and completed the listing of the H Shares on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Hong Kong Stock Exchange") and the ADRs representing our H shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

On March 13, 2003, we obtained an approval certificate from the Ministry of Commerce to change to a permanent limited company with foreign investments and on October 17, 2003 obtained a business license for its new status, as a permanent limited company with foreign investments issued by the State Administration of Industry and Commerce of the People's Republic of China.

In July 2003, we issued 1,000,000,000 A Shares, par value RMB1.00 per share, and completed the listing of the A shares on the Shanghai Stock Exchange.

Pursuant to a sale and purchase agreement dated November 12, 2004 between the Company, CSAHC, China Northern Airlines ("CNA") and Xinjiang Airlines ("XJA"), which was approved by our shareholders in an extraordinary general meeting held on December 31, 2004, we acquired the airline operations and certain related assets of CNA and XJA with effect from December 31, 2004 at a total consideration of RMB1,959 million.

On May 30, 2007, we, together with an independent third party, established Chongqing Airlines Company Limited ("Chongqing Airlines"). As of December 31, 2012, the Company had transferred four aircraft to Chongqing Airlines as capital contribution. We own a total of 60% equity interest in Chongqing Airlines.

On August 14, 2007, we acquired a 51% equity interest in Nan Lung International Freight Limited beneficially owned by and registered in the name of Nan Lung Travel & Express (Hong Kong) Limited, and a 100% equity interest in China Southern Airlines Group Air Catering Company Limited, both a wholly owned subsidiary of CSAHC, for a total consideration of RMB112 million.

In December 2008, we acquired a 26% equity interest in China Southern West Australian Flying College Pty Ltd. ("Flying College") from CSAHC, and Flying College became a 91% owned subsidiary of the Company.

In June 2009, we acquired a 50% equity interest in Beijing Southern Airlines Ground Services Company Limited ("Beijing Ground Service") from the other shareholder, and Beijing Ground Service became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company.

On September 28, 2009, we entered into an agreement with CSAHC to sell our 50% equity interest in MTU Maintenance Zhuhai Co., Ltd ("Zhuhai MTU"), a jointly controlled entity of the Company, to CSAHC at a consideration of RMB1,607,850,000. The transfer was completed in February 2010.

On June 2, 2010, a third party company injected capital to Flying College, which diluted the Company's interest in Flying College from 91% to 48.12%. Flying College became a jointly controlled entity of the Company since then. The retained non-controlling equity interest in Flying College is re-measured to its fair value at the date when control was lost and a gain on deemed disposal of a subsidiary of RMB17 million was recorded in 2010.

In December 2010, we entered into an agreement with Xiamen Jianfa Group Co., Ltd. and Hebei Aviation Investment Group Corporation Limited ("Hebei Investment"), pursuant to which Hebei Investment agreed to inject a cash capital of RMB1,460 million into Xiamen Airlines Company Limited ("Xiamen Airlines"). In March 2011, the capital injection was received in full and the Company's equity interest in Xiamen Airlines was diluted from 60% to 51%. Xiamen Airlines remains a subsidiary of the Company.

On June 29, 2012, Xiamen Airlines, a subsidiary of the Company and Southern Airlines Culture and Media Co., Ltd. ("SACM") entered into an agreement, pursuant to which Xiamen Airlines agreed to sell and SACM agreed to purchase 51% equity interests in Xiamen Airlines Media Co., Ltd. ("XAMC"), at a consideration of approximately RMB 43.12 million. Immediate prior to the transaction, XAMC was wholly owned by Xiamen Airlines and primarily engaged in providing advertising, corporate branding, publicity and exhibition services and was responsible for the overall brand building and publicity of Xiamen Airlines.

## **Aircraft Acquisitions**

Pursuant to an aircraft acquisition agreement dated April 18, 2008 between Xiamen Airlines and the Boeing Company ("Boeing"), Xiamen Airlines will acquire 20 Boeing B737 series aircraft from Boeing. According to the information provided by Boeing, the aggregate catalogue price for those aircraft including the airframe and engines is around US\$1.5 billion. The aggregate consideration for the acquisition will be partly payable in cash by Xiamen Airlines, and partly through financing arrangements with banking institutions. The Boeing aircraft will be delivered in stages to Xiamen Airlines during the period commencing from April 2014 to October 2015.

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Pursuant to an A320 Series Aircraft Purchase Agreement dated January 20, 2010 between the Company and Airbus SNC, we will acquire 20 Airbus 320 series aircraft from Airbus SNC. According to the information provided by Airbus SNC, the catalogue price of an Airbus 320 aircraft, including airframe and engines, is around US\$76.9 million. The aggregate consideration for the acquisition will be partly payable in cash and partly through financing arrangements with banking institutions. The Airbus aircraft will be delivered in stages to the Company from 2011 to 2013.

On September 30, 2010, Xiamen Airlines entered into a supplemental agreement with Boeing to purchase additional 10 Boeing B737 series aircraft. The aggregate catalogue price for those aircraft, including airframe and engines, is around US\$699 million. According to the information provided by Boeing, the aggregate consideration for the acquisition will be partly payable in cash by Xiamen Airlines, and partly through financing arrangements with banking institutions. The Boeing aircraft will be delivered in stages to Xiamen Airlines during the period commencing from 2015 to October 2016.

On November 4, 2010, we entered into an A320 series aircraft purchase agreement and an A330-300 aircraft purchase agreement with Airbus S.A.S. to purchase 30 Airbus A320 series aircraft and six Airbus A330 series aircraft. According to the information provided by Airbus S.A.S., the catalogue price of six Airbus A330 series aircraft and 30 Airbus A320 series aircraft, including airframe and engines, is US\$1.205 billion and US\$2.575 billion, respectively. The aggregate consideration for the acquisition will be partly payable by cash and partly by financing arrangements with banking institutions. The six Airbus A330 aircraft will be delivered in stages to the Company during the period commencing from 2013 to 2014 and the 30 Airbus A320 series aircraft will be delivered in stages to the Company during the period commencing from 2012 to 2015.

On May 31, 2011, we entered into an aircraft acquisition agreement with Boeing to purchase six Boeing B777F freighters. According to the information provided by Boeing, the catalogue price of six Boeing B777F aircraft, including airframe and engines, is US\$1,584 million. The aggregate consideration for the Acquisition will be partly payable by cash and partly by financing arrangements with banking institutions. The six Boeing B777F freighters will be delivered in stages to us during the period commencing from 2013 to 2015.

On May 9, 2011, Xiamen Airlines entered into an aircraft acquisition agreement to purchase six Boeing B787 series aircraft. According to the information provided by Boeing, the aggregate catalogue price, including airframe and engines, for the six Boeing B787 series aircraft is US\$1,098 million. The aggregate consideration for the acquisition will be partly payable in cash and partly through financing arrangements with banking institutions. The Boeing aircraft will be delivered in stages to Xiamen Airlines during the period commencing from 2014 to 2015.

On February 28, 2012, we entered into an agreement with the Boeing Company to purchase 10 Boeing 777-300ER aircraft. According to the information provided by Boeing, the catalogue price of one Boeing B777-300ER aircraft, including airframe and engines, is around US\$298 million. The aggregate consideration for the acquisition will be

partly payable in cash and partly through financing arrangements with banking institutions. The Boeing aircraft will be delivered in stages to the Company during the period from 2014 to 2016.

On August 3, 2012, Xiamen Airlines entered into an agreement with Boeing to purchase 40 Boeing B737 series aircraft from Boeing. The aggregate catalogue price of the 40 Boeing B737 series aircraft is US\$3.36 billion. The aggregate consideration for the acquisition will be partly payable by cash and partly by financing arrangements with banking institutions. The Boeing aircraft will be delivered in stages to Xiamen Airlines during the period commencing from 2016 to 2019.

On December 5, 2012, we entered into the Airbus aircraft acquisition agreement with Airbus S.A.S. to purchase 10 Airbus A330-300 aircraft. The catalogue price of one Airbus A330-300 aircraft is US\$188 million. The aggregate consideration for the acquisition will be partly payable by cash and partly by financing arrangements with banking institutions. The Airbus aircraft will be delivered in stages to the Company during the period commencing from 2014 to 2016.

## **Capital Expenditure**

The Group had RMB23,911 million, RMB23,428 million and RMB17,082 million capital expenditures in 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Of such capital expenditures in 2012, RMB8,178 million was financed by capital leases, RMB15,418 million was financed by bank borrowings while the remaining RMB315 million was financed by internal resources. The capital expenditures were primarily incurred on the additional investments in aircraft and flight equipment under the Group's fleet expansion plans and, to a small extent, additional investments in other facilities and buildings for operations.

B.

**Business Overview** 

### General

The Group provides commercial airline services throughout Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan regions, Southeast Asia and other parts of the world. Based on the statistics from the CAAC, the Group is one of the largest Chinese airlines and, as of the year end of 2012, ranked first in terms of number of passengers carried, number of scheduled flights per week, number of hours flown, number of routes and size of aircraft fleet. During the three years ended December 31, 2012, the Group's RPKs increased at a compound annual growth rate of 10.3% from 111,328 million in 2010 to 122,344 million in 2011, and 135,535 million in 2012 while its capacity, measured in terms of ASKs, increased at a compound annual growth rate of 9.9%, from 140,498 million in 2010 to 151,064 million in 2011 and 169,569 million in 2012. In 2012, the Group carried 86.48 million passengers and had passenger revenue of RMB89,544 million (US\$14,246 million).

The Group conducts a portion of its airline operations through its airline subsidiaries namely Xiamen Airlines, Shantou Airlines Company Limited ("Shantou Airlines"), Zhuhai Airlines Company Limited ("Zhuhai Airlines"), Guizhou Airlines Company Limited ("Guizhou Airlines") and Chongqing Airlines Company Limited ("Chongqing Airlines") (collectively, the "Airline Subsidiaries"). In 2012, the Airline Subsidiaries carried 24.64 million passengers and had passenger revenue of RMB22,240 million (US\$3,538 million) and accounted for 28% and 25% of the Group's passengers carried and passenger revenue, respectively.

The Group also provides air cargo and mail services. The cargo and mail revenue of the Group increased by 13.8% to RMB6,556 million (US\$1,043 million) in 2012 as compared with that of 2011. The Group's airline operations are fully integrated with its airline-related businesses, including aircraft and engine maintenance, flight simulation and air catering operations.

As of December 31, 2012, the Group operated 758 routes, of which 608 were domestic, 110 were international and 40 were regional. The Group operates the most extensive domestic route network among all Chinese airlines. Its route network covers commercial centers and rapidly developing economic regions in Mainland China.

The Group's corporate headquarters and principal base of operations are located in Guangzhou, the capital of Guangdong Province and the largest city in southern China. Located in the rapidly developing Pearl River Delta region, Guangzhou is also the transportation hub of southern China and one of China's major gateway cities. Guangzhou's significance has increased as the transportation infrastructure of Guangdong Province has developed through the construction and development of expressways, an extensive rail network and the port cities of Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Zhanjiang, Zhuhai and Shantou.

In December 2005, we established a branch company in Beijing and have added wide-body airplanes to our operation base in Beijing, with the view to expanding our Beijing aviation business and building another main hub there in addition to our Guangzhou base. The establishment of Guangzhou and Beijing hubs will facilitate strategic refinement and enhancement of our route network operations, putting us in a better position to explore and seize the opportunities in the aviation market.

The Group's operations primarily focus on the domestic market. In addition, the Group also operates regional routes and international flights. As of December 31, 2012, the Group had 40 regional routes and 110 international routes. The Group's regional operations include flights between destinations in Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan. The Group's international operations include scheduled services to cities in Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, United Kingdom, Burma, Cambodia, Canada, Dutch, France, Georgia, German, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Russia, Saudi, Singapore, South Korea, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates (UAE), United States of American (USA), Vietnam and other destinations.

After joining Skyteam Alliance, the Group has established a network reaching over 1000 destinations globally, connecting 187 countries and regions and covering major cities around the world.

As of December 31, 2012, the Group had a fleet of 491 aircraft, consisting primarily of Boeing 737 series, 747, 757, 777, Airbus 320 series, 330, 380 etc. The average age of the Group's registered aircraft was 6.32 years as of December 31,2012.

### **Restructuring and Initial Public Offering**

As part of China's economic reforms in the 1980's, the PRC State Council directed the CAAC to separate its governmental, administrative and regulatory role from the commercial airline operations that were being conducted by the CAAC and its regional administrators. As a result, CSAHC was established on January 26, 1991 for the purpose of assuming the airline and airline-related commercial operations of the Guangzhou Civil Aviation Administration, one of the then six regional bureaus of the CAAC. CSAHC was one of the 55 large-scale enterprises designated by the Chinese government to play a leading role in their respective industries.

CSAHC was restructured in 1994 and 1995 in anticipation of our initial public offering. The restructuring was effective through the establishment of the Company and the execution of the De-merger Agreement on March 25, 1995 by and between CSAHC and the Company. Upon the restructuring, the Company assumed substantially the entire airline and airline-related businesses, assets and liabilities of CSAHC, and CSAHC retained its non-airline-related businesses, assets and liabilities. All interests, rights, duties and obligations of CSAHC, whenever created or accrued, were divided between the Company and CSAHC based on the businesses, assets and liabilities assumed by each of them under the De-merger Agreement. Under the De-merger Agreement, CSAHC agreed not to conduct or participate or hold any interest in, either directly or indirectly, any business, activity or entity in or outside China that competes or is likely to compete with the commercial interests of the Group, although CSAHC may continue to hold and control its affiliates existing on the date of the De-merger Agreement and may continue to operate the businesses of such associates. Under the De-merger Agreement, CSAHC and the Company also agreed to indemnify each other against any losses, claims, damage, debts or expenses arising out of or in connection with the restructuring. As of the date of this Annual Report, no indemnity has been provided by either CSAHC or us.

In July 1997, we completed a private placement of 32,200,000 H Shares to certain limited partnership investment funds affiliated with Goldman Sachs & Co. and an initial public offering of 1,141,978,000 H Shares, par value RMB1.00 per share, and the listing of the H Shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and ADRs on the New York Stock Exchange. Prior to the private placement and the initial public offering, all of our issued and outstanding shares of capital stock, consisting of 2,200,000,000 non-tradable domestic shares ("Domestic Shares"), par value RMB1.00 per share, were owned by CSAHC, which owned and exercised, on behalf of the Chinese government and under the supervision of the CAAC, the rights of ownership of such Domestic Shares. After giving effect to the private placement and the initial public offering, approximately 65.2% of the total share capital of the Company), and became entitled to elect all the directors of the Company and to control the management and policies of the Group. The Domestic Shares and H Shares are both ordinary shares of the Company.

In July 2003, we issued 1,000,000,000 A Shares, par value of RMB1.00 per share, and listed these shares on the Shanghai Stock Exchange. Subsequent to the issuance of the A Shares, the shareholding of CSAHC in the Company was reduced from 65.2% to 50.30%.

## **Share Reform Scheme**

Pursuant to relevant PRC laws, we launched the share reform scheme in May 2007, whereby all the 2,200,000,000 non-tradable Domestic Shares held by CSAHC would be converted into tradable A Shares. Upon the completion of such scheme on June 20, 2008, all the non-tradable Domestic Shares have been successfully converted into tradable A Shares, subject to the restriction that CSAHC shall not transfer or trade these shares within 36 months after the commencement date of the share reform scheme (which is June 18, 2007).

### Bonus Shares Issue by Conversion of Share Premium

On June 25, 2008, our shareholders approved issuance of bonus shares by way of conversion of share premium, and on August 14, 2008, the Ministry of Commerce approved the bonus share issue. The issue has been effected by conversion of share premium on the basis of 5 new shares, credited as fully paid, for every 10 existing shares. Upon the completion of the bonus share issue, which is based on 4,374,178,000 shares in issue as of December 31, 2007, the number of paid up shares has increased by 2,187,089,000 shares to 6,561,267,000 shares.

### **Non-Public Subscriptions**

On December 10, 2008, we entered into an A Shares subscription agreement with CSAHC, pursuant to which CSAHC conditionally agreed to subscribe and the Company conditionally agreed to allot and issue 721,150,000 new A Shares for a consideration of RMB2,278,834,000, equivalent to the subscription price of RMB3.16 per new A Share. Separately and on the same date, the Company and Nan Lung (a wholly-owned subsidiary of CSAHC) entered into an H Shares subscription agreement, pursuant to which Nan Lung conditionally agreed to subscribe and the Company conditionally agreed to allot and issue 721,150,000 new H Shares for a consideration of RMB721,150,000, equivalent to the subscription price of RMB1.00 (equivalent to approximately HK\$1.13) per new H Share. The subscription agreements were approved in the Extraordinary General Meeting and the respective Class Meetings of shareholders of A and H Shares on February 26, 2009. On June 3, 2009, we received the formal approval from CSRC for the proposed non-public issue of H Shares. The issuance of 721,150,000 new A Shares to CSAHC and 721,150,000 new H Shares to Nan Lung were completed on August 20, 2009 and August 21, 2009, respectively.

On March 8, 2010, our board approved the placement of up to 1,766,780,000 new A shares to not more than 10 specific investors including CSAHC and the placement of not more than 312,500,000 new H shares to Nan Lung, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CSAHC. On the same date, the Company entered into the A shares subscription agreement with CSAHC, pursuant to which CSAHC conditionally agreed to subscribe and the Company conditionally agreed to allot and issue new A shares of not more than 132,510,000 at the subscription price of not less than RMB5.66 per A share. In addition, the Company and Nan Lung entered into the H shares subscription agreement, pursuant to which Nan Lung conditionally agreed to subscribe and the Company conditionally agreed to allot and issue new H shares of not more than 312,500,000 at the subscription price of not less than RMB5.66 per A share. In addition, the Company and Nan Lung entered into the H shares subscription agreement, pursuant to which Nan Lung conditionally agreed to subscribe and the Company conditionally agreed to allot and issue new H shares of not more than 312,500,000 at the subscription price of not less than HKD2.73 per H share. The above placement and subscription agreements were approved in the Extraordinary General Meeting and the respective Class Meetings of shareholders of A and H shares on April 30, 2010. On September 8, 2010, we received the formal approval from CSRC for the proposed non-public issuance of H Shares. In November 2010, we completed the placements of 1,501,500,000 new A shares and 312,500,000 H shares, among which 123,900,000 new A shares were issued to CSAHC at the subscription price of RMB6.66 per share, and 312,500,000 H shares were issued to Nan Lung at the subscription price of HKD2.73 per share.

On June 11, 2012, we entered into an A Shares subscription agreement with CSAHC, pursuant to which CSAHC conditionally agreed to subscribe and we conditionally agreed to allot and issue up to 487,804,878 A Shares for a consideration of not more than RMB2 billion, equivalent to the subscription price of approximately RMB4.1 per new A Share. The subscription agreement was approved in the Extraordinary General Meeting on August 3, 2012. As of the date of this Annual Report, the proposed transaction is pending for the approval of CSRC.

#### Issuance of Short-term Financing Bills and Medium Term Notes

On April 18, 2008, our Board approved the proposed issuance of short-term financing bills in the principal amount of up to RMB4 billion in the PRC, and the submission of this proposal to the annual general meeting for the shareholders' approval. On June 25, 2008, our shareholders approved such proposed bill issuance at the annual general meeting for the year 2007. We believed that the bill issuance would provide a further source of funding at an interest rate which was expected to be lower than that for loans from commercial banks, lower the financing cost of borrowings for us, and was in the interests of us and our shareholders as a whole. The Company received the acceptance from National Association of Financial Market Institutional Investors to register the Company's short-term financing bills in the amount of RMB3.5 billion for a period up to September 10, 2010. The bills were jointly underwritten by China CITIC Bank Cooperation Limited and Bank of China Limited. In October 2008, we issued short-term financing bills with total face value of RMB2 billion with a bearing coupon interest rate at 4.7% and a maturity period of one year for funding of the business activities of the Company.

On May 28, 2008, the Board approved the proposed issuance of medium term notes by the Company in the principal amount of up to RMB1.5 billion and the submission of such proposal to the shareholders for their consideration and approval. On June 25, 2008, shareholders of the Company approved such notes issuance at the annual general meeting for the year 2007. The Company believed that the notes issue would provide a further source of medium to long term funding at an interest rate lower than the best lending rate for loans from commercial banks, lower the finance costs of borrowings for us and improve our debt structure. As of the date of this Annual Report, We have not issued any medium term notes, even though it has been approved by the Board and shareholders.

In order to capitalize on opportunities in the market and improve the flexibility and efficiency of financing, on June 25, 2012, the Board resolved to obtain a general and unconditional mandate from shareholders to issue potential debt financing instruments, in one or multiple tranches, within the permissible size for debt issuance in accordance with the provisions of the applicable laws and regulations. On the extraordinary general meeting held on August 10, 2012, shareholders approved the authorization given to the Board, generally and unconditionally, to determine the specific debt financing instruments and issuance plan, and to issue, in one or multiple tranches, debt financing instruments within the permissible size for debt issuance in accordespect to high and low closing prices was provided by the NASDAQ Global Select Market.

	High	Low	Decla	idends ared Per hare
Year Ended December 31, 2011				
Quarter ended December 31, 2011	\$ 20.31	\$ 18.87	\$	0.09
Quarter ended September 30, 2011	\$ 21.29	\$18.96	\$	0.09
Quarter ended June 30, 2011	\$ 20.72	\$ 19.27	\$	0.09
Quarter ended March 31, 2011	\$ 20.25	\$18.91	\$	0.07
Year Ended December 31, 2010				
Quarter ended December 31, 2010	\$ 20.19	\$ 16.74	\$	0.07

Quarter ended September 30, 2010	\$ 19.04	\$ 16.57	\$ 0.07
Quarter ended June 30, 2010	\$ 20.66	\$18.22	\$ 0.05
Quarter ended March 31, 2010	\$ 21.17	\$17.72	\$ 0.05

Dividend payments by Territorial Bancorp Inc. are dependent on dividends it receives from Territorial Savings Bank, because Territorial Bancorp Inc. has no source of income other than dividends from Territorial Savings Bank, earnings from the investment of proceeds from the sale of shares of common stock retained by Territorial Bancorp Inc. and interest payments with respect to Territorial Bancorp Inc. s loan to the Employee Stock Ownership Plan. See Item 1. Business Supervision and Regulation Federal Banking Regulation Capital Distributions and Holding Company Regulation Dividends and Stock Repurchases.

(b) Sales of Unregistered Securities. Not applicable.

(c) Use of Proceeds. Not applicable.

(d) *Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans.* See Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters.

(e) *Stock Repurchases.* The following table sets forth information in connection with repurchases of our shares of common stock during the fourth quarter of 2011:

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Number of Shares That May Yet be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (1) (2)	
October 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011	80,522	\$ 19.39	80,522	0	
December 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011	21,722	19.68	21,722	530,278	
Total	102,244	\$ 19.45	102,244	530,278	

- (1) On August 26, 2011, our Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to 581,265 shares of our common stock. In accordance with this authorization, we had repurchased 581,265 shares of our common stock as of December 31, 2011.
- (2) On December 9, 2011, our Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to 552,000 shares of our common stock. In accordance with this authorization, we had repurchased 21,722 shares of our common stock as of December 31, 2011. This repurchase authorization expires on August 15, 2012. We have entered into a 10b5-1 plan with respect to our stock repurchase plan.

(f) *Stock Performance Graph.* Set forth hereunder is a stock performance graph comparing (a) the cumulative total return on our shares of common stock between July 13, 2009 and December 31, 2011, (b) the cumulative total return on stocks included in the Total Return Index for the NASDAQ Stock Market (US) over such period, and (c) the cumulative total return on stocks included in the NASDAQ Bank Index over such period. Cumulative return assumes the reinvestment of dividends, and is expressed in dollars based on an assumed investment of \$100.

There can be no assurance that the Company s stock performance will continue in the future with the same or similar trend depicted in the graph. The Company will not make or endorse any predictions as to future stock performance.

	Period Ending					
Index	07/13/09	12/31/09	06/30/10	12/31/10	06/30/11	12/31/11
Territorial Bancorp Inc.	100.00	120.41	127.06	134.55	141.17	135.79
SNL Bank and Thrift	100.00	114.18	112.89	127.47	117.96	99.12
NASDAQ Composite	100.00	127.12	118.71	150.19	157.72	149.00

#### ITEM 6. Selected Financial Data

The following selected consolidated financial and other data has been derived, in part, from the consolidated financial statements and notes appearing elsewhere in this annual report.

	2011	2010	At December 31, 2009 (In thousands)	2008	2007
Selected Financial Condition Data:					
Total assets	\$ 1,537,571	\$ 1,443,412	\$ 1,389,612	\$ 1,224,446	\$ 1,162,018
Cash and cash equivalents	131,937	194,435	135,953	11,216	19,755
Investment securities held to maturity	653,871	530,555	598,394	527,767	538,025
Loans receivable, net	688,095	641,790	597,700	633,160	554,795
Bank owned life insurance	30,234	29,266	28,249	27,107	26,068
Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle stock, at cost	12,348	12,348	12,348	12,348	12,348
Deposits	1,166,116	1,076,470	1,014,668	923,914	892,316
Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle advances	20,000	10,000	0	35,791	72,000
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	108,300	105,200	130,200	115,200	55,200
Subordinated debentures	0	0	0	24,221	24,199
Stockholders equity	213,961	227,359	219,671	99,381	92,479

		Years Ended December 31,			
	2011	2010	2009 (In thousands	<b>2008</b>	2007
Selected Operating Data:					
Interest and dividend income	\$ 62,733	\$61,115	\$61,525	\$61,220	\$ 60,947
Interest expense	11,285	14,828	19,984	25,247	32,368
Net interest income	51,448	46,287	41,541	35,973	28,579
Provision for loan losses	418	345	1,198	149	25
Net interest and dividend income after provision for loan losses	51,030	45,942	40,343	35,824	28,554
Non-interest income	5,111	2,128	2,505	2,173	3,876
Non-interest expense	34,654	31,530	29,545	27,003	24,047
Income before income taxes	21,487	16,540	13,303	10,994	8,383
Income taxes	8,698	5,512	4,639	3,794	2,615
Net income	\$ 12,789	\$11,028	\$ 8,664	\$ 7,200	\$ 5,768

		At or For the Years Ended December 31,				
	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	
Selected Financial Ratios and Other Data:						
Performance Ratios:						
Return on average assets (ratio of net income to average total assets)	0.85%	0.77%	0.66%	0.60%	0.48%	
Return on average equity (ratio of net income to average equity)	5.72%	4.91%	5.50%	7.37%	6.35%	
Interest rate spread (1)	3.41%	3.14%	3.04%	2.95%	2.25%	
Net interest margin (2)	3.55%	3.35%	3.26%	3.14%	2.48%	
Efficiency ratio (3)	61.27%	65.12%	67.08%	70.79%	74.09%	
Non-interest expense to average total assets	2.31%	2.20%	2.24%	2.25%	2.01%	
Average interest-earning assets to average interest-bearing liabilities	118.21%	119.19%	114.30%	108.71%	108.16%	
Average equity to average total assets	14.91%	15.69%	11.93%	8.15%	7.58%	
Basic earnings per share (4)	\$ 1.19	\$ 0.97	\$ 0.77	N/A	N/A	
Diluted earnings per share (4)	\$ 1.17	\$ 0.97	\$ 0.77	N/A	N/A	
Dividend payout ratio	29.06%	24.74%	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Asset Quality Ratios:						
Non-performing assets to total assets	0.22%	0.06%	0.05%	0.02%	0.01%	
Non-performing loans to total loans	0.42%	0.12%	0.09%	0.02%	0.02%	
Allowance for loan losses to non-performing loans	52.65%	184.16%	323.27%	603.36%	724.53%	
Allowance for loan losses to total loans	0.22%	0.23%	0.28%	0.14%	0.14%	
Capital Ratios (bank-level only):						
Total capital (to risk-weighted assets)	38.76%	43.06%	37.18%	24.97%	25.33%	
Tier I capital (to risk-weighted assets)	38.47%	42.75%	36.85%	24.82%	25.17%	