# A very encouraging 2nd Quarter

- Breaking trend in Business Class
- Passenger load factors sharply up
- Strong underlying cost development unit costs down exempt Jet Fuel
- SAS International Hotels develops well
- Promising trading conditions



# Strong traffic growth and Business Class recovery 2nd Quarter

Improved traffic

growth (RPK) up 8%

Business Class (RPK-C) up 5%

Sharply improved cabin factor up 4.9 p.u.

up 0,4% Yields

EBITDAR up 20%

## Financial results - 1st Half 2000

MSEK	2000	1999	Change
Revenue	22 104	20 965	+5%
Op. inc. bef. depr.	1 239	993	+25%
Gain on sales	289	443	
Pre-tax profit	732	496	+48%



## Financial results - 2nd Quarter 2000

MSEK	2000	1999	Change
Revenue	11 799	11 260	+5%
Op. inc. bef. depr.	1 184	924	+28%
Gain on sales	276	46	

+103% 1 029 507 Pre-tax profit



# Positive underlying unit cost development

- ▶ Unit costs up 1.2%
- ▶ Fuel Costs up MSEK 712 vs 1999
- Jet fuel impact unit costs negatively by 3.8 p.u.
- ▶ Underlying unit cost base down 2.6%





# **Business highlights - 1st Half**

- Increased traffic growth Business Class recovery
- Modest capacity increase
- Improved passenger load factors
- Strengthened home market position
- Strengthened position in Business Class segment
- Result improvement program as planned



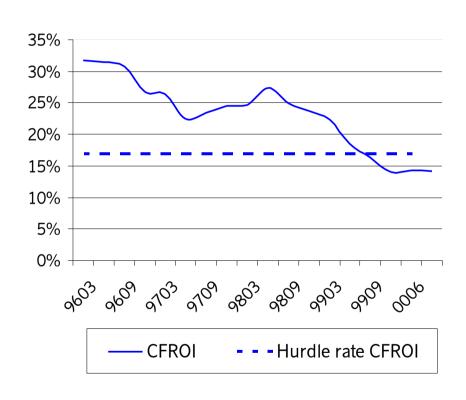


# Other highlights in 2nd Quarter

- Air Botnia out of the "red"
- Successful turn-a-round in Norwegian regional carrier Widerøe
- British Midland develops Joint Venture with SAS and Lufthansa
- Spanair strengthened position on Madrid



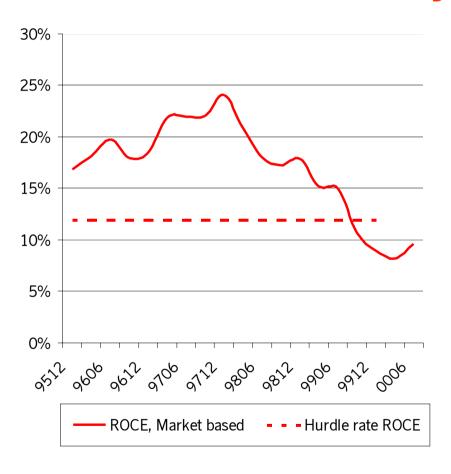
#### **CFROI** approaching set hurdle rate



- SAS Group's key financial metric
- Focus on operating cash flow (EBITDAR)
- CFROI H1/2000 15%
- Hurdle rate through >17-20% cycle



# **ROCE** - passed through the bottom of the cycle



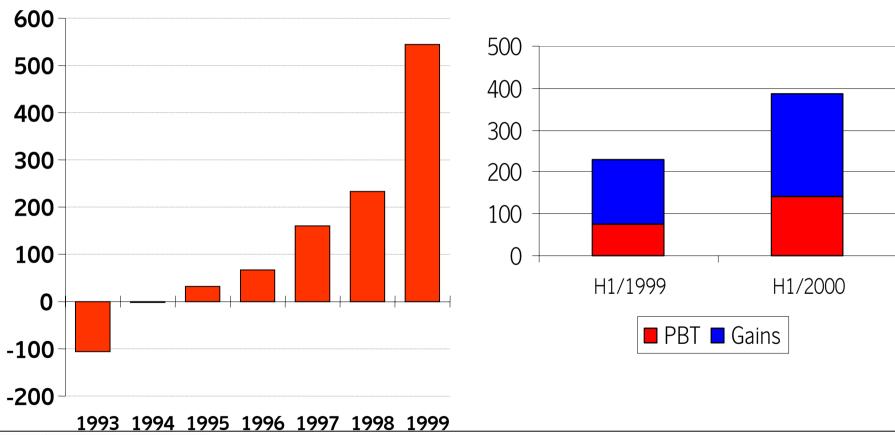
- ▶ SAS market based ROCE H1/2000 **10**%
- Hurdle rate through cycle >12%





# **Continued strong development**

**Income before taxes (MSEK)** 





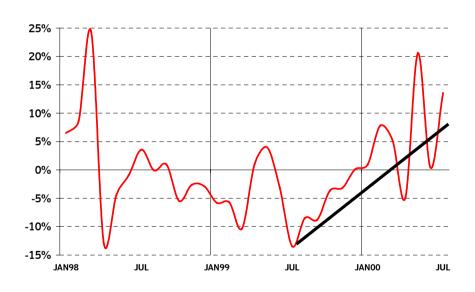


#### SAS

# Increased passenger load factors and growth trend in Business Class

RPK Business Class 1998-2000

Year on Year values



Passenger load factor total system 1995-2000

Moving 12 months values



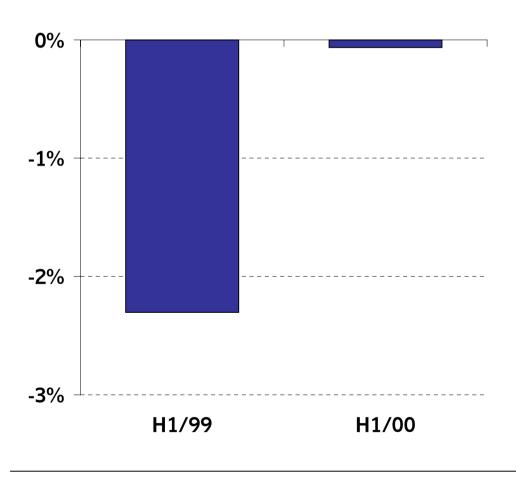




#### SAS

# Yields marginally up in 2nd Quarter

### **Total system - currency adjusted**



- Overall yields up 0,4% in Q2
- Overall yields down 0,1% in H1
- Growth in Business Class but still negative mix
- Continued yield pressure in Economy Class





SAS

# Creation of a Cargo limited company under evaluation

- New Global Cargo has been initiated
- Creation of a new SAS Cargo limited company in progress

#### 1st Half 2000

Revenue tonnes up 6%

Revenues up 8%



# Slightly increased unit cost

January - June 2000 vs 1999

	Adjusted H1/99	H1/00	Var. %	Share of total var %
Commissions	1 089	1 049	3.7%	0.3%
Fuel	1 130	1 699	(50.4%)	(3.8%)
Government charges	1 751	1 690	3.5%	0.4%
Personnel	6 546	6 493	0.8%	0.4%
Other oper. net costs	4 628	4 392	5.1%	1.6%
TOTAL	15 144	15 323	(1.2%)	(1.2%)

**Volume = average growth in ASK and RPK = 4,1%** 





# Result Improvement Program 1999/00

- MSEK 1550 achieved as of 2nd quarter 2000
- ▶ Target by early 2001: 3 000 MSEK

Area	Targeted effect vs. 1998
Cargo	100 MSEK
Catering &In-flight service	300 MSEK
IT & communications	250 MSEK
Distribution & Electronic channels	815 MSEK
Air crew	610 MSEK
Ground handling	300 MSEK
Technical maintenance	310 MSEK
Overhead & other	360 MSEK
Total	3045 MSEK





### The Board of Directors

### **Assessment for full year 2000:**

- Full year forecast from February 17 maintained
- Reduced unit cost except jet fuel
- Jet fuel expense estimated at MSEK 3500 for 2000 as a whole
- Income before taxes ex gains around MSEK 1000

