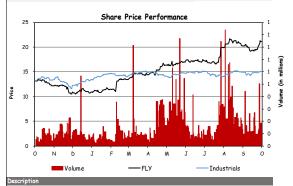
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Fly Leasing Limited	Symbol: FLY
Analyst	Ryan Dudzic
Buy below	\$21.40
Sell above	\$31.21
Probability of Price Increase	61%
Last Price	\$21.11
Intrinsic Value	\$24.97
Target Dividends	\$0.00
Target Price	\$26.75



#### Fly Leasing Limited, through its subsidiaries, purchases and leases commercial aircraft under multi-year contracts to various airlines worldwide.

Sector	Industrials		2. Highly Leveraged: With a debt/equity ro
Industry	Trading Companies ar	nd Distributors	out for moving forwar from FLY due to its h
Last Guidance	December 11, 2018		Key Catalysts for pr
Next earnings date	November 8, 2019		Acquisition of AirAs
People			Aircraft portfolio av
Barrington, Colm, CEO & Director			Ability to sell middle
Ruehl, Julie, Chief Financial Officer			Valuation
Dallas, Matt, Investor Contact			My \$26.75 price targ
,0			EBITDA.
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Top Competitors			
Aircastle Limited	Textainer Group Hold	dings Limited	
AerCap Holdings N.V.		ise and Finance Company K.S.C.P.	
CAI International, Inc.		, ,	
Air Lease Corporation	Willis Lease Finance	Corporation	
Fortress Transportation and Infrastructure Investors LLC			
Market Statistics			Ownership
Market Capitalization (mil)	\$655.22		Shares outstanding (mil)
Last Price per share	\$21,11		Weighted Diluted shares o
52 week high	\$22,11		Options and Warrants (Sh
52-week low	\$10,42		% shares held by institutio
Volatility	24.90%		% shares held by investme
Daily volume (mil)	0.18		% shares held by hedge fi
Short interest	0.61%		% shares held by VC/PE f
Days to cover short interest	0.82		% shares held by insiders
Beta	0.44		Poison Pill and Type
Financials			
Profitability	FLY (LTM)	FLY Historical	Peers' Median (LTM)
Return on Capital	7.3%	5.97%	5.70%
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	50.8%	54.34%	50.82%
Return on Equity	24.0%	4.5%	9.9%
Adjusted Net margin	30.0%	8.4%	13.8%
Invested Funds	FLY (LTM)	FLY Historical	Peers' Median (LTM)
Cash/Capital	5.9%	11,1%	2.5%
NWC/Capital	2.7%	2.5%	-0.1%
Operating Assets/Capital	91.5%	86.1%	96.0%
Goodwill/Capital	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Capital Structure	FLY (LTM)	FLY Historical	Peers' Median (LTM)
Total Debt/(Market Cap.+ Other Claims on Capital)	0.83	0.85	0.78
Minority Interest/(Market Cap.+ Other Claims on Capital)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Preferred Equity/(Market Cap.+ Other Claims on Capital)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
CGFS Credit Rating	ССС		СС
Credit Rating Model	bb to bb+		bb to bb+
Probability of Default Model	bb to bb+		b+ to bb-
Likely Current Cost of Debt	5.28%		5.11%
Likely Current Cost of Equity (Cost of Debt + MRP)	13,16%		12,99%

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#### UNIQUE LONG-TERM GROWTH PROSPECTS AND MARGIN EXPANSION

I am initiating coverage of Fly Leasing Limited with a BUY at market price and a \$26.75 price target. I view FLY as a strong company with a very attractive future outlook. The recent aquisition of AirAsia's aircraft portfolio will allow Fly  $Leasing \ to \ generate \ better \ returns \ on \ equity \ as \ well \ as \ revenue \ boosts \ and \ better \ operating \ efficiency. \ Along \ with \ the$ acquisitions of aircrafts, FLY is proving their ability to penetrate the Asian aircraft market as well as continuing the sale of their aircrafts at premiums to book value. With a P/E ratio of 4.79 compared to its industry's average P/E of 11.14, FLY proves to be a valued investment at this time.

# For the long:

FLY

#### 1. Acquisition of AirAsia's aircraft portfolio:

The deal, which was announced back in February of this year, will see FLY acquiring 34 relatively young A320-200s with an average age of 6.6 years for \$1.1 billion in cash. These acquisitions will expand FLY's fleet by over 60% and lower FLY's fleet age by over a year. Although yields tend to be lower on newer aircraft, the demand for newer, more fuel efficient aircrafts is currently very high. Also, while this transaction will increase FLY's debt load, it should also lead to a significatn increase in cash flows in the coming years.

# 2. Ability to increase aircraft fleet whilst selling at a premium:

FLY sold seven aircraft for \$18.9 million during the second quarter of 2019 at a 10% premium of their book value. FLY is also contracted to sell 14 more aircraft, also at gains, this coming year. The company also purchased two additional aircrafts for \$60.9 million during the quarter, furthering its fleet to 98 aircraft, of which 1 are classified as held for sale.

## 3. Strong fundamentals compared to its industry:

FLY is holding a forward P/E ratio of 3.51 in comparison to the industry average forward P/E of 9.74. This proves that FLY is trading at a discount to its group of competitors.

For the short:

 $\underline{1.}$  Worries about the health of emerging market airlines: This particular uncertainty falls within the business FLY does in India where they have significant exposure. FLY generates close to 60% of its revenue in Asia and with rising rates and weakening currencies, investors are wary as to whether or not the growth will continue in this geographic region.

## iged:

uity ratio of 359.9%, FLY is extremely leveraged and many investors find this to be a metric to watch orward. Although the company has plans in place to ensure no defaulting, wall street may steer away its highly leveraged state.

or price change

# . AirAsia fleet

olio average age niddle-aged aircrafts at premiums to book value

target is derived from a 75% weight in price to book value and 25% weight in enterprise value to

		Change in Owner	rship (over the past <mark>"Number"</mark> months)
(mil)		31.04	
hares outstanding	(mil)	31.97	
nts (Shares equiva	lent)	0.00	
stitutions		98%	"INPUT from BB"
vestments Manage	rs	26%	"INPUT from BB"
edge funds		8.59%	"INPUT from BB"
C/PE firms		10.019%	"INPUT from BB"
nsiders		0.31%	0.00%
e		NONE	
		Quarterly Earning Surprises (Ac	tual/Median Estimates)
M)	-	Revenue	Last 5 quarters
		6/30/2018	\$409.76 (-0.5%)
		9/30/2018	\$408.372 (1.2%)
		12/31/2018	\$487.216 (8.6%)
		3/31/2019	\$532.128 (0.1%)
M)		6/30/2019	\$579.428 (3.5%)
		History:	Last 10 years
		Mean Surprise	0.71%
		99th percentile "surprise" range	-24% to 25%
		EBITDA	Last 5 quarters
'M)		6/30/2018	#VALUE!
		9/30/2018	#VALUE!
		12/31/2018	#VALUE!
		3/31/2019	#VALUE!
		6/30/2019	#VALUE!
		History:	Last 10 years
		Mean Surprise	-100.00%
		99th percentile "surprise" range	-100% to -100%

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Fly Leasing Limited	Symbol: FLY		Cost of Capital Estimates			
Analyst	Ryan Dudzic			CGFS Credit Rating	Credit Rating Model	Probability of Default ModelModel
Buy below	\$21.40		Implied Cost of Borrowing (FLY)	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%
Sell above	\$31.21		Implied Cost of Borrowing (Peers)	5.7%	5.2%	6.1%
Probability of Price Increase	61%			Base Year	Explicit Period (7 years)	Continuing Period
Last Price	\$21.11		Cost of New Debt Estimate	5.79%	5.20	% 5.209
Intrinsic Value	\$24.97		Country Risk Premium Estimate	7.88%	7.88	% 7.88%
Target Dividends	\$0.00		Cost of Equity Estimate	13.67%	13.07	% 13.07%
Target Price	\$26.75		WACC Estimate	6.73%	6.19	
Forecast Assumptions	1.000					
Fiscal Year	Revenue Growth	EBITDA Margin	CAPEX/Revenue	DPR/CAPEX	Other	
Base Year (Actual)	15.95%	58.0%	211.3%	0.14 0.11 0.1	SBC/Revenue	0.00%
year 1	-17.00%	92.0%	54.8%	0.00	000/10/0100	Constant/same as LTM
	9.30%	89.5%	89.2%	0.00	1	10
year 2					Lease term	
year 3	9.00%	92.3%	76.9%	0.00	Rent Expense/Revenue	0.00%
year 4	7.70%	88.0%	64.5%	0.00		Tappers off to historical average
year 5	6.41%	83.7%	52.1%	0.00	R&D life	10
year 6	5.11%	79.4%	39.7%	0.00	R&D Expense/Revenue	0.00%
year 7	3.81%	75.0%	27.4%	0.00		Constant/same as LTM
year 8	2,52%	70.7%	15.0%	0.00	LIFO Reserve	Tappers off to zero
year 9	2.52%	70.7%	15.0%	0.00	Non-operating pension costs	Tappers off to zero
year 10	2,52%	70.7%	15.0%	0.00	Net financing pensions costs	Tappers off to zero
year 11	2.52%	70.7%	15.0%	0.00	Overfunded pension plans	Tappers off to zero
, year 12	2,52%	70,7%	15.0%	0.00	Capitalized interests	Constant/same as LTM
year 13	2,52%	70,7%	15.0%	0.00	Dividends/Revenue	2,31%
year 14	2,52%	70.7%	15.0%	0.00	Tax Rate	12,85%
year 15	2,52%	70,7%	15.0%	0.00		12,0070
	2,52%	70.7%	15%	0.00		
Continuing Period	2,52%	70.776	10%	0.00		
Simulation Assumptions						
Random Variables	Distribution Assumption	MAX	Likelly	MIN	Sensitivity: Price Varia	nce Attribution Analysis
Deviations in annual Revenue GrowthExpl. Per.	Triangular	6.31%	0%	-8.00%	6	Revenue growth
Deviations in annual Revenue GrowthCont. Per.	Normal	1,52%	0%	-1,52%		-
Deviations from EBITDA Margin base annual estimates	Triangular	21.68%	0%	-64.02%	6	EBITDA Margin
Deviations from CAPEX/Revenue base annual estimates	Triangular	103.87%	0%	-13.83% 0.009	6	CAPEX/Rev
Deviations from Kd base annual estimates	Triangular	0.89%	0%	-1.43% 0.009	6	Discount Rate
Deviations from CRP base annual estimates	Triangular	1.82%	0%	-1.92% 0.009	6	TEV/Rev
Deviations from TEV/Revenue base estimate	Triangular	1.42	0%	3 28	0.50%	TEV/EBITDA
Deviations from TEV/Revenue base estimate	Triangular	3,19	0%	-0.11	-	
Change in P/BV (TTM)	Triangular	0.48	0%	-0.41	1.97	P/BV
Change in P/E (FW)	Triangular	6.44	0%	-0.62 0.009	6	P/E
Recovery Rate	Triangular	10.00%	0%	-10% 0.009	6	Asset Recovery Rate
Valuation	mangalar	10,00 %	0/0	10/0		
		<u></u>		_		
DCF Valuation				Intrins	ic Value DistributionProbo	ability (Upside)=61%
	Base	Explicit Period (Average)	-			
Revenues	\$501.79	\$609.49	\$776.17			
Net Margin	30%	47%	46%			
LFCF	\$48.68	\$231.21	\$353.53			
Ke	13.67%	13.07%	13.07%			
ROE	23.97%	17.59%	45.86%			
Relative Valuation					ی <u>ال ال</u> ال	
	Median Justified Multiple	Basis	Implied Equity Value		اللاجي ويتري ويدي	
EV/Rev (FW)	7.4x	\$430.25	\$983.49			
EV/EBITDA (FW)	8.6x	\$392.12	\$1,154.47	5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5,	3,9 <sup>,1</sup> ,0 <sup>,3</sup> ,0 <sup>,4</sup> ,0 <sup>,4</sup> ,0 <sup>,1</sup> ,0 <sup>,1</sup> ,0 <sup>,4</sup> ,0 <sup>,4</sup> ,0 <sup>,9</sup> ,0 <sup>,4</sup>	$({}^{\flat}_{{}^{\flat}})^{\flat}_{{}^{\flat}}, ({}^{\flat})^{\flat}_{{}^{\flat}}, ({}^{\flat})^{\flat}, ({}^{\flat}$
P/BV (TTM)	0.9x	\$826.15	\$747.63	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$2' \$2' \$2' \$2' \$2' \$2' \$2' \$2'	' ક્વી' ક્વી' કરી' કરી' કરી' કરી'
P/E (FW)	8.3×	\$226.51	\$1,869.65			
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Asset Based Valuation			Valuation Summary	Intrinsic Value	Target Price	Model Weight
Recovery Rate	60%		DCF Valuation		5 \$ 59.2	
	\$3,004.74		EV/Rev (FW)		6 \$ 32.83	
				*	1 \$ 38.54	25%
	\$251.80		EV/EBITDA (FW)	\$ 36.1	II \$ 50.54	25%
Intangibles	\$251.80 \$2,727.93		EV/EBITDA (FW) P/BV (TTM)		9 \$ 24.96	
Capital Intangibles Claims Implied Equity Value				\$ 23.3		5 75%
Intangibles Claims	\$2,727.93		P/BV (TTM)	\$ 23.3	9 \$ 24.96	5 75%