# **DORIC NIMROD AIR THREE LIMITED**

LSE: DNA3

#### The Company

Doric Nimrod Air Three Limited ("the Company", and together with its subsidiary DNA Alpha Ltd. "the Group") is a Guernsey domiciled company. Its 220 million ordinary preference shares ("the Equity") have been admitted to trading on the Specialist Fund Segment (SFS) of the London Stock Exchange's Main Market. The market capitalisation of the Company was GBP 139.2 million as of 30 September 2025.

#### **Investment Strategy**

The Company's investment objective is to obtain income returns and a capital return for its shareholders by acquiring, leasing and then selling aircraft. The Company receives income from the leases and targets a gross distribution to the shareholders of 2.0625 pence per share per quarter (amounting to a yearly distribution of 8.25% based on the initial placing price of 100 pence per share) with the last quarterly income distribution scheduled for October 2025 and a final distribution in Q1 2026.

### **Asset Manager's Comment**

#### 1. The Assets

The Company acquired four Airbus A380 aircraft by the end of November 2013. Since delivery, each of them has been leased to Emirates Airline ("Emirates") - the national carrier owned by the Investment Corporation of Dubai, based in Dubai (UAE) - for a term of 12 years with fixed lease rentals for the duration. To complete the purchase, DNA Alpha Ltd ("DNA Alpha"), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, issued enhanced equipment trust certificates ("EETC") - a form of debt security -in the aggregate face amount of USD 630 million. In May 2023, DNA Alpha fully repaid all outstanding EETC obligations.

Company Facts (30 September	r 2025)		
Listing	LSE		
Ticker	DNA3		
Current Share Price	63.25p		
Market Capitalisation	GBP 139.2 million		
Initial Debt	USD 630 million		
Outstanding Debt Balance <sup>1</sup>	USD 0 million (0% of Initial Debt)		
Current Dividend	2.0625p per quarter per share (8.25p per annum)		
Earned Dividends	96.59p		
Current Dividend Yield	13.04%		
Dividend Payment Date	October		
Ongoing Charges (OCF) <sup>2</sup>	1.5%		
Currency	GBP		
Launch Date/Price	2 July 2013 / 100p		
Average Remaining Lease Duration	1 month		
Incorporation	Guernsey		
Aircraft Registration Numbers (Lease Expiry Dates)	A6-EEO (29.10.2025), A6-EEM (14.11.2025)		
Asset Manager	Amedeo Ltd		
Corporate & Shareholder Advisor	Nimrod Capital LLP		
Administrator	JTC Fund Solutions (Guernsey) Ltd		
Auditor	Grant Thornton Ltd		
Market Makers	Investec Bank Plc, Jefferies International Ltd, Panmure Liberum Ltd, Peel Hunt LLP, Shore Capital Ltd, Winterflood Securities Ltd		
SEDOL, ISIN, LEI	B92LHN5, GG00B92LHN58, 213800BMYMCBKT5W8M49		
Year End	31 March		
Stocks & Shares ISA	Eligible		
Website	www.dnairthree.com		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Class A EETC matured in May 2023, Class B EETC matured in November 2019.

As defined by the AIC.

In 2024 the Company announced that DNA Alpha had received notices from Emirates that it is exercising the options to redeliver MSNs 132, 133, 134 and 136 in the minimum condition equivalent to "half-life", together with a cash sum, as opposed to delivery in full-life condition. The leases of the Company's four aircraft were scheduled to expire between late August and November 2025. Under the terms of the leases Emirates was required to return the aircraft in redelivery condition, however other options including a sale or re-lease were available, subject to the agreement of the Company.

#### Sale of the Aircraft Portfolio

In July 2025, the Company reached an agreement with Emirates so that, at the respective lease end dates for each of the three A380 aircraft (MSNs 132, 134 and 136) to sell the respective assets to Emirates. Title transfer for MSN 133 had been agreed for 27 August 2025 to facilitate required maintenance scheduled to take place outside of Dubai. The total aggregate consideration to be paid by Emirates to the Company is GBP 131.91 million for the four aircraft, equivalent to USD 180 million in total, comprising, for each aircraft, USD 25 million for the purchase and USD 20 million for the buyout of the return conditions.

The titles for MSNs 133 and 132 were transferred on 27 August 2025 and 29 August 2025, respectively. At the same time the Company received the agreed respective purchase prices and buyout amounts for the return conditions of both aircraft. For the two remaining aircraft in the Company's A380 portfolio, the operating leases will continue as contracted until the respective indicative title transfer dates 29 October 2025 and 14 November 2025.

The Directors intend to distribute the sale proceeds to shareholders together with the remaining cash holdings, net of any liquidation and other costs and assuming successful completion and no further unexpected costs or events, as soon as possible following the last lease end date and subject to the relevant solvency tests, laws and regulations.

Payment of monies to shareholders is therefore currently expected to be made in the first calendar quarter of 2026. It is anticipated that the process for liquidation of the Company will commence as soon as practicably possible thereafter.

#### **Maintenance Status**

Aircraft utilisation for the period from delivery of each Airbus A380 until the end of August 2025 was as follows:

Aircraft Utilisation							
MSN	Delivery Date	Flight Hours	Flight Cycles	Average Flight Duration			
132	29/08/2013	43,569	5,368	8h 7m			
133	27/11/2013	44,648	5,233	8h 32m			
134	14/11/2013	42,218	4,881	8h 39m			
136	29/10/2013	44,067	5,031	8h 46m			

Emirates maintains its A380 aircraft fleet based on a programme according to which minor maintenance checks are performed every 1,500 flight hours and more significant maintenance checks (C checks) at 36-month or 18,000-flight hour intervals, whichever occurs first.

Emirates bears all costs relating to the aircraft during the lifetime of the leases (including for maintenance, repairs, and insurance).

#### 2. Market Overview

According to its June 2025 report on global economic prospects, the World Bank has revised its total global gross domestic product (GDP) growth rate to 2.3% for 2025, down from 2.7% forecast earlier this year. The revised number is a result of increasing trade tensions, geopolitical instability and heightened tariffs. As per expectations earlier this year, the World Bank still anticipates 2.7% growth for 2026.

Despite the slowdown in economic growth, according to the International Air Transport Association's (IATA) Global Outlook for Air Transport from June 2025, airline industry profitability is expected to reach USD 36.0 billion, a year-over-year increase of 11.1%.

As of August 2025, air passenger traffic, measured in revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs), increased by 5.0%. The supply of capacity, measured in available seat kilometres (ASKs), increased by 4.9% compared to August 2024. The average passenger load factor (PLF) was 83.4%, an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the previous year. International travel - measured in RPKs - was up 6.9% year-on-year in August 2025. The strongest improvements in international traffic were observed in the Asia Pacific region, with an increase in RPKs of 9.8% compared to August 2024.

The Middle East, where the lessee is located, recorded an RPK increase of 8.2% between August 2024 and August 2025. Capacity, measured in ASKs, expanded by 6.9% with a year-on-year 1.0 percentage point increase of the average PLF to 83.9%.

The factors influencing total global GDP, as discussed above, have led IATA to revise its projected 2025 RPK growth downward - from 8.0% in its December 2024 forecast to 5.8% in their latest Global Outlook for Air Transport report in June 2025. Recent increases in oil prices are expected to exert further downward pressure on RKP growth. However, the

continued depreciation of the US dollar against major currencies is anticipated to bolster economic activity in countries with non-USD-denominated economies, partially offsetting some of these negative effects on global air travel demand.

Source: IATA, World Bank © International Air Transport Association, 2025. Air Passenger Market Analysis August 2025. Global Outlook for Air Transport - June 2025. Available on the IATA Economics page.

#### 3. Lessee - Emirates

#### Network

With inaugural flights to Shenzhen and Hangzhou Emirates has added two new destinations within less than a month, expanding the number of Chinese mainland destinations to five. The daily services are operated by Boeing 777-300ER aircraft and increase the number of weekly flights to Mainland China to 49 in total.

In response to increased travel demand across its network in the upcoming winter period, Emirates plans a number of capacity enhancements. This includes the upgrade of its third daily flight to Singapore and its second daily flight to Zurich to A380 services. From February 2026 a fourth daily flight from London Gatwick will complement the airline's offer connecting UK's capital with its Dubai hub.

#### **Fleet**

According to Emirates, at the end of March 2025 its passenger aircraft fleet consisted of 116 Airbus A380s, 130 Boeing 777s and 4 Airbus A350s. Due to the lack of availability of similar-sized replacement aircraft and delays in the delivery of new aircraft ordered, Emirates plans to keep its A380s flying until the late 2030s with corresponding extensions of aircraft leases, according to a statement made in March 2024. The airline also bought a number of previously leased aircraft.

In June 2025, Emirates President Tim Clark continued his public criticism of both Airbus and Boeing for the ongoing delivery delays experienced by the airline, while at the same time, he noted the determination from Boeing's new CEO to resolve its many issues.

Most recently Emirates has called on Airbus and Boeing to accelerate the development of larger, next-generation passenger aircraft. While seeking extended versions of the A350 from Airbus and Boeing's 777X, Emirates is still pondering over an Airbus A380neo: The airline's president Tim Clark has reportedly sent concept drawings of a revamped A380 to Christian Scherer, Airbus departing CEO for its commercial aircraft business. The new design would probably allow for efficiency improvements of up to 25% over the current A380 generation. While Clark emphasized that maximizing the passenger number per aircraft is crucial for the airline's hub in Dubai, the global demand for four-engine jets appears to be limited.

#### Boeing 777X

Emirates has ordered a total of 205 units, a mix of 777-8 and 777-9 aircraft. However, the delivery of the first 777-9 has been deferred multiple times from its original delivery date in 2020.

In August 2024, Boeing temporarily suspended test flights with the aircraft after a structural component between the engine and aircraft structure "did not perform as designed", according to the manufacturer. Flights resumed in January this year. In the same month, Boeing disclosed it expects the first delivery of a 777-9 to happen in 2026, with Lufthansa as the launch customer. During Boeing's Q1 25 earnings call, their CEO noted that 777X testing had been expanded in the first quarter and reiterated the company's desire to deliver the first aircraft in 2026. Emirates is less optimistic. The largest customer for this aircraft type does not expect the first plane to arrive in Dubai before the second quarter of 2027. It could even slip into 2028, according to a report from Bloomberg, which claims the airline's own budgeting does not account for the new jet in 2027.

With Airbus A380s and Boeing 747s no longer available for order, the Boeing 777X is currently the biggest aircraft in production but has not yet been certified.

#### Boeing 787

Emirates holds orders for 20 Boeing 787-8s and 15 Boeing 787-10s. However, the airline did not share an updated delivery timeline after the initial target of May 2023 had long expired.

#### Airbus A350

An order of a further 15 A350-900s placed during the 2023 Dubai Air Show increases the number of A350-900 widebody aircraft ordered by Emirates to 65. The first aircraft was delivered to Emirates in late November 2024. Its first scheduled commercial A350 flight was in January 2025.

With the A350 Emirates aims to expand into new destinations globally, "including mid-sized airports unsuited for larger aircraft", according to an Emirates' press release. Two versions of the aircraft will allow service to regional routes as well as ultra long-haul routes with up to 15 hours of flight time.

#### **Key Financials**

Emirates reported its best result in history for financial year 2024/25 with record revenue of AED 127.9 billion (USD 34.9 billion) and record profit before tax of AED 21.2 billion (USD 5.8 billion), up 20% from last year. After accounting for the new UAE 9% corporate tax being applied for the first time since its introduction in 2023, profit after tax was AED 19.1 billion (USD 5.2 billion). Robust consumer demand for air travel, reducing fuel costs and a strong cargo market were key factors in Emirates' record results.

Passenger revenue increased 3% to AED 103.8 billion (USD 27.9 billion) while total passengers carried also increased by the same percentage. The capacity measured in ASKs grew by

4.3%. At the same time, RPKs increased by 3.0%, while load factors were down by 1.8 percentage points in the economy cabin to 80.2% but increased by 3.3 percentage points in its premium cabins to 72.7% (first, business and premium economy). This increase is largely driven by strong demand for Emirates' premium economy offering, which they intend to expand to 22 additional destinations in the coming year.

Total operating costs of the airline increased 4.4%. Jet fuel accounted for the largest share (30.8% of total costs), decreasing by 4.7% for financial year 2024/25, a combination of a 10% drop in fuel prices and 5% greater consumption. Operating costs ex-fuel increased by 13% to AED 22.3bn (USD 6.1 billion).

Emirates' balance sheet is characterized by strong liquidity, relatively low leverage and a strong capital base. As of 31 March 2025, Emirates' total liabilities decreased by 5.3% to AED 111.2 billion (USD 30.3 billion) compared with the end of the previous financial year. Total equity came in at AED 56.8 billion (USD 15.5 billion), an improvement of 22.2% since the beginning of the financial year. Emirates' equity ratio stood at 33.8%.

Closing out financial year 2024/25, the record cash position amounted to AED 49.7 billion (USD 13.5 billion), after an AED 4.0 billion (USD 1.1 billion) dividend payout to its shareholder. Emirates continues to use a diverse variety of financing sources to fund new deliveries: cash assets, sale and leaseback, debt financing from local banks and export credit agency supported financing.

Days before the United States announced a comprehensive package of global levies on international trade in early April 2025, Emirates President Tim Clark warned that the aviation industry is in "uncharted territory" with the new U.S. tariff regime, "because it involves a measure of reset to a level that the global economy probably hasn't seen since the financial crisis of 2008-2009". While the impact on the global economy and discretionary demand for leisure travel is not clear yet, he believes that Emirates and the industry can weather the storm. "Business models like Emirates, given the international scope of what it does, the strength of what it does, will be able to ride this particular wave," he said.

Source: AeroTelegraph, Air Data News, Cirium, CNBC, Emirates, Reuters

#### 4. Aircraft - A380

According to Cirium, as of the end of September 2025 the global A380 fleet consisted of 195 aircraft operated by 11 airlines. Of these, 175 were in service. The remainder of the fleet is currently parked. The 11 operators are Emirates (117), Singapore Airlines (13), British Airways (12), Etihad Airways (9), Qantas (10), Qatar Airways (10), Deutsche Lufthansa (8), Korean Air Lines (6), Asiana Airlines (6), All Nippon Airways (3) and HiFly Malta/Global Airlines (1). Another 12 aircraft are registered with non-airline entities.

Source: Cirium

# **Addendum**

# Implied Future Total Returns based on the agreed sales proceeds as at 30 September 2025 - The table below is for informational purposes only –

The total return for a shareholder investing today (30 September 2025) at the current share price consists of future income distributions during the remaining lease duration and a return of capital at dissolution of the Group. The latter payment is subject to the respective sales proceeds of the aircraft.

The implied return figures are not a forecast and assume the Group has not incurred any unexpected costs or loss of income.

Aircraft portfolio value at agreed sale proceeds of GBP 131.91 million <sup>1</sup>					
Per Share (rounded)	Income Distributions	Return of Capital	Total Return <sup>2,3</sup>		
	2р	63p	66p		

Table may contain rounding differences

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Date of valuation: 30 September 2025

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Including expected future dividends

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Estimate includes assumptions about expenses, prevailing interest rates, disposal and liquidation costs, and successful completion, and are subject to change and assuming no further unexpected costs or events, and is subject to relevant solvency tests, laws and regulations



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