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As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 27, 2012

Registration No. 333-

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form S-4

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Air Lease Corporation

(Exact name of each registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

7359
(Primary Standard Industrial
Classification Code Number)
2000 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 1000N
Los Angeles, CA 90067

(310) 553-0555 (Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of principal executive offices of the registrant and each additional registrant) 27-1840403 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

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(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service for the registrant and each additional registrant)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to public: As soon as practicable after this registration statement becomes effective.

If the securities being registered on this form are being offered in connection with the formation of a holding company and there is compliance with General Instruction G, check the following box. o

If this form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. o

If this form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(d) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

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

Large accelerated filer o

Accelerated filer o

Non-accelerated filer ý

Smaller reporting company o

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

If applicable, place an X in the box to designate the appropriate rule provision relied upon in conducting this transaction:

Exchange Act Rule 13e-4(i) (Cross-Border Issuer Tender Offer) o

Exchange Act Rule 14d-1(d) (Cross-Border Third-Party Tender Offer) o

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit(1)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(1)	Amount of Registration Fee
4.500% Senior Notes due 2016	\$500,000,000	100%	\$500,000,000	\$68,200

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This estimate is made pursuant to Rule 457(f) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee.

The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment that specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

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The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these notes until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these notes and is not soliciting an offer to buy these notes in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to completion, dated November 27, 2012

PROSPECTUS

AIR LEASE CORPORATION

OFFER TO EXCHANGE

\$500,000,000 of 4.500% Senior Notes due 2016 that have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, for any and all outstanding 4.500% Senior Notes due 2016

We are offering to exchange up to \$500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of outstanding 4.500% Senior Notes due 2016 (the "old notes") for the same principal amount of registered 4.500% Senior Notes due 2016 (the "new notes" and collectively with the old notes, the "notes"). The old notes were issued on September 26, 2012 and October 3, 2012 in two separate private offerings exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), in the amount of \$450,000,000 aggregate principal amount of old notes and \$50,000,000 aggregate principal amount of old notes, respectively. The terms of the new notes are substantially identical in all material respects to the terms of the old notes, except that the new notes will be registered under the Securities Act and will not contain restrictions on transfer, registration rights or provisions for additional interest. The new notes will bear interest at the rate of 4.500% per year, payable in cash semi-annually in arrears on January 15 and July 15, beginning on , 2013.

The principal features of the exchange offer are as follows:

We will exchange all old notes that are validly tendered and not properly withdrawn prior to the expiration of the exchange offer for an equal principal amount of new notes.

You may withdraw tendered old notes at any time prior to the expiration of the exchange offer.

The exchange offer is not subject to any minimum tender condition, but is subject to customary conditions.

The exchange offer will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on , 2013, unless extended. We do not currently intend to extend the expiration date.

The exchange of old notes for new notes pursuant to the exchange offer will not be a taxable event for United States federal income tax purposes.

We will not receive any proceeds from the exchange offer.

There is no existing public market for the old notes or the new notes. We do not intend to apply for listing of the new notes on any securities exchange or automated quotation system.

All untendered old notes will continue to be subject to the restrictions on transfer set forth in the old notes and the indenture governing the notes. In general, the old notes may not be offered or sold, except in a transaction registered under the Securities Act or pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. Other than in connection with the exchange offer, we do not currently anticipate that we will register the old notes under the Securities Act.

See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 17 for a discussion of certain risk factors that you should consider in evaluating the exchange offer.

Each broker-dealer that receives new notes for its own account pursuant to the exchange offer must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such new notes. The letter of transmittal states that by so acknowledging and delivering a prospectus, a broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an "underwriter" within the meaning of the Securities Act. This prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, may be used by a broker-dealer in connection with resales of new notes received in exchange for old notes where such old notes were acquired by such broker-dealer as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities. We have agreed that, for a period of 180 days after the expiration date, we will make this prospectus available to any broker-dealer for use in connection with any such resale. See "Plan of Distribution" on page 70.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is , 2012.

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You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. We are not making an offer to exchange the new notes in any jurisdiction where it is not permitted. You should assume that the information contained in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date on the front cover of this prospectus and you should assume that the information in any document incorporated by reference in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date of that document. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

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In this prospectus, unless otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires, the terms "Company," "ALC," "we," "our and "us" refer to Air Lease Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries.

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WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We are subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and, in accordance with the Exchange Act, file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy and information statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). You may read and copy the material we file with the SEC at the SEC's public reference room in Washington, D.C. at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. You can also request copies of those documents, upon payment of prescribed fees, by writing to the SEC. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the public reference rooms. Our SEC filings are also available to the public free of charge on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

Our filings with the SEC are also available free of charge on our website at www.airleasecorp.com. The contents of our website are not incorporated by reference into this prospectus. You may also request a copy of our SEC filings, at no cost, by writing or telephoning our General Counsel and Secretary at:

Air Lease Corporation General Counsel and Secretary 2000 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 1000N Los Angeles, California 90067 (310) 553-0555

In order to ensure timely delivery, you must make such request no later than five business days before the expiration of the exchange offer.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

This prospectus "incorporates by reference" certain information we file with the SEC under the Exchange Act. This means that we are disclosing important information to you by referring you to these filings. The information we incorporate by reference is considered a part of this prospectus, and subsequent information that we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or considered to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus shall be considered to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent a statement contained in this prospectus or in any other subsequently filed document that is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus modifies or supersedes such statement.

We incorporate by reference the following documents that we have filed with the SEC, except to the extent that information in such documents is updated or superseded by information contained in this prospectus:

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011 (including the portions of our proxy statement for our 2012 annual meeting of stockholders incorporated by reference therein);

Our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2012, June 30, 2012 and September 30, 2012; and

Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed January 18, 2012, March 9, 2012, March 13, 2012, March 19, 2012, April 12, 2012, April 25, 2012, May 7, 2012, May 16, 2012, July 9, 2012

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August 31, 2012, September 20, 2012, September 26, 2012, September 28, 2012, October 3, 2012 and October 10, 2012.

We are not incorporating by reference in this prospectus any information furnished under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and exhibits furnished on such form that relate to such items.

In addition, we incorporate by reference any future filings we make with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act on or after the date of the initial registration statement and prior to effectiveness of the registration statement and on or after the date of this prospectus and prior to the termination of the exchange offer to which this prospectus relates. You may request copies, at no cost, of any and all of the documents that are incorporated by reference in this prospectus, including any future filings, by writing or telephoning our General Counsel and Secretary at the address and telephone number set forth above under "Where You Can Find More Information."

In order to ensure timely delivery, you must make such request no later than five business days before the expiration of the exchange offer.

These filings can also be obtained through the SEC as described above or, with respect to certain of these documents, at our website at www.airleasecorp.com. Except for the documents described above, information included or referred to on, or otherwise accessible through, our website is not incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements in this prospectus, including the documents that are incorporated by reference in this prospectus, that are not historical facts are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These forward-looking statements are based on our current intent, belief and expectations. We claim the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 for all forward-looking statements. These statements are often, but not always, made through the use of words or phrases such as "anticipate," "believes," "can," "could," "may," "predicts," "potential," "should," "will," "estimate," "plans," "projects," "continuing," "ongoing," "expects," "intends" and similar words or phrases. Accordingly, these statements are only predictions and involve estimates, known and unknown risks, and assumptions and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in such statements. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements as a result of several factors more fully described in the section titled "Risk factors" and elsewhere in this prospectus, including the following factors, among others:

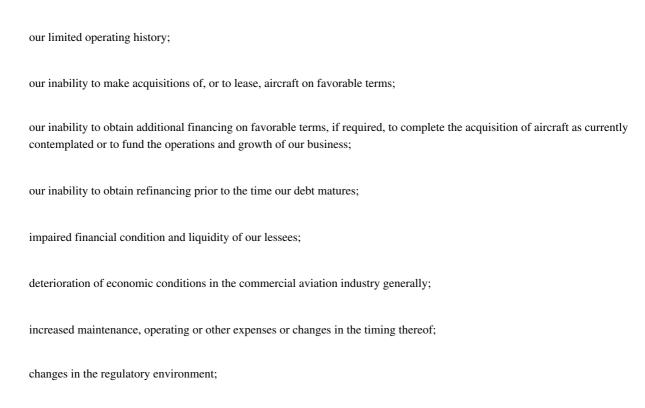


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potential natural disasters and terrorist attacks and the amount of our insurance coverage, if any, relating thereto; and

additional risks described in our filings with the SEC.

All forward-looking statements are necessarily only estimates of future results, and there can be no assurance that actual results will not differ materially from expectations, and, therefore, you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such statements. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made, and we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which the statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary highlights information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. Because it is only a summary, it does not contain all of the information that may be important to you. You should read the entire prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus carefully before making an investment decision.

Our Company

Air Lease Corporation is an aircraft leasing company based in Los Angeles, California. We are principally engaged in purchasing commercial aircraft and leasing them to airlines around the world to generate attractive returns on equity. We lease our aircraft to airlines pursuant to net operating leases that require the lessee to pay for maintenance, insurance, taxes and all other aircraft operating expenses during the lease term. For additional information about our business, operations and financial results, see the documents listed under "Incorporation by Reference."

Our principal executive office is located at 2000 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 1000N, Los Angeles, California 90067. Our telephone number is (310) 553-0555 and our website is *www.airleasecorp.com*. Information included or referred to on, or otherwise accessible through, our website is not intended to form a part of or be incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

Risk Factors

You should carefully consider all of the information contained in this prospectus, including information in documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus, prior to participating in the exchange offer. In particular, we urge you to carefully consider the factors set forth under "Risk Factors" in this prospectus and those risk factors incorporated by reference in this prospectus from our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011 and our other periodic reports filed with the SEC.

The Exchange Offer

The summary below describes the principal terms of the exchange offer. Certain of the terms and conditions described below are subject to important limitations and exceptions. The sections of this prospectus entitled "The Exchange Offer" and "Description of Notes" contain a more detailed description of the terms and conditions of the exchange offer and the new notes.

No minimum condition We are not conditioning the exchange offer on the tender of any minimum principal amount of

The exchange offer We are offering to exchange \$500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of new notes registered

> under the Securities Act for the same principal amount of old notes. The terms of the new notes will be substantially identical in all material respects to the terms of the old notes, except that the provisions for transfer restrictions, registration rights and rights to payment of additional interest due to default in the performance of certain of our obligations under the Registration

Rights Agreements applicable to the old notes will not apply to the new notes.

Expiration date The exchange offer expires at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on , 2013, unless

we decide to extend the exchange offer. For additional information, see "The Exchange

Offer Expiration date; extensions and amendments."

Conditions to the exchange offer The exchange offer is not subject to any conditions other than that the exchange offer does not

violate any applicable law or applicable SEC staff interpretations and there is no action or proceeding instituted in any court or by any governmental agency prohibiting us or any guarantor from proceeding with the exchange offer. We reserve the right to terminate or end the exchange offer at any time before the expiration date if the foregoing conditions are not

satisfied. For additional information, see "The Exchange Offer Conditions to the exchange

How to tender old notes You may tender your old notes through book-entry transfer in accordance with The Depository for exchange

Trust Company's Automated Tender Offer Program. If you wish to accept the exchange offer,

you must:

transmit a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal, together with the old notes being tendered and all other documents required by such letter of transmittal, at or before 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date, to the exchange agent at the address set

forth under "The Exchange Offer The exchange agent"; or

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Guaranteed delivery procedures

Withdrawal of tenders

Special procedures for beneficial owners

Acceptance of old notes and delivery of new

arrange for The Depository Trust Company to transmit to the exchange agent certain required information, including an agent's message forming part of a book-entry transfer in which you agree to be bound by the terms of the letter of transmittal, and transfer the old notes being tendered into the exchange agent's account at The Depository Trust Company.

For additional information, see "The Exchange Offer How to tender old notes for exchange." If you wish to tender your old notes and time will not permit your required documents to reach the exchange agent by 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date, or the procedures for book-entry transfer cannot be completed on a timely basis, you may tender your old notes according to the guaranteed delivery procedures described in "The Exchange Offer Guaranteed delivery procedures."

If you beneficially own old notes registered in the name of a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee and you wish to tender your old notes in the exchange offer, you should contact the registered holder of your old notes promptly and instruct the registered holder to tender on your behalf.

You may withdraw your tender of old notes at any time prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date, by delivering a notice of withdrawal to the exchange agent in conformity with the procedures described under "The Exchange Offer Withdrawal rights."

We will accept any and all old notes that are validly tendered in the exchange offer and not properly withdrawn prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date. The new notes issued pursuant to the exchange offer will be delivered as soon as reasonably practicable following the expiration date. For additional information, see "The Exchange Offer Acceptance of old notes; delivery of new notes."

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Registration rights agreements

Resale of the new notes

We are making the exchange offer pursuant to the registration rights agreement that we entered into on September 26, 2012, with the initial purchases of \$450.0 million aggregate principal amount of old notes, and the registration rights agreement that we entered into on October 3, 2012, with the initial purchaser of \$50.0 million aggregate principal amount of old notes (collectively, the "Registration Rights Agreements"). As a result of making and consummating this exchange offer, we will have fulfilled our obligations under the Registration Rights Agreements with respect to the registration of securities, subject to certain limited exceptions. If you do not tender your old notes in the exchange offer, you will not have any further registration rights under the applicable Registration Rights Agreement or otherwise unless you were or are not eligible to participate in the exchange offer.

We believe the new notes issued in the exchange offer may be offered for resale, resold or otherwise transferred by you without compliance with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act, provided that:

you are not an affiliate (within the meaning of Rule 405 of the Securities Act) of ours;

the new notes you receive pursuant to the exchange offer are being acquired in the ordinary course of your business;

you have no arrangement or understanding with any person to participate in the distribution (within the meaning of the Securities Act) of the new notes issued to you in the exchange offer;

if you are not a broker-dealer, you are not engaged in, and do not intend to engage in, a distribution of the new notes issued to you in the exchange offer; and

if you are a broker-dealer, you will receive the new notes for your own account, the old notes were acquired by you as a result of market-making or other trading activities, and you will deliver a prospectus when you resell or transfer any new notes issued to you in the exchange offer. See "Plan of Distribution" for a description of the prospectus delivery obligations of broker-dealers in the exchange offer.

If you do not meet these requirements, your resale of the new notes must comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act.

Our belief is based on interpretations by the SEC staff, as set forth in no-action letters issued to third parties. The SEC staff has not considered this exchange offer in the context of a no-action letter, and we cannot assure you that the SEC staff would make a similar determination with respect to this exchange offer.

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If our belief is not accurate and you transfer a new note without delivering a prospectus meeting the requirements of the federal securities laws or without an exemption from these laws, you may incur liability under the federal securities laws. We do not and will not assume or indemnify you against this liability.

For additional information, see "The Exchange Offer Resale of the new notes."

Consequences of failure to exchange your old

notes

If you do not exchange your old notes for new notes in the exchange offer, your old notes will continue to be subject to the restrictions on transfer provided in the legend on the old notes and in the indenture governing the notes. In general, old notes may not be offered or sold unless registered or sold in a transaction exempt from registration under the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. Accordingly, the trading market for your untendered old notes could be adversely affected. For additional information, see "The Exchange Offer Consequences of failure to exchange old notes."

We will not receive any proceeds from the exchange offer. For additional information, see "Use Use of proceeds

of Proceeds."

The exchange agent for the exchange offer is Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas. For additional information, see "The Exchange Offer The exchange agent" and the accompanying letter of transmittal.

The exchange of your old notes for new notes will not be a taxable exchange for U.S. federal income tax purposes. You should consult your own tax advisor as to the tax consequences to you of the exchange offer, as well as the tax consequences of ownership and disposition of the new notes. For additional information, see "Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences."

Material U.S. federal income tax consequences

Exchange agent

The New Notes

The terms of the new notes will be substantially identical in all material respects to the terms of the old notes, except that the provisions for transfer restrictions, registration rights and rights to payment of additional interest due to default in the performance of certain of our obligations under the Registration Rights Agreements applicable to the old notes will not apply to the new notes. The following is a summary of the principal terms of the new notes. A more detailed description is contained in the section "Description of Notes" in this prospectus.

Issuer Air Lease Corporation, a Delaware corporation.

Securities \$500.0 million aggregate principal amount of 4.500% Senior Notes due 2016.

Maturity January 15, 2016.

Interest payment dates January 15 and July 15, commencing , 2013. Interest will accrue from September 26,

2012, or, if interest with respect to the old notes has already been paid, from the most recent

interest payment date for the old notes.

Optional redemption At any time prior to September 26, 2015, we may redeem up to 40% of the original principal

amount of the notes with the proceeds of certain equity offerings at a redemption price of 104.500% of the principal amount thereof, together with accrued and unpaid interest. At any time prior to January 15, 2016, we may also redeem the notes in whole or in part, at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, plus a

"make-whole premium."

Change of control offer

Upon the occurrence of specific kinds of changes of control, we must offer to purchase the notes at 101% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the

repurchase date. See "Description of Notes Repurchase at the option of holders Change of

control."

Ranking The new notes will be our senior unsecured obligations and will:

rank senior in right of payment to all of our future subordinated indebtedness;

rank equally in right of payment with all of our existing and future senior indebtedness;

be effectively subordinated to any of our existing and future secured debt, to the extent of the value of the assets securing such debt; and

be structurally subordinated to all of the existing and future indebtedness and other liabilities (including trade payables) of each of our subsidiaries.

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As of September 30, 2012:

we and our subsidiaries had approximately \$4.3 billion of total indebtedness on a consolidated basis:

we (excluding our subsidiaries) had approximately \$2.5 billion of unsecured indebtedness, guaranties of subsidiary indebtedness of approximately \$650.0 million that were secured by pledges of our equity in such subsidiaries, and no other secured indebtedness;

our subsidiaries had approximately \$1.8 billion of indebtedness, all of which would be structurally senior to the new notes; and

our subsidiaries had commitments of approximately \$329.7 million available to borrow under such subsidiaries' various credit facilities, none of which are guaranteed by us.

We issued the old notes and will issue the new notes under an indenture with Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as trustee. The indenture contains, among other things, financial maintenance tests covering:

consolidated net-worth;

consolidated unencumbered assets; and

interest coverage;

limits our ability and the ability of our subsidiaries to:

pay dividends on or repurchase certain equity interests or prepay subordinated obligations;

enter into transactions with affiliates; and

alter our lines of business;

limits the ability of our subsidiaries to incur unsecured indebtedness; and limits our ability and the ability of any of our subsidiaries that guarantee the notes, if any, to consolidate, merge or sell all or substantially all of our assets or the assets of such subsidiary. These covenants are subject to a number of important exceptions and qualifications, including the suspension of the interest coverage test and the limitation on our ability and the ability of our subsidiaries to pay dividends on or repurchase certain equity interests or prepay subordinated obligations at such time as the notes are rated investment grade by each of S&P and Fitch. For more details, see "Description of Notes."

Covenants

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Future note guarantees

Absence of public market for the notes

The new notes will not be guaranteed by any of our subsidiaries on the date the new notes are initially issued. However, the new notes will be required to be guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by all of our existing and future direct and indirect subsidiaries if those subsidiaries guarantee certain of our indebtedness. Thereafter, under certain circumstances, subsidiary guarantors may be released from their note guarantees without the consent of the holders of notes. The note guarantees, if any, would be the senior unsecured obligations of our subsidiaries that guarantee the notes. See "Description of Notes Note guarantees."

The new notes are a new issue of securities and there is currently no established trading market for the new notes. If issued, the new notes generally will be freely transferable but will also be new securities for which there will not initially be a market. Accordingly, a liquid market for new notes may not develop. The initial purchasers of the old notes have advised us that they currently intend to make a market in the new notes. However, they are not obligated to do so, and any market making with respect to the new notes may be discontinued without notice.

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Summary Historical Consolidated Financial Information

The following table sets forth summary consolidated financial data for Air Lease Corporation and subsidiaries. The historical results presented are not necessarily indicative of future results. The summary consolidated financial data set forth below should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and related notes incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

Nine months ended September 30,				Year ended ecember 31,	For the period from inception to December 31,			
(in thousands)		2012		2011	2011		2010	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)				
Operating data:								
Rentals of flight equipment	\$	459,643	\$	219,092	\$ 332,719	\$	57,075	
Interest and other		6,008		2,592	4,022		1,291	
Total revenues		465,651		221,684	336,741		58,366	
Expenses		322,964		177,530	253,900		119,281	
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Income (loss) before taxes		142,687		44,154	82,841		(60,915)	
Income tax (expense) benefit		(50,577)		(15,684)	(29,609)		8,875	
Net income (loss)	\$	92,110	\$	28,470	\$ 53,232	\$	(52,040)	
Other financial data (unaudited):								
Adjusted net income(1)	\$	115,415	\$	56,294	\$ 87,954	\$	2,520	
Adjusted EBITDA(2)	\$	422,683	\$	188,001	\$ 290,168	\$	32,973	
Cash flow data:								
Net cash flows from:								
Operating activities	\$	372,496	\$	166,197	\$ 267,166	\$	41,934	
Investing activities		(1,908,688)		(2,052,008)	(2,977,156)		(1,851,520)	
Financing activities		1,694,068		1,836,637	2,662,974		2,138,407	

(in thousands, except aircraft data)		As of ptember 30, 2012	Dece	As of ember 31, 2011	De	As of ecember 31, 2010
Balance sheet data:	(1	inaudicu)				
Flight equipment subject to operating leases (net of accumulated depreciation)	\$	5,872,388	\$	4,237,416	\$	1,629,809
Total assets		7,165,478		5,164,593		2,276,282
Total debt		4,296,076		2,602,799		911,981
Total liabilities		4,879,806		2,988,310		1,051,347
Shareholders' equity		2,285,672		2,176,283		1,224,935
Other operating data:						
Aircraft lease portfolio at period end:						
Owned(3)		142		102		40
Managed(4)		3		2		

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Adjusted net income (defined as net income (loss) before stock-based compensation expense and non-cash interest expense, which includes the amortization of debt issuance costs, extinguishment of debt and convertible debt discounts) is a measure of both operating performance and liquidity that is not defined by GAAP and should not be considered as an alternative to net income, income from operations or any other performance measures derived in accordance with GAAP. Adjusted net income is presented as a supplemental disclosure because management believes that it may be a useful performance measure that is used within our industry. We believe

adjusted net income provides useful information on our earnings from ongoing operations, our ability to service our long-term debt and other fixed obligations, and our ability to fund our expected growth with internally generated funds. Set forth below is additional detail as to how we use adjusted net income as a measure of both operating performance and liquidity, as well as a discussion of the limitations

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of adjusted net income as an analytical tool and a reconciliation of adjusted net income to our GAAP net loss and cash flow from operating activities.

Operating Performance: Management and our board of directors use adjusted net income in a number of ways to assess our consolidated financial and operating performance, and we believe this measure is helpful in identifying trends in our performance. We use adjusted net income as a measure of our consolidated operating performance exclusive of income and expenses that relate to the financing, income taxes, and capitalization of the business. Also, adjusted net income assists us in comparing our operating performance on a consistent basis as it removes the impact of our capital structure (primarily one-time amortization of convertible debt discounts) and stock-based compensation expense from our operating results. In addition, adjusted net income helps management identify controllable expenses and make decisions designed to help us meet our current financial goals and optimize our financial performance. Accordingly, we believe this metric measures our financial performance based on operational factors that we can influence in the short term, namely the cost structure and expenses of the organization.

Liquidity: In addition to the uses described above, management and our board of directors use adjusted net income as an indicator of the amount of cash flow we have available to service our debt obligations, and we believe this measure can serve the same purpose for our investors.

Limitations: Adjusted net income has limitations as an analytical tool, and should not be considered in isolation, or as a substitute for analysis of our operating results or cash flows as reported under GAAP. Some of these limitations are as follows:

adjusted net income does not reflect (i) our cash expenditures or future requirements for capital expenditures or contractual commitments, or (ii) changes in or cash requirements for our working capital needs; and

our calculation of adjusted net income may differ from the adjusted net income or analogous calculations of other companies in our industry, limiting its usefulness as a comparative measure.

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The following tables show the reconciliation of net income (loss) and cash flows from operating activities, the most directly comparable GAAP measures of performance and liquidity, to adjusted net income.

(in thousands)	ontl emb	ns er 30, 2011	r 30, Year en Decembe			For the riod from ception to cember 31, 2010	
	2012 2011 2011 (unaudited)						
Reconciliation of cash flows from operating			,		ĺ		
activities to adjusted net income:							
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 372,496	\$	166,197	\$	267,166	\$	41,934
Depreciation of flight equipment	(154,805)		(73,431)		(112,307)		(19,262)
Stock-based compensation	(24,548)		(30,974)		(39,342)		(24,044)
Deferred taxes	(50,573)		(15,684)		(29,567)		8,875
Amortization of discounts and deferred debt issue costs	(11,553)		(6,972)		(9,481)		(4,883)
Extinguishment of debt			(3,349)		(3,349)		
Amortization of convertible debt discounts							(35,798)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:							
Other assets	20,114		15,427		17,438		8,040
Accrued interest and other payables	(48,085)		(13,465)		(19,347)		(18,864)
Rentals received in advance	(10,936)		(9,279)		(17,979)		(8,038)
Net income (loss)	92,110		28,470		53,232		(52,040)
Amortization of discounts and deferred debt issue costs	11,553		6,972		9,481		4,883
Extinguishment of debt			3,349		3,349		
Amortization of convertible debt discounts							35,798
Stock-based compensation	24,548		30,974		39,342		24,044
Tax effect	(12,796)		(13,471)		(17,450)		(10,165)
Adjusted net income	\$ 115,415	\$	56,294	\$	87,954	\$	2,520

(in thousands)	Nine mended Sept			_	ear ended cember 31, 2011	For the period from inception to December 31,		
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Reconciliation of net income to adjusted net income:								
Net income (loss)	\$ 92,110	\$	28,470	\$	53,232	\$	(52,040)	
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Tax effect	(12,796)		(13,471)		(17,450)		(10,165)	
Adjusted net income	\$ 115,415	\$	56,294	\$	87,954	\$	2,520	

Adjusted EBITDA (defined as net income (loss) before net interest expense, stock-based compensation expense, income tax expense, and depreciation and amortization expense) is a measure of both operating performance and liquidity that is not defined by GAAP and should not be considered as an alternative to net income, income from operations or any other performance measures derived in accordance with GAAP. Adjusted EBITDA is presented as a supplemental disclosure because management believes that it may be a useful performance measure that is used within our industry. We believe adjusted EBITDA provides useful information on our earnings from

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ongoing operations, our ability to service our long-term debt and other fixed obligations, and our ability to fund our expected growth with internally generated funds. Set forth below is additional detail as to how we use adjusted EBITDA as a measure of both operating performance and liquidity, as well as a discussion of the limitations of adjusted EBITDA as an analytical tool and a reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA to our GAAP net loss and cash flow from operating activities.

Operating Performance: Management and our board of directors use adjusted EBITDA in a number of ways to assess our consolidated financial and operating performance, and we believe this measure is helpful in identifying trends in our performance. We use adjusted EBITDA as a measure of our consolidated operating performance exclusive of income and expenses that relate to the financing, income taxes, and capitalization of the business. Also, adjusted EBITDA assists us in comparing our operating performance on a consistent basis as it removes the impact of our capital structure (primarily one-time amortization of convertible debt discounts) and stock-based compensation expense from our operating results. In addition, adjusted EBITDA helps management identify controllable expenses and make decisions designed to help us meet our current financial goals and optimize our financial performance. Accordingly, we believe this metric measures our financial performance based on operational factors that we can influence in the short term, namely the cost structure and expenses of the organization.

Liquidity: In addition to the uses described above, management and our board of directors use adjusted EBITDA as an indicator of the amount of cash flow we have available to service our debt obligations, and we believe this measure can serve the same purpose for our investors.

Limitations: Adjusted EBITDA has limitations as an analytical tool, and should not be considered in isolation, or as a substitute for analysis of our operating results or cash flows as reported under GAAP. Some of these limitations are as follows:

adjusted EBITDA does not reflect our cash expenditures or future requirements for capital expenditures or contractual commitments;

adjusted EBITDA does not reflect changes in or cash requirements for our working capital needs;

adjusted EBITDA does not reflect interest expense or cash requirements necessary to service interest or principal payments on our debt; and

other companies in our industry may calculate these measures differently from how we calculate these measures, limiting their usefulness as comparative measures.

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The following tables show the reconciliation of net income (loss) and cash flows from operating activities, the most directly comparable GAAP measures of performance and liquidity, to adjusted EBITDA.

(in thousands)	Nine m ended Septe		ear ended cember 31, 2011	For the period from inception to December 31,			
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Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 372,496	\$	166,197	\$	267,166	\$	41,934
Depreciation of flight equipment	(154,805)		(73,431)		(112,307)		(19,262)
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Net income (loss)	92,110		28,470		53,232		(52,040)
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Income taxes	50,577		15,684		29,609		(8,875)
Depreciation	154,805		73,431		112,307		19,262
Stock-based compensation	24,548		30,974		39,342		24,044
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 422,683	\$	188,001	\$	290,168	\$	32,973

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Reconciliation of net income to adjusted EBITDA:									
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Income taxes		50,577		15,684		29,609		(8,875)	
Depreciation		154,805		73,431		112,307		19,262	
Stock-based compensation		24,548		30,974		39,342		24,044	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	422,683	\$	188,001	\$	290,168	\$	32,973	

As of September 30, 2012, we owned 142 aircraft of which 73 were purchased as new aircraft and 69 were purchased as used aircraft. As of December 31, 2011, we owned 102 aircraft of which 36 were purchased as new aircraft and 66 were purchased as used aircraft. As of December 31, 2010, we owned 40 aircraft of which four were purchased as new aircraft and 36 were purchased as used aircraft.

⁽⁴⁾ As of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, we managed three and two aircraft, respectively. As of December 31, 2010, we did not manage any aircraft.

RISK FACTORS

You should consider carefully all of the risks described below, as well as the risks incorporated by reference in this prospectus from our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011 and our other periodic reports filed with the SEC, along with the other information contained in this prospectus, before making a decision to tender your old notes in the exchange offer. If any of the following events occur, our business, financial condition and operating results may be materially adversely affected. Some statements in this prospectus, including statements in the following risk factors, constitute forward-looking statements. Please refer to the section titled "Forward-Looking Statements."

As used in this "Risk Factors" section, "we," "our," and "us" refer to Air Lease Corporation only and not to its subsidiaries.

Risks related to the exchange offer

There may be adverse consequences if you do not exchange your old notes for new notes.

If you do not exchange your old notes for new notes in the exchange offer, you will continue to be subject to restrictions on the transfer of your old notes as set forth in the offering memorandum distributed in connection with the private offering of the old notes. In general, the old notes may not be offered or sold unless they are registered or exempt from registration under the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. Except as required by the applicable Registration Rights Agreement, we do not intend to register resales of the old notes under the Securities Act. You should refer to "The Exchange Offer" for information about how to tender your old notes. The tender of old notes under the exchange offer will reduce the outstanding amount of the old notes, which may have an adverse effect upon, and increase the volatility of, the market price of the old notes due to a reduction in liquidity.

Your ability to transfer the new notes may be limited by the absence of an active trading market, and we cannot assure you that an active trading market will develop for the new notes.

We do not intend to apply for listing of the new notes on a securities exchange or on any automated dealer quotation system. There is currently no established market for the new notes, and we cannot assure you as to the liquidity of markets that may develop for the new notes, your ability to sell the new notes or the price at which you would be able to sell the new notes. If such markets were to exist, the new notes could trade at prices that may be lower than their principal amount or purchase price depending on many factors, including prevailing interest rates, the market for similar notes, our financial and operating performance and other factors. The initial purchasers in the private offerings of the old notes have advised us that they currently intend to make a market with respect to the new notes. However, the initial purchasers are not obligated to do so, and any market making with respect to the new notes may be discontinued at any time without notice. In addition, such market making activity may be limited during the pendency of the exchange offer. Therefore, we cannot assure you that an active market for the new notes will develop or, if developed, that it will continue. Historically, the market for non-investment grade debt has been subject to disruptions that have caused substantial volatility in the prices of securities similar to the new notes. The market, if any, for the new notes may experience similar disruptions and any such disruptions may adversely affect the prices at which you may sell your new notes.

You must comply with the exchange offer procedures in order to receive the new notes.

The new notes will be issued in exchange for the old notes only after timely receipt by the exchange agent of the old notes or a book-entry confirmation related thereto, a properly completed and executed letter of transmittal or an agent's message, and all other required documentation. If you want to tender your old notes in exchange for new notes, you should allow sufficient time to ensure

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timely delivery. Neither we nor the exchange agent is under any duty to notify you of any defects or irregularities with respect to the tenders of old notes for exchange. Old notes that are not tendered or are tendered but not accepted will, following the exchange offer, continue to be subject to the existing transfer restrictions.

Certain persons who participate in the exchange offer must comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act in connection with resales of the new notes.

Based on the interpretations of the staff of the SEC contained in *Exxon Capital Holdings Corp.*, SEC no-action letter (April 13, 1988), *Morgan Stanley & Co., Inc.*, SEC no-action letter (June 5, 1991), and *Shearman & Sterling*, SEC no-action letter (July 2, 1983), we believe that you may offer for resale, resell, or otherwise transfer the new notes without being obligated to comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act. However, in some instances described in this prospectus under "Plan of Distribution," certain holders of the new notes will remain obligated to comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act to offer for resale, resell, or otherwise transfer the new notes. If such a holder transfers any new notes without delivering a prospectus meeting the requirements of the Securities Act or without an applicable exemption from registration of such a holder's transfer under the Securities Act, such a holder may incur liability under the Securities Act. We do not and will not assume, or indemnify such a holder against, this liability.

Risks related to the new notes

Our substantial indebtedness could adversely affect our financial condition and prevent us from fulfilling our obligations under the new notes.

We and our subsidiaries have, and after the exchange offer will continue to have, a significant amount of indebtedness. As of September 30, 2012, our total consolidated indebtedness was approximately \$4.3 billion.

Subject to the limits contained in the agreements governing our other existing and future indebtedness and the indenture governing the new notes, we may be able to incur substantial additional debt from time to time to finance aircraft, working capital, capital expenditures, investments or acquisitions, or for other purposes. If we do so, the risks related to our high level of debt could intensify. Specifically, our high level of debt could have important consequences to the holders of the new notes, including the following:

making it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations with respect to the new notes and our other debt;

limiting our ability to obtain additional financing to fund the acquisition of aircraft or for other general corporate requirements;

requiring a substantial portion of our cash flows to be dedicated to debt service payments instead of other purposes, thereby reducing the amount of cash flows available for aircraft acquisitions and other general corporate purposes;

increasing our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions;

exposing us to the risk of increased interest rates as certain of our borrowings, including borrowings under our various credit facilities, are at variable rates of interest;

limiting our flexibility in planning for and reacting to changes in the aircraft industry;

placing us at a disadvantage compared to other competitors; and

increasing our cost of borrowing.

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In addition, the indenture governing the new notes and the agreements governing our existing indebtedness contain restrictive covenants that will limit our ability to engage in activities that may be in our long-term best interest. Our failure to comply with those covenants could result in an event of default which, if not cured or waived, may result in the acceleration of some or all of our debt.

We may not be able to generate sufficient cash to service all of our indebtedness, including the new notes, and may be forced to take other actions to satisfy our obligations under our indebtedness, which may not be successful.

Our ability to make scheduled payments on or refinance our debt obligations, including the new notes, depends on our financial condition and operating performance, which are subject to prevailing economic and competitive conditions and to financial, business, legislative, regulatory and other factors beyond our control. We may be unable to maintain a level of cash flows from operating activities sufficient to permit us to pay the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on our indebtedness, including the new notes.

As of September 30, 2012, we had \$4.3 billion in outstanding consolidated indebtedness, and we expect this amount to grow as we acquire more aircraft. If our cash flows and capital resources are insufficient to fund our debt service obligations, we could face substantial liquidity problems and could be forced to reduce or delay aircraft purchases or to dispose of material assets or leases, or seek additional debt or equity capital or to restructure or refinance our indebtedness, including the new notes. We may not be able to effect any such alternative measures on commercially reasonable terms or at all and, even if successful, those alternative actions may not allow us to meet our scheduled debt service obligations. Certain agreements governing our existing indebtedness restrict our ability to dispose of assets and use the proceeds from those dispositions. We may not be able to consummate those dispositions or to obtain proceeds in an amount sufficient to meet any debt service obligations then due. See "Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations Liquidity and capital resources Debt" in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2012.

In addition, we conduct substantially all of our operations through our subsidiaries, none of which will be guarantors of the new notes on the date that the new notes are initially issued. Accordingly, repayment of our indebtedness, including the new notes, is dependent on the generation of cash flow by our subsidiaries and their ability to make such cash available to us, by dividend or otherwise. Unless they become guarantors of the new notes or our other indebtedness, our subsidiaries do not have any obligation to pay amounts due on the new notes or our other indebtedness, as the case may be, or to make funds available for that purpose. Our subsidiaries may not be able to, or may not be permitted to, make distributions to us sufficient to enable us to make payments in respect of our indebtedness, including the new notes. Each subsidiary is a distinct legal entity, and legal and contractual restrictions may limit our ability to obtain cash from our subsidiaries. In the event that we do not receive distributions from our subsidiaries, we may be unable to make required principal and interest payments on our indebtedness, including the new notes.

Our inability to generate sufficient cash flows to satisfy our debt obligations, or to refinance our indebtedness on commercially reasonable terms or at all, would materially and adversely affect our financial position and results of operations and our ability to satisfy our obligations under the new notes.

If we cannot make scheduled payments on our indebtedness, we will be in default and holders of our debt securities or our lenders, as applicable, may be able to declare such indebtedness to be due and payable, terminate commitments to lend money, foreclose against the assets, if any, securing such indebtedness, or pursue other remedies, including potentially forcing us into bankruptcy or liquidation. All of these events could result in you losing your entire investment in the new notes.

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Despite our current level of indebtedness, we and our subsidiaries may still be able to incur substantially more debt, which could further exacerbate the risks to our financial condition described above.

We and our subsidiaries may be able to incur significant additional indebtedness. Although the indenture governing the new notes and the agreements governing certain of our other indebtedness contain restrictions on the incurrence of additional indebtedness, these restrictions are subject to a number of qualifications and exceptions, and the additional indebtedness incurred in compliance with these restrictions could be substantial. If we incur any additional indebtedness that ranks equally with the new notes, subject to collateral arrangements, the holders of that debt will be entitled to share ratably with you in any proceeds distributed in connection with any insolvency, liquidation, reorganization, dissolution, or other winding up of our company. This may have the effect of reducing the amount of proceeds paid to you. These restrictions also do not prevent us from incurring obligations that do not constitute indebtedness. If new debt is added to our current debt levels, the related risks that we now face could intensify. See "Management's Discussion and Analy