

Copa Holdings Reports First-Quarter Financial Results

May 13, 2026

PANAMA CITY, May 13, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Copa Holdings¹, S.A. (NYSE: CPA), today announced financial results for the first quarter of 2026 (1Q26), reflecting continued industry-leading profitability, disciplined execution, and the resilience of its business model amid a higher jet fuel price environment. Key highlights include:

- Net profit of US\$212.5 million or US\$5.16 per share, a 20.5% year-over-year increase in earnings per share.
- Operating margin of 24.6% and net margin of 20.2%, increases of 0.8 and 0.5 percentage points, respectively, compared to 1Q25.
- Capacity, measured in available seat miles (ASMs), grew by 14.0% year over year, and passenger traffic in RPMs increased by 15.0%. As a result, load factor increased by 0.8 percentage points to 87.2%.
- Revenue per available seat mile (RASM) of 11.8 cents, an increase of 2.7% compared to 1Q25.
- Operating cost per available seat mile (CASM) increased 1.6% year over year to 8.9 cents, while CASM excluding fuel (Ex-fuel CASM) decreased 1.0% to 5.8 cents.
- The Company ended the quarter with approximately US\$1.5 billion in cash, short-term and long-term investments, representing 40% of the last-twelve-months' revenues.
- Adjusted Net Debt to EBITDA ratio ended 1Q26 at 0.7 times.
- The Company repurchased US\$45 million worth of shares during the quarter under the Company's current US\$200 million repurchase authorization. This represents approximately 1% of total outstanding shares as of the end of the quarter.
- In 1Q26, the Company took delivery of 2 Boeing 737-MAX 8 aircraft to end the quarter with a total fleet of 127 aircraft.
- Copa Airlines had an on-time performance for the quarter of 91.6% and a flight completion factor of 99.7%, once again positioning itself among the very best in the industry.

Subsequent events

- On May 13, 2026, the Board of Directors of Copa Holdings ratified its second dividend payment for the year of US\$1.71 per share, payable on June 15, 2026, to shareholders of record as of May 29, 2026.
- In April, at an event held in Panama, the Company publicly announced a Boeing 737 MAX aircraft order consisting of 40 firm orders and 20 purchase options. Deliveries are expected between 2030 and 2034, supporting long-term capacity growth while preserving flexibility within the Company's existing fleet plan.
- During the second quarter, the Company took delivery of two additional Boeing 737 MAX 8 aircraft, increasing its total fleet to 129 aircraft.

¹ The terms "Copa Holdings" and the "Company" refer to the consolidated entity. The financial information presented in this release, unless otherwise indicated, is presented in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). See the accompanying reconciliation of non-IFRS financial information to IFRS financial information included in the financial tables section of this earnings release. Unless otherwise stated, all comparisons with prior periods refer to the first quarter of 2025 (1Q25).

Full 1Q26 Earnings Release available for download at:

ir.copaair.com/financial-information/quarterly-results

Conference Call and Webcast

The Company will hold its financial results conference call tomorrow at 11am ET (10am local). Details follow:

Date: May 14, 2026
Time: 11:00 AM US ET (10:00 AM Local Time)
Join by phone: [Click here](#)
Webcast (listen-only): ir.copaair.com/events-and-presentations

Copa Holdings is a leading Latin American provider of passenger and cargo services. The Company, through its operating subsidiaries, provides service to countries in North, Central, and South America and the Caribbean. For more information, visit: copaair.com.

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This release includes “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements are based on current plans, estimates, and expectations, and are not guarantees of future performance. They are based on management’s expectations that involve several business risks and uncertainties, any of which could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in or implied by the forward-looking statements. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement. The risks and uncertainties relating to the forward-looking statements in this release are among those disclosed in Copa Holdings’ filed disclosure documents and are, therefore, subject to change without prior notice.

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Copa Holdings, S. A. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Operating and Financial Statistics

	1Q26	1Q25	% Change	4Q25	% Change
Revenue Passengers Carried (000s)	4,096	3,512	16.6%	3,935	4.1%
Revenue Passengers OnBoard (000s)	6,007	5,208	15.3%	5,834	3.0%
RPMs (millions)	7,755	6,743	15.0%	7,359	5.4%
ASMs (millions)	8,892	7,801	14.0%	8,513	4.5%
Load Factor	87.2%	86.4%	0.8 p.p	86.4%	0.8 p.p
Yield (US\$ Cents)	12.9	12.7	1.6%	12.4	4.3%
PRASM (US\$ Cents)	11.3	11.0	2.6%	10.7	5.2%
RASM (US\$ Cents)	11.8	11.5	2.7%	11.3	4.6%
CASM (US\$ Cents)	8.9	8.8	1.6%	8.8	0.9%
CASM Excl. Fuel (US\$ Cents)	5.8	5.8	(1.0)%	5.9	(2.9)%
Fuel Gallons Consumed (millions)	102.7	91.0	12.9%	98.6	4.1%
Avg. Price Per Fuel Gallon (US\$)	2.73	2.54	7.5%	2.50	9.2%
Average Length of Haul (miles)	1,893	1,920	(1.4)%	1,870	1.2%
Average Stage Length (miles)	1,260	1,260	—%	1,236	1.9%
Departures	43,033	37,829	13.8%	41,942	2.6%
Block Hours	138,479	121,611	13.9%	133,488	3.7%
Average Aircraft Utilization (hours)	12.2	12.1	1.3%	11.9	3.1%

Copa Holdings, S. A. and Subsidiaries Consolidated statement of profit or loss (In US\$ thousands)

	Unaudited 1Q26	Unaudited 1Q25	% Change	Unaudited 4Q25	% Change
Operating Revenues					
Passenger revenue	1,004,173	859,025	16.9%	913,623	9.9%
Cargo and mail revenue	29,760	25,694	15.8%	32,036	(7.1%)
Other operating revenue	18,490	14,462	27.8%	17,228	7.3%
Total Operating Revenue	1,052,423	899,181	17.0%	962,888	9.3%
Operating Expenses					
Fuel	282,462	232,160	21.7%	249,177	13.4%
Wages, salaries, benefits and other employees' expenses	137,670	117,517	17.1%	137,906	(0.2%)
Passenger servicing	28,135	25,024	12.4%	27,523	2.2%
Airport facilities and handling charges	79,184	65,657	20.6%	68,996	14.8%
Sales and distribution	54,812	50,261	9.1%	55,604	(1.4%)
Maintenance, materials and repairs	46,612	39,434	18.2%	46,075	1.2%
Depreciation and amortization	100,726	86,284	16.7%	97,385	3.4%
Flight operations	41,104	33,749	21.8%	38,413	7.0%
Other operating and administrative expenses	23,083	35,274	(34.6%)	32,221	(28.4%)
Total Operating Expense	793,787	685,360	15.8%	753,300	5.4%

Operating Profit/(Loss)	258,636	213,822	21.0%	209,588	23.4%
<i>Operating Margin</i>	<i>24.6%</i>	<i>23.8%</i>	<i>0.8 p.p</i>	<i>21.8%</i>	<i>2.8 p.p</i>
Non-operating Income (Expense):					
Finance cost	(25,837)	(23,233)	11.2%	(27,478)	(6.0%)
Finance income	16,083	15,792	1.8%	16,545	(2.8%)
Gain (loss) on foreign currency fluctuations	1,518	1,370	10.8%	(6,021)	nm
Net change in fair value of derivatives	(1,066)	(2,434)	(56.2%)	178	nm
Other non-operating income (expense)	(2,279)	1,428	nm	(857)	166.0%
Total Non-Operating Income/(Expense)	(11,581)	(7,077)	63.6%	(17,633)	(34.3%)
Profit before taxes	247,054	206,744	19.5%	191,955	28.7%
Income tax expense	(34,588)	(29,978)	15.4%	(19,332)	78.9%
Net Profit/(Loss)	212,467	176,766	20.2%	172,623	23.1%
<i>Net Margin</i>	<i>20.2%</i>	<i>19.7%</i>	<i>0.5 p.p</i>	<i>17.9%</i>	<i>2.3 p.p</i>
EPS					
Basic Earnings Per Share (EPS)	5.16	4.28	20.5%	4.18	23.3%
Shares used for calculation:					
Shares for calculation of Basic EPS (000s)	41,183	41,292	-0.3%	41,248	-0.2%

Copa Holdings, S. A. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated statement of financial position
(In US\$ thousands)

	March 2026 (Unaudited)	December 2025 (Audited)
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	374,223	382,554
Short-term investments	959,457	955,604
Total cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	1,333,680	1,338,159
Accounts receivable, net	204,725	194,425
Accounts receivable from related parties	3,019	3,217
Expendable parts and supplies, net	152,247	148,127
Prepaid expenses	89,588	55,209
Prepaid income tax	4,836	6,172
Other current assets	29,291	32,769
	483,706	439,919
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	1,817,386	1,778,078
Long-term investments	190,157	248,579
Long-term prepaid expenses	5,991	5,434
Property and equipment, net	4,461,063	4,120,055
Right of use assets	279,918	296,761
Intangible, net	104,477	104,071
Net defined benefit assets	3,157	3,220
Deferred tax assets	20,308	19,873
Other Non-Current Assets	12,060	6,952
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	5,077,131	4,804,946
TOTAL ASSETS	6,894,517	6,583,024
LIABILITIES		
Loans and borrowings	218,254	172,885
Current portion of lease liability	66,901	66,132
Accounts payable	210,249	164,320
Accounts payable to related parties	1,409	1,333
Air traffic liability	750,546	737,616
Frequent flyer deferred revenue	160,478	155,584
Taxes Payable	81,360	62,931

Accrued expenses payable	39,970	66,016
Income tax payable	27,122	11,929
Other Current Liabilities	9,111	1,361
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,565,401	1,440,107
Loans and borrowings long-term	1,890,520	1,807,556
Lease Liability	241,670	258,383
Deferred tax Liabilities	72,940	59,217
Other long-term liabilities	250,445	242,337
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	2,455,575	2,367,494
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EQUITY		
Class A - 34,257,137 issued and 29,861,335 outstanding	23,316	23,290
Class B - 10,938,125	7,466	7,466
Additional Paid-In Capital	221,661	220,190
Treasury Stock	(345,147)	(300,143)
Retained Earnings	2,769,716	2,168,911
Net profit	212,467	671,648
Other comprehensive loss	(15,939)	(15,939)
TOTAL EQUITY	2,873,541	2,775,423
TOTAL EQUITY LIABILITIES	6,894,517	6,583,024

Copa Holdings, S. A. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated statement of cash flows
For the three months ended
(In US\$ thousands)

	2026	2025
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Net cash flow from operating activities	359,710	205,477
Investing activities		
Net Acquisition of Investments	54,498	(340,191)
Net cash flow related to advance payments on aircraft purchase contracts	(245,026)	(115,130)
Acquisition of property and equipment	(163,486)	(56,216)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	85	—
Acquisition of intangible assets	(5,559)	(6,515)
Cash flow used in investing activities	(359,488)	(518,052)
Financing activities		
Proceeds from new borrowings	154,605	—
Payments on loans and borrowings	(31,543)	(51,863)
Payment of lease liability	(16,033)	(14,007)
Share repurchase	(45,004)	(3,555)
Dividends paid	(70,578)	(66,493)
Cash flow used in financing activities	(8,553)	(135,918)
Net (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(8,331)	(448,493)
Cash and cash equivalents as of January 1	382,554	613,313
Cash and cash equivalents as of March 31,	\$ 374,223	\$ 164,820
Short-term investments	959,457	751,525
Long-term investments	190,157	425,821
Total cash and cash equivalents and investments as of March 31,	\$ 1,523,837	\$ 1,342,166

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Non-IFRS Financial Measures Reconciliation

This press release includes the following non-IFRS financial measures: Operating CASM Excluding Fuel and Adjusted Net Debt to EBITDA. This supplemental information is presented because we believe it is a useful indicator of our operating performance and for comparing our performance with other companies in the airline industry. These measures should not be considered in isolation and should be considered together with comparable

IFRS measures, in particular operating profit and net profit. The following is a reconciliation of these non-IFRS financial measures to the comparable IFRS measures:

Reconciliation of Operating Costs per ASM

Excluding Fuel (CASM Excl. Fuel)

	1Q26	1Q25	4Q25
Operating Costs per ASM as Reported (in US\$ Cents)	8.9	8.8	8.8
Aircraft Fuel Cost per ASM (in US\$ Cents)	3.2	3.0	2.9
Operating Costs per ASM excluding fuel (in US\$ Cents)	5.8	5.8	5.9

Reconciliation of Adjusted Net Debt to EBITDA

	1Q26	1Q25	4Q25
Net Debt	\$ 893,509	\$ 592,934	\$ 718,218
LTM Operating Profit/(Loss) (in US\$ thousands)	\$ 863,774	\$ 750,788	\$ 818,960
LTM Depreciation and amortization (in US\$ thousands)	\$ 379,579	\$ 333,628	\$ 365,137
LTM EBITDA (in US\$ thousands)	\$ 1,243,353	\$ 1,084,417	\$ 1,184,096
Adjusted Net Debt to EBITDA	0.7	0.5	0.6



Source: Copa Holdings, S.A.