

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES INC /DE/  
 Form FWP  
 June 17, 2009

Issuer Free Writing Prospectus  
 Filed pursuant to Rule 433(d)  
 Registration No. 333-158781  
 June 16, 2009

Continental Airlines, Inc. (“Continental”)  
 (NYSE Symbol: CAL)

Securities: Class A Pass Through  
 Certificates, Series  
 2009-1  
 (“Certificates”)

Amount: \$389,687,000

CUSIP: 21079TAA6

ISIN: US21079TAA60

Coupon: 9.000%

Amount Available  
 under Liquidity  
 Facility at January  
 8,

2010: \$51,544,342

Initial “Maximum  
 Commitment” under  
 Liquidity Facility: \$53,289,697

Public Offering  
 Price: 100%

Make-Whole  
 Spread  
 Over Treasuries: T+75 bps

| Underwriters<br>Purchase<br>Commitments: | Underwriter   | Principal Amount<br>of Certificates |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|
|  | Morgan Stanley & Co.<br>Incorporated                      | \$129,895,667                       |
|  | Goldman, Sachs & Co.<br>Calyon Securities (USA)<br>(Inc.) | \$129,895,667                       |
|  |   | \$129,895,666                       |
|  | \$5,845,305   |                                     |

Underwriting

Commission:

Concession to  
Selling

Group Members: 0.500%

Discount to

Brokers/Dealers: 0.250%

Underwriting

Agreement: June 16, 2009

Settlement: July 1, 2009 (T+11) closing date, the 11th business day following the date  
hereof

Preliminary Prospectus Supplement: Continental has prepared and filed with the SEC a Preliminary Prospectus Supplement, dated June 16, 2009, which includes additional information regarding the Certificates

The issuer has filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the SEC for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus in that registration statement and other documents the issuer has filed with the SEC for more complete information about the issuer and this offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC Web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Alternatively, the issuer, any underwriter or any dealer participating in the offering will arrange to send you the prospectus if you request it by calling Morgan Stanley toll-free 1-866-718-1649 (institutional investors).