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Delta Air Lines, Inc. is one of the world's largest airlines, headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. Founded in 1925, it operates passenger and cargo services, along with a refinery and maintenance arm (Delta TechOps). Through global hubs (e.g., Atlanta, Detroit, LAX) and SkyTeam alliance partnerships, it serves over 300 destinations across six continents.

1. Top 5 Competitors

Key competitors in the scheduled passenger airline industry include:

- United Airlines (UAL)
- American Airlines Group (AAL)
- Southwest Airlines (LUV)
- Alaska Air Group (ALK)
- JetBlue Airways (JBLU)

2. Largest Institutional Shareholders

Top institutional holders as of March 31, 2025:

- Vanguard Group Inc ~72.9M shares (11.17%)
- BlackRock Inc ~46.7M shares (7.15%)

Other significant holders include AQR Capital (~0.3%), Amundi, Capital World Investors etc.

3. Management Team

Notable executives include:

- Ed Bastian, CEO
- Glen Hauenstein, President
- David Taylor, Chairman
- Allison Ausband, EVP & Chief People Officer
- Claude Roussel, VP Sky Clubs & Lounge Experience

Additional leaders: Steve Sear, Bob Somers, Mike Owen, Shawn Cole, Chuck

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4. Revenue

- Full-year 2024: \$61.6 billion (up ~6.2% YoY)
- Trailing 12 months (to Q1 2025): ~\$61.9 billion
- Q1 2025: \$14.0 billion in operating revenue (GAAP)

5. Institutions with Buy Recommendations:

- MarketWatch: Average rating is Buy, with a target price of \$60.86 (based on 25 analysts).
- Marketscreener: Consensus is BUY (24 analysts), avg target \$58.73 .
- MarketBeat: "Moderate Buy" with target ~\$62.08.
- UBS: Upgraded to Buy with a \$66 target

6. Analyst Sentiment Summary

Overall sentiment leans positive:

- Consensus ranges from Moderate Buy to Buy.
- Target prices span \$58.7 \$66, suggesting potential 25–40% upside.

Analysts highlight Delta's stable revenue diversification (passenger, cargo, premium, international), though caution remains around cost pressures (fuel, recession risk).

7. Insider Buying and Selling (Last 24 Months)

- Insider selling: ~606,784 shares sold, totaling ~\$33.08 million
- Insider buying: As per SimplyWallSt and TipRanks, insiders have been net buyers recently—buying more than sold in the past 3 months (~\$601K worth).
- Exact names and timing vary; notable trades include congressional purchases, but management-level specifics are limited in public summaries.

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