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## PRESENTATION

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analyst at Goldman. We're going to keep our little industrial conglomerate run on track, I'm here with our next presenter, out of my coverage, which is United Technologies. And with us from the company is CFO, Akhil Johri. Akhil, thanks for being with us. Appreciate it.

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**Akhil Johri** - *United Technologies Corporation - Executive VP & CFO*

Thank you.

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**Noah Poponak** - *Goldman Sachs Group Inc., Research Division - Equity Analyst*

Akhil's going to go through a few slides and then I'll have some questions. Definitely leave some time for all of you to ask questions. If you have any, please feel free to jump in. With that, I'll turn it over to Akhil.

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**Akhil Johri** - *United Technologies Corporation - Executive VP & CFO*

Great. Thanks, Noah. Good to be in Boston. First, before I get into the few slides, just to give you a quick update on how things are at UTX. The normal customary safe harbor statement. Comments, presentation, questions-and-answers will include some future-looking statements with uncertainties, et cetera, et cetera. Risk factors are all outlined in our SEC filings.

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The last point I'd make on this chart is Rockwell Collins. We announced the acquisition of Rockwell Collins. It's a transformational deal for UTC. We will see the benefits of this transaction for years, in fact, decades to come. We acquire companies not for just for a short-term pop, but to take advantage of trends that we see. And they, Rockwell Collins, fits in very well with UTC, particularly the UTC Aerospace Systems business, is on taking advantage of the digitalizing more connected, more electric aircraft going forward. Not just on the OE side for next generation aircraft, because that's way out there, but more importantly also for being able to provide offerings to airline customers to improve productive maintenance by getting the capabilities of UTC and Rockwell Collins together. So really good transaction.

The other appealing thing from my perspective on the Rockwell Collins deal is the great cash profile that it has, which is a lot better and different than the cash profile of our engine business and some of our UTC Aerospace Systems businesses, which means less investment needed during the cycle of aircraft development. And that's a big, big positive that comes with the Rockwell Collins acquisition.

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**Akhil Johri** - *United Technologies Corporation - Executive VP & CFO*

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Same thing on UTAS. We talked about Rockwell Collins acquisition. That will be accretive in 2019, assuming a midyear close. I didn't mention that, but our regulatory process continues to work there. We are highly confident that we'll be able to close the transaction in Q3 next year. And assuming a midyear close, that should be accretive in 2019 as well. So I think when you put all those things together, the fact that Otis, which has declined earnings, is maybe flat to slightly up next year. And then it sees the returns from its investments they have made on the productivity side on the service portfolio, should help grow earnings at a faster pace there as well. So net-net, I think the pieces are in place. Yes, last few years had been years of investment, reinvestment in the business, but we are past that and we are hopeful to see the returns on the investments now.

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**Noah Poponak** - *Goldman Sachs Group Inc., Research Division - Equity Analyst*

Got it. On the Collins deal, the long-term strategic merit of the interconnected plane, the electric plane make sense. It's a technology-rich company that's always had high margins, high return, there's no doubt about that. What concern do you have in the shorter term that the legacy Collins business had decent amount of business, you had regional jet exposure, their margins were mixing down a little bit as there were some reductions there and they had just acquired B/E Aerospace, which was a significantly more cyclical and volatile business than the traditional UTX businesses, a lot of discretionary inside-the-cabin work there. Do you have any near-term concern from that deal and you don't care because of what it brings you much longer term? Or did you actually dig into that near-term — those near-term items and actually not see any concern there?

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**Akhil Johri** - *United Technologies Corporation - Executive VP & CFO*

Actually, we feel good about both the near- and the long-term with that transaction. Because if you think about it, our business case that we talked about does not include any near-term synergies on the revenue side. It includes all of the cost synergies, which are going to be significant and we'll get that and I'll give an example of the cost synergies to bring it alive for some of you. But if you look at the opportunities that are there, particularly with regard to buyer furnished equipment portion of the Rockwell Collins business and the ability to combine the hardware, the capabilities, that power generation, power distribution capabilities that UTC Aerospace Systems has with the software data communication network, the avionics, all the capabilities that Rockwell Collins brings, that combination together would allow us to offer opportunities for airlines to look at, in the near term, some ways to reduce cost, maintenance cost through predictive maintenance, right? Using all the data that is available by the sensors that we have on our equipment and taking the benefit of the capabilities that Rockwell Collins brings, we would be able to offer solutions to the airlines, which will improve their turnaround times for the high-cost assets that they fly, the aircraft, so that the downtime is reduced. And that will be worth something for the airlines, and we hope to be able to work something which will help us there. So that's near-term opportunities which may be able to offset any cyclical concerns that you're talking about, right? But the more exciting thing is on the cost front. One of the things which people have not fully grasped is when we acquired Goodrich, right, a few years ago, Goodrich was operating at about 11% SG&A as a percent of sales. Hamilton Sundstrand within UTC was at about 7%, 7.5% of sales, SG&A. Today, the combined business is at 5.5% of sales. That's significant value-creation, and a lot of that comes from just making the organizational structure better and more efficient. We know Rockwell Collins is #1 in terms of customer service, customer support. We will learn from them to keep those good things, at the same time getting some of these SG&A synergies that we've been able to get out of the UTC-Goodrich combination. So there is significant value-creation opportunity in the near term.

And the long-term prospects, I don't think anybody ever questions because that just plays so well with where the world is heading—the aerospace sector is heading. That - it should be good.

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**Noah Poponak** - *Goldman Sachs Group Inc., Research Division - Equity Analyst*

Got it. One more bigger picture and then kind of circle back to the segments. Boeing is talking about standing up an avionics business. Rockwell Collins, avionics company. Boeing has talked about seating - the aerospace seating company. Airbus is talking about in-sourcing nacelles. Goodrich, nacelle manufacturer. Boeing is talking about basically all spare parts. You guys have a large aftermarket business. What is - as manager of the business, what is your longer-term level of concern around the OEMs, really kind of doing a 180 on the strategy here in terms of in-sourcing instead of outsourcing, going after services? Can you guys work together? Or is this a major threat to United Technologies?

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**Akhil Johri** - *United Technologies Corporation - Executive VP & CFO*

No, I think it's an opportunity as always. You've got to look at ways to work together. But then you also have got to step back and look at - these cycles have been seen before. The airframers used to manufacture nacelles and then they outsourced it. They used to manufacture other items in-house, and then they outsourced it. Because the reality is when the investment phase comes up and you have to build an aircraft, along with all the components that go with it, the risk that a single party would have to take on both the technical and the financial risk of trying to do everything on their own is almost impossible. We can't even make an engine ourselves just by ourselves, right? So imagine trying to do everything that an aircraft needs as a single party. I think that will be too much of a risk. And it's obviously a call that the airframers have to make. But from our perspective, as long as we keep investing in technology, keep investing in products that are differentiated with IP that are not commoditized, I think there is reason to believe that we will continue to get value from those streams for a long time to come. The moment our products get commoditized and it's easy for anybody to do, we lose the advantage. So that is something that internally we always discuss, debate and keep working on. The combination of Rockwell Collins and UTC will allow us to create further advancements from a technology perspective. Boeing talked about 600 engineers in avionics. Rockwell Collins has 10,000 engineers, right? So it's not like they are trying to - they're looking at some aspects of that. We have a lot of capability, we have a lot of historic knowledge, we have IP, all that is what will give us - allow us to be a good partner to the airframers as opposed to messily competing with them, right? So in every threat, there is also an opportunity, and that's how I would think about that.

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**Unidentified Analyst**

You guys talked about (inaudible) the Collins deal being kind of (inaudible). What's the (inaudible)?

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**Akhil Johri** - *United Technologies Corporation - Executive VP & CFO*

No. We have not given a number for that yet. What we have said is that by 2019, it'll be accretive, right?

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**Unidentified Analyst**

Okay. Okay. So that's (inaudible). But my understanding is that (inaudible) a lot of that decision came because there aren't many (inaudible) EPS number. And given that you guys are investing so much now (inaudible) over time [it tends to be higher]. And then with the Collins deal, you're also acquiring all the (inaudible) meaningfully higher [tax rate percent] (inaudible)?

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**Akhil Johri** - *United Technologies Corporation - Executive VP & CFO*

So again, for those of you who might not have heard, the question was whether we should have a much higher free cash flow to net income because we have got significant benefit from intangibles amortization. And you have a premise -- the premise in the question was that when we report adjusted earnings, that excludes intangibles amortization. So first of all, correction, we do not exclude intangible amortization in our adjusted EPS numbers.

**Noah Poponak** - *Goldman Sachs Group Inc., Research Division - Equity Analyst*

Yes, he was saying if you did, that it would be higher...

**Akhil Johri** - *United Technologies Corporation - Executive VP & CFO*

Okay. So yes, cash...

**Unidentified Analyst**

(inaudible) additional benefits you guys aren't really showing (inaudible).

**Akhil Johri** - *United Technologies Corporation - Executive VP & CFO*

Exactly. So the cash EPS growth, as you pointed out, is absolutely much greater from an accretion point of view. When we say it is accretive, it's a very conservative view of saying even after intangibles amortization, I will be able to add to the EPS based on the Rockwell acquisition. So your point is absolutely valid on both fronts. The cash EPS accretion is significant. I mean, Rockwell Collins is a great business, generates a lot of profit. And we will have significant synergies coming through, right, as a result of the cost, the example I gave on the Goodrich acquisition on SG&A side. The second point is I completely agree with you, we should see a significantly higher cash flow to net income conversion because of the benefit of intangibles amortization. We have done that in the past. There's nothing about our businesses which will suggest that we will have pressure on cash flow, right? It's just these abnormal things that are happening today with the significant -- to some extent, we've been a little bit a victim of our own success, right? I mean, I like to think about that with so much -- so many wins on the aerospace side, there has been significant investment in new capacity creation, we've been adding factories, we've been adding jobs and all that comes with cash cost. But that will all start to go in the rearview mirror once we get past this phase, and so we should generate -- no question.

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