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**Last week in Tempe**

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It's no secret to my regular readers that I (along with many of my colleagues) went to the USAirways headquarters this past week. We all met to begin the process of integrating our two great airlines, in anticipation of our receiving merger approval.

At the risk of disappointing my audience, I have to say up front that I don't have any news leaks or juicy tidbits to share. The process of integration is a lot of hard work, a lot of detail, and a bunch of people in a room with projectors and books:

[Photograph]

There's nothing glamorous about it, at least not at this point!

Since we've just begun this process, no decisions have been made. We are simply learning about how each company does business, and how we can best begin the task of integration- a task that will take years to fully complete. And we have rules to follow at this point, because we are not yet merged; we are still two separate airlines. I think every table had a lawyer, making sure we were only talking about permissible topics. (Anyone who knows me will know I found *that* part difficult!)

I really enjoyed meeting the USAirways people I worked with. After getting to know the skills and abilities of my counterparts, I am even more convinced that our merger, once approved, will be successful.

The new jetnet has a great article about the integration meetings, so I won't repeat the details. But there was one section I thought expressed our guiding principles very well, so I'm going to share it:

1. Focus on the customer
2. Recognize employees as the key to success
3. Make fast, effective decisions
4. Realize the value

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### 5. Run two great airlines during the integration process

Each of the integration teams is now starting to move quickly to develop plans for their parts of the company. For example, the USAir reservations team is coming to our Southern Reservations Office this week to meet our team and to learn about our operations in more detail. We will be visiting their offices this Friday to do the same. (Too bad I don't earn AAdvantage miles while travelling on business!)

As we move forward through the integration process, we'll be as open as possible, but I do caution everyone not to expect lots of decisions and announcements right away. My grandfather liked to say "measure twice, cut once", and I think that applies here, too.

[Photograph]

In closing, I'll share one more photo. Tables were set up in the courtyard in front of the USAirways offices. It was a perfect day outside, and we had lunch (and many breakout meetings) together in the fresh air. As I looked out at the palm trees and the Phoenix mountains, I thought to myself, this really is a new world! I'm looking forward to it very much.

[Photograph]

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