



## RIO 888

RIO 888 posted a gain of 3.51% in the third quarter of 2024, this in stark comparison to Virgin Galactic stock which fell over 25% in the same period.

### Virgin Galactic update

Virgin Galactic's CEO Michael Colglazier announced that the company will "substantially" wrap up the design phase of its Delta Class spaceships in the third quarter and then move on to the build and test phases.



Virgin Galactic's Delta Class spaceships are on track for commercial service in 2026, the company said. Delta Class will replace the company's VSS Unity spaceplane which had its last commercial flight in the second quarter.

With unprecedented turn times and reusability metrics, our Delta ships are planning to disrupt the historic cost structure of human spaceflight and deliver strong profit margins. The Delta Class spaceships will have an average turnaround time of just three days, company CFO Doug Ahrens remarked. Turnaround time, here, refers to the time required between two flights of a single launch vehicle.

### Financial Impact

Following the initial ramp-up period following the launch of the company's first two Delta class spaceships, Virgin Galactic expects to have the capacity to deliver approximately 125 spaceflights per year. However, despite its high expectations for the future, Virgin Galactic posted a net loss of \$94 million for the second quarter, compared to a \$134 million net loss in the second quarter of 2023, with the improvement primarily driven by lower operating expenses.

Quarterly revenue came in at \$4.22 million, which beat the analyst consensus estimate of \$3.361 million by 25.56% and represents a 125.55% increase from the same period last year. Even as the company scales its fleet, Virgin Galactic expects demand to far exceed supply. The company, hence, also plans to build additional spaceports in other parts of the globe.

The bottom-line Virgin Galactic shares closed down nearly 87% year-to-date. RIO 888 by comparison has lost 12.57% in the same period. Looking forward there are factors which could see SPCE stock rally higher in October.

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