

Media Release



AWAS delivers an A320-200 to Strategic Airlines

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Dublin based lessor, AWAS, has delivered an Airbus A320-200 to Strategic Airlines.

As AWAS' first direct lease into Australia since 2002, the addition of Strategic to its client portfolio expands AWAS' presence in the Asia Pacific region to 14 countries. Strategic Airlines plans to operate the aircraft on both Australian domestic and International routes.

David Blake, Chief Executive Officer of Strategic Airlines noted "AWAS' experience, flexibility and regional presence provided us with the confidence to accelerate our expansion plans, which will see us introduce a fourth A320-200 within six months of commencing operations".

AWAS' SVP Sales Asia Pacific, Jon O'Connell commented "as we celebrate our 25th anniversary, it is fitting that we return to our habitual roots with a new Australian based airline. With our extensive portfolio of new and used A320 forward order stream, we are well equipped to support Strategic Airlines well into the future."

About AWAS

Headquartered in Dublin, with offices in New York, Miami, and Singapore, AWAS is one of the largest aircraft leasing companies in the world. The company is managed by a highly experienced team of commercial aviation industry professionals serving markets in The Americas, Europe, Middle East, and Asia/Pacific.

AWAS owns a portfolio of more than 214 modern aircraft with a further 129 aircraft on order from Airbus and Boeing including a number of next generation aircraft. The aircraft portfolio is on lease to over 90 airline customers in 49 countries. The AWAS fleet features a full range of aircraft types and the company became one of the first lessors to order both the Boeing 787 and the Airbus A350XWB.

Through the order of up to 50 new Boeing aircraft and up to 100 Airbus aircraft in 2007, AWAS now offers new fuel-efficient and environmentally-friendly aircraft to their customers.

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