



## **AWAS finalises acquisition of two Boeing 737-800 and one Airbus A330-200 aircraft**

**AWAS expands its portfolio with modern aircraft on lease to strong airlines**

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Dublin based aircraft lessor, AWAS, announced today that it has finalised the acquisition of two Boeing 737-800s and one Airbus A330-200 passenger aircraft from another lessor. The two 737s are already on long-term leases to current AWAS customer Garuda Indonesia, and the widebody Airbus A330-200 is on lease to Qantas.

“This acquisition of highly desirable aircraft, further adding to AWAS’ modern fleet, is another example of how we are profitably growing our platform,” said Ray Sisson, President and CEO, AWAS. “This successful transaction, coupled with our demonstrated ability to grow our fleet through purchase lease-backs and our significant new order pipeline, are levers that we can utilise to drive value for our customers and our shareholders.”

Carter White, AWAS’ Head of Aircraft Trading remarked, “AWAS has shown the market that we are going to be very active in acquiring strong aircraft assets. Our highly-capable team has relationships around the globe and are eager to build upon our recent successes.”

AWAS would like to acknowledge and thank DVB Bank SE, London for their support in the funding of the 2 Garuda aircraft by way of a commercial loan facility. The

company would also like to thank Westpac Banking Corporation, Sydney Branch, the lender to AWAS for the acquisition of the A330-200 on lease to Qantas.

### **About AWAS**

AWAS is one of the leading aircraft leasing companies and recently celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> year of serving customers around the globe. The company is managed by a highly experienced and dedicated team of commercial aviation industry professionals serving markets in The Americas, Europe, Middle East, Africa, and Asia/Pacific.

AWAS owns a portfolio of more than 200 modern aircraft with a further 100+ 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 46 countries. The AWAS fleet features a full range of the most popular aircraft types which includes both narrow-bodied and wide-body aircraft.

AWAS is headquartered in Dublin, with offices in New York, Miami, and Singapore.

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