

## Media Release



### **AWAS delivers first of three Fokker F70s to Carpatair**

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Dublin based lessor, AWAS, has delivered the first of three Fokker F70s to Carpatair in Timisoara, Romania.

With the delivery of these aircraft Carpatair will access new routes and markets, starting this spring. The aircraft will be used on both domestic and international routes from the Carpatair hub in Timisoara and on direct flights from Bucharest and other Romanian airports. The other two aircraft are scheduled for delivery in February and March 2010.

“The acquisition the Fokker 70s allows for the reduction of operating costs of up to 20% on certain routes. While during the winter flight program the aircraft will operate on existing routes, from March-April 2010, we will be launching new routes which will be served exclusively by these aircraft”, said Nicolae Petrov, Carpatair President & CEO.

Jennifer Moulton, Senior Vice President, Sales at AWAS said “We are delighted to add Carpatair to our growing European client base. We look forward to supporting them through tailored solutions from our diversified fleet.”

#### **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 200 modern aircraft with a further 127 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 47 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.

### **About Carpatair:**

Carpatair is the largest regional airline in South East Europe, serving mainly regional niche markets. Carpatair established at Timisoara, west of Romania, the best air transport hub in the country operating a very successful "hub&spoke" concept. Currently, Carpatair operates over 250 scheduled flights per week to 30 destinations in 6 countries. Carpatair is one of the largest air carriers on Romania-Italy market, by offering the largest network of destinations in the two countries, 10+10, and by serving also the largest number of frequencies - 94 per week.

Carpatair has a fleet of 12 Saab 2000 (50 seats) and 3 Fokker 100 (105 seats) aircraft to which the 3 Fokker 70 (72 seats) are added now.

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