

**Media Release**



## **AWAS Appoints John Duffy as Corporate Finance Director**

**Experienced aviation finance professional to add deep domain expertise to aid AWAS' growth initiative**

**AWAS also announcing expansion of Singapore office with dedicated Corporate Finance support**

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Dublin based global aircraft lessor, AWAS, announced today that veteran aviation finance professional John Duffy has joined as Corporate Finance Director based in AWAS' Dublin headquarters reporting to Frederic Mireur, Head of Corporate Finance.

"AWAS is very pleased to add John to our team," said Simon Glass, Chief Financial Officer AWAS. "His vast knowledge and experience in aviation finance and the global markets will be of great value to AWAS as we continue to execute against our growth strategy."

Mr. Duffy was most recently Head of Global Infrastructure and Rail/Head of Infrastructure and Asset Finance for Asia Pacific with HSH Nordbank. Prior to joining HSH, John was Head of Aviation and Shipping Finance for Banca Intesa San Paolo for the Asia Pacific region and prior to this, was SVP for Europe and Asia with SMBC Leasing and Asset Finance.

John commenced his career with NatWest Markets based in London and then moved to the Capital Markets Division in NatWest based in Tokyo. From there, he held roles in Shanghai and Hong Kong with NatWest before taking an aviation structured finance position with Sumitomo Bank in Hong Kong.

AWAS is also announcing the establishment of a permanent Corporate Finance presence in our Singapore office with the relocation from Dublin of Wui Jin Woon, Corporate Finance Director, to support AWAS' expansion in this key market. Wui Jin has been with AWAS in this position since joining the organization in 2009 and will continue to report to Frederic Mireur, Head of Corporate Finance. Before joining AWAS, Wui Jin was SVP for Commercial Negotiation at RBS Aviation Capital, where prior to this he served as VP Investor Markets.

### **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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