



## **AWAS acquires one Boeing 737-800 from another lessor**

### **Modern aircraft on long-term lease to TUI Travel**

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Dublin based global aircraft lessor, AWAS, announced that it has acquired one Boeing 737-800 passenger aircraft from another lessor. The aircraft is already on long-term lease to TUI Travel, a new customer to AWAS.

TUI Travel has the largest leisure fleet of aircraft in Europe and is the fifth largest European air carrier with 155 aircraft. Its parent company TUI Travel PLC is the largest tourism group in Europe.

“We are extremely pleased to add TUI as a valued AWAS customer,” said Ray Sisson, President & CEO AWAS. “TUI Travel is a global, mega-brand that truly understands the leisure market and delivers for their growing customer base.”

Carter White, Head of Trading, AWAS commented, “We plan to continue to seek out attractive opportunities to acquire highly-desirable modern aircraft to prudently grow our fleet.”

### **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 47 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.

[www.awas.com](http://www.awas.com)

### **About TUI Travel**

TUI Travel PLC ([www.tuitravelplc.com](http://www.tuitravelplc.com)) is the world's leading leisure travel company operating in over 180 countries with more than 30 million customers in 27 key source markets, and operates a modern fleet of 155 aircraft. TUI Travel has over 200 brands which are comprised of market-leading mainstream brands and specialist travel businesses. Operating in four sectors: Mainstream, Accommodation & Destinations, Specialist & Activity and Emerging Markets, TUI Travel is focused on providing customers with a wide choice of differentiated and flexible travel experiences to meet their changing needs. TUI Travel is headquartered in the UK, employs approximately 49,000 people, and is listed on the London Stock Exchange with the ticker code TT.

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