



**AWAS further expands its Singapore regional office**

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AWAS, one of the world's largest aircraft lessors has appointed Mr. Andrew (Andy) Beer, to the position of Regional Sales Director, responsible for managing existing airline accounts and originating new business in the Asia Pacific region. Andy has a distinguished military background and joins AWAS from GE Aviation, where he was most recently responsible for customers in Singapore and Indonesia.

Andy holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of New England (Armidale, Australia) and commenced his career in the aviation industry flying fighter jets for the Royal Australian Air Force.

With his in-depth knowledge of the industry, Andy further boosts the strength of AWAS' Singapore-based sales team. AWAS has a large pipeline of new, fuel-efficient single-aisle and widebody aircraft for delivery from both airframe manufacturers. Andy will play a key role in building on the lessor's existing customer base with its forward-order aircraft, in a growing and important region for the company.

Andy reports to Jon O'Connell who is Senior Vice President of AWAS in the Asia Pacific region. Asia Pacific accounts for 30 percent of AWAS customers.

**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 220 modern aircraft with a further 128 aircraft on order from Airbus and Boeing. The aircraft portfolio is on lease to over 100 airline customers in 45 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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