



**AWAS ORDER UP TO 100 NEW AIRBUS A320 FAMILY AIRCRAFT IN
\$6.9 BILLION DEAL**

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AWAS, one of the world's leading aircraft lessors, has completed an order for 100 new aircraft from Airbus. This deal, valued at \$6.9 billion at list prices, will see AWAS take ownership of 75 new aircraft from the A320 family. AWAS will also have options for an additional 25 aircraft.

AWAS President and Chief Executive Franklin Pray said, "This transaction represents a natural extension of the new aircraft order stream that we acquired last year through the acquisition of Pegasus Aviation Finance Company. Consistent with our long term strategy, this deal further diversifies our fleet and allows AWAS to meet current and future demand from our customers for highly fuel efficient and environmentally friendly aircraft."

"We have successfully doubled the size of our company in 2007 and this deal announcement is further confirmation of our prime position in the industry" Mr. Pray concluded.

"Having AWAS, one of the most respected and leading aircraft operating lease enterprises, expanding its portfolio with A320 Family aircraft, confirms that this aircraft family continues to be very much in demand and meets current and future market needs," said John Leahy, Airbus Chief Operating Officer Customers. "The technological leadership, the superior, larger and more comfortable cabin as well as the increased storage volume contribute to making it the benchmark single-aisle aircraft family." he added.

AWAS is one of the world's leading aircraft leasing companies and currently has over 320 owned and managed aircraft in its portfolio.

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Notes to the Editor:

About AWAS

Following their recent acquisition of Pegasus Aviation Finance, AWAS is now one of the three largest aircraft leasing companies in the world. Headquartered in Dublin, AWAS also has offices in San Francisco, New York, Miami, and Singapore. AWAS is managed by a highly specialized

team of aviation industry professionals serving markets in The Americas, Europe, Africa, Middle East and Asia/Pacific.

AWAS owns and manages over 320 modern aircraft and has airline customers situated around the world. The AWAS fleet features a full range of aircraft from Airbus & Boeing and is a leader in next-generation technology, having become one of the first lessors to order both the Boeing 787 and the Airbus A350.

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