



## AWAS ANNOUNCES HAMBURG INTERNATIONAL DEAL

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AWAS, one of the world's premier aircraft lessors, has handed over the first of two Airbus A319 aircraft that it has placed on operating lease with Hamburg International Airlines. The aircraft, which is the first of the type to be operated by Hamburg, was accepted by the airline at a ceremony held on Thursday at Airbus' manufacturing facility in Hamburg, Germany.

Hamburg International is a new customer for AWAS. Speaking at the delivery, AWAS CEO, Franklin Pray, said "This new aircraft commences the airline's fleet roll-over program to Airbus equipment and AWAS is proud to have been able to play a role in this move." AWAS has a total of eighty three Airbus single aisle aircraft on firm order.

The aircraft will enter service immediately with Hamburg International and will operate on a range of routes operated on behalf of European tour operators. Hamburg intends to replace all of their existing fleet with the Airbus model and will take delivery of 16 aircraft over the coming years.

AWAS is one of the leading aircraft leasing companies and has over 300 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, Singapore, and Buenos Aires. 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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