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A selection of our recent Aircraft Finance credentials

Non-Contentious - Airlines

- **Air Atlanta Icelandic:** the operating lease of one Boeing 747-400 BCF to Cargolux and one Boeing 747-200 to Aerosur in Bolivia.
- **Air Botswana:** the purchase of ATR aircraft and the sale of a BAE146.
- **Alba Star S.A.:** the operating lease of a Boeing B737-400 and a Boeing 737-400F from RPK Capital.
- **Astraeus Airlines:**
 - » the dry sublease of two Boeing 737-300s to Seagle Air in Slovakia
 - » the operating lease of one Boeing 757-200 from Global Knaifaim
 - » one Boeing 737-700 from DAE
 - » one Airbus A320-200 from TES (Coresande Ltd)
 - » the lease extension of a Boeing 737-700 from GECAS
 - » the lease of a Boeing 737-500 from GECAS and the dry lease from
 - » wet lease back to Aer Lingus of three Airbus A320-200 aircraft
- **Cargolux:**
 - » on the acquisition as launch customer of a fleet of Boeing 747 8F aircraft
 - » establishment of joint ventures and other aircraft leasing and financing matters including financing PDPs
- **Europe Airpost (France):**
 - » operating lease of two Boeing 737-700s from BBAM
 - » the lease of a Boeing 737-300 from Deutsche Structured Finance
- **Jet2.Com/Dart Group:**
 - » the purchase/operating lease of various aircraft and certain refinancing arrangements
 - » purchase of B757 aircraft from US seller
 - » operating leases of various B737 aircraft from various lessors
 - » operating leases of various B757 aircraft from various lessors
- **Meridian Airlines:** the purchase of one Boeing 747-300 aircraft and its dry lease and wet lease back from Orient-Thai Airlines.
- **Miami Air International:** the seasonal sublease of a Boeing 737-800 to XL Airways Germany.
- **National Air Services (Saudi Arabia):**
 - » the lease of three new Airbus A320-200 aircraft from CIT
 - » sublease of two Embraer E190 aircraft to Windrose Airlines
 - » the sublease of an Airbus A320-200 to Koral Blue Airlines
 - » the finance lease with ECA support of one new Dassault Falcon 2000 LX
 - » the ECA backed financing of four new Embraer 190 aircraft
- **Titan Airways:** the medium term lease of one Boeing 737-800 from CIT and one Boeing 767-300ER from GECAS.
- **Virgin Atlantic:**
 - » the acquisition of a fleet of Boeing 787 aircraft, sale and lease back and operating lease deals
 - » refinancing of one Boeing 747-400 aircraft with a Chinese bank
 - » sub-leasing and novation matters
 - » delivery of fleet of A330 aircraft from Airbus / AerCap
- **Vistajet:**
 - » sales financing of Bombardier XRS Global Express, sale and leaseback of Learjets
 - » various sale and purchase matters
- **Aergo:**
 - » service agreement for management of MD82 and 737 aircraft
 - » purchase of Boeing classic fleet from GECAS
 - » potential purchase of fleet of MD80 aircraft from European airline
- **ATR:**
 - » lease of simulator to MAS
 - » restructuring of maintenance agreements with Dutch Antilles Airlines, assignments for Isles Air
- **Avolon:** technical services agreement

Non-Contentious - Manufacturers, Owners, Lessors

- **BAE Systems:**
 - » conditional sale agreements for BAe 146 to Hemus and Aviastar in Indonesia
 - » conversation of BAe 146 for corporate use
 - » restructuring Cityflyer fleet
 - » legal opinions on re-registration of aircraft in UK
- **Calder Aircraft:** the lease finance of a Boeing MD83 to Phoenix Aircraft Leasing.
- **DVB Bank, London Branch:**
 - » complex restructuring of 4 x CRJ with Indian operator
 - » lease of 737-300 to Canadian North
- **GA Telesis:** redelivery of 5 x A320 from SA.
- **Macquarie Bank:** proposed purchase of aircraft loan portfolio.
- **Oakhill:**
 - » the operating lease of a Boeing 737-800 to a Swedish airline
 - » restructuring of lease of Boeing 737 with TUI
- **Orix:** sale of Boeing 737-200, technical contracts and operating lease to Central Charter Slovakia.
- **Reliance Aerospace:** purchase of A320 and purchase and lease-back of A340 aircraft.
- **RBS Aerospace:** the repossessions of various corporate aircraft in Spain and A320 lease restructuring with Spanair.
- **Tronos Group:**
 - » the lease of one BAe 146-200 converted for aerial fire-fighting to Neptune Aviation to undertake trials for USFS
 - » purchase of one BAe146-200 from Jet Acceptance Corporation
- **European aircraft leasing company:** conducting claims in relation to guarantees.
- **Hangar8 plc:** broad range of disputes, corporate and other legal work for this leading corporate aircraft charterer and management company
- **Irish aircraft leasing company:** advising on an insurance coverage dispute concerning an aircraft in Nigeria.
- **Jet2.com:** claim against Romanian aircraft repair facility.
- **Leasing aircraft leasing company:** advising on its obligations to lease a fleet of 787 aircraft under sale and leaseback arrangements.
- **Major aircraft leasing company:** the repossession of a fleet of regional aircraft in India.
- **Major European manufacturer/lessor:** advising on a leasing dispute concerning aircraft leased to an Indian airline.
- **Middle Eastern airline:** acting in an international arbitration concerning a dispute over Hajj flights.
- **Middle Eastern-based aircraft leasing company:** advising on a leasing dispute with an African state airline.
- **National Air Service of Saudi Arabia:** aircraft leasing dispute.
- **National Reserve Corporation:** high profile claim for NRC arising from an airline defaulting under the complex financing arrangements.
- **Omega Air:** insurance coverage dispute in respect of the loss of an aircraft in Nigeria.
- **Pegasus Aviation:** a major insurance coverage arbitration concerning the loss of a fleet of 14 aircraft.
- **Private leasing company:** major leasing dispute against a principal Indian airline concerning wet-leased aircraft.
- **RBS:** repossession of aircraft in Europe.
- **South African aircraft leasing company:** advising on a leasing dispute.
- **South East Asian state airline:** a major multi-party leasing dispute in the Commercial Court regarding three commercial aircraft.
- **Southern African state airline:** breach of warranty claim over technical issues arising on the sale of an aircraft.
- **Trident:** repossession of aircraft from India and Romania
- **Turkish airline:** advising on a leasing dispute concerning the lease of a cargo aircraft.
- **UK airline:** repossession of 2 Boeing 737 aircraft subleased to a Central European airline.
- **UK lender:** enforcement of security and aircraft repossessions involving aircraft in the UK, Europe and the Middle East.
- **ABU Dhabi Airports Company:** advised on aviation insurance wording for the owner of the major airports in Abu Dhabi
- **Atlas Air:** leasing dispute with the administrators of a UK airline.
- **AWAS:** a range of multi-jurisdictional insurance coverage and leasing disputes concerning aircraft in the Europe, Middle East, South America and Africa.
- **Celtic Capital Corporation:**
 - » the repossession of a Boeing 737 aircraft in Ethiopia
 - » leasing dispute with an African state airline
- **Denim Air:** leasing disputes in relation to commercial passenger aircraft operated in Nigeria and the Central African Republic.
- **easyJet:** leasing disputes concerning the return of two Boeing 737 aircraft.