

Winston & Strawn Strengthens Transportation Finance Capabilities with the Addition of Two Partners in London

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LONDON – Winston & Strawn LLP, a leading global law firm, announced today that a new partner has agreed to join its Transportation Finance Practice. Christopher Boresjo plans to join the firm's London office in the coming weeks from Simmons & Simmons LLP, where Mr. Boresjo led the firm's Asset Finance Practice. Messrs. Boresjo concentrate their practice in the aircraft finance arena, handling a variety of complex finance and leasing transactions.

"We remain focused on expanding our international finance capabilities and our presence in key financial markets such as London," said Tom Fitzgerald, Winston's firmwide managing partner. "The addition of Chris will reinforce our commitment to these goals."

"Chris and Mark are recognized as top-tier attorneys in the aviation finance space," said Mats Carlston, co-chair of Winston's Finance Practice. "Their practice and client base fit squarely within our strategy to acquire and build high-end finance practices globally. Moreover, the addition of their English law capability will significantly expand the reach of our existing transportation finance practice led by Bill Bowers in New York, who, along with Pete Morgan, joined us last year."

Messrs. Boresj represent several of the largest aircraft operating lessors in the world, handling individual and portfolio acquisitions and sales for them as well as providing advice on leasing and other financings. Their other clients include several European financial institutions that are active in the air finance industry, as well as certain European flag carriers.

Mr. Boresjo's experience involves all aspects of finance and operating leases, sales and purchases of aircraft, cross-border loan and lease agreements, and airline joint ventures, and Mr. Moody has worked on a wide variety of aircraft finance transactions, including tax-advantaged leases, Islamic financings, sale and leasebacks structures, and export credit-supported financings.

The firm's London-based Finance Practice has been bolstered significantly in the last year through a string of strategic lateral acquisitions, including Paul Amiss, Rebecca Finn, and Jason Parker in November 2015 and James Simpson and a team of lawyers in March 2015. The arrival of Messrs. Boresjo and Moody will continue this trend of enhancing the firm's finance capabilities.

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