

Airline Economics Growth Frontiers Dublin; Aviation 100 award winners

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The first day of the seventh Airline Economics Growth Frontiers Dublin conference attracted a large audience in the hall throughout the day as delegates heard from some of the largest names in aviation finance and aircraft leasing. Air Lease Corporation's (ALC) top executives Steven Udvar-Hazy and John Plueger gave their views of the current operating environment as well as identifying some of the challenges ahead for both airlines and lessors. Leading lessors debated some of the hottest topics in the industry.

On the supported finance panel, Airbus confirmed that it is preparing an insurance-backed aircraft finance product with five highly-rated insurance companies and five core banks. Airbus does not have a backlog of aircraft financings waiting for export credit deals and so is searching for the right credits for this new product that will be launched in the first half of 2018.

UK Export Finance confirmed that fresh from supporting financing of Rolls-Royce engines on 787 aircraft, has also supported financings of Bombardier C Series, which is assembled in the UK, that closed in December 2017.

Last night Airline Economics also hosted the Aviation 100 Awards gala dinner at Simonscourt at the RDS where attendees boarded an aircraft to be treated to whiskey cocktails, dinner in flight, as well as an opera-backed aerial display. The award winners are listed below.

Aviation 100 Awards 2018	
European M&A Deal of the Year	IMM Investment Corp. as the Exclusive M&A Advisor for Crianza Aviation's acquisition of a majority stake in EastMerchant
Americas M&A Deal of the Year	Einn Volant Aircraft Leasing \$2bn aircraft financing platform – strategic partnership between GECAS and CDPQ
New Leasing Entity Award	SDH Wings
Overall Capital Markets Deal of the Year	Wings Capital Partners (WAVE 2017 – 1)
Overall Freight Finance Deal of the Year	Atlas Air Worldwide \$146.5MM Lease Monetization
Overall Airport Deal of the Year	Mexico City New Airport – \$4bn 2017-2 senior secured notes issuance
Overall Equity Deal of the Year	Sale of 20% stake in Aviation Capital Group by Pacific Life to Tokyo Century
Overall Debt Deal of the Year	Worldstar and Oaktree Capital's acquisition of 18 aircraft from Investec with financing and ABS (SPRITE 2017-1) led by Mizhuo and Morgan Stanley
Overall Lease Deal of the Year	Norwegian AS JOLCO financing for one 787-9 Rolls-Royce powered with UK Export Finance support
Overall M&A Deal of the Year	DAE's acquisition of AWAS
Overall Supported Finance Deal of the Year	Debut SACE guaranteed financing for Boeing aircraft delivered to SunExpress
Editor's Deal of the Year for Innovation	Aircraft Finance Insurance Consortium
Appraiser of the Year	IBA Group
Bank of the Year	Credit Agricole-CIB
Lessor of the Year	Air Lease Corporation
Airline of the Year	American Airlines
Law Firm of the Year	Clifford Chance
CEO/Industry leader of the Year	Aengus Kelly, CEO, AerCap
CFO/Treasurer of the Year	American Airlines CFO and Treasury Team
Overall Deal of the Year	Thunderbolt 2017-1
Face of Aviation	John Feren
Lifetime Achievement Award	John Leahy

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