

#### FOR IMMEDIATE ISSUE

#### GLOBAL GATHERING FOR AVIATION ASSET MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE IN DUBAI

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**LONDON, Thursday 29 October, 2009** – Over 15 senior industry leaders including representatives from the airline, airports, banking and investment houses, and finance and leasing sectors have been confirmed for the Aviation Asset Management in the Middle East Conference, to be held at the Sheraton Jumeirah Beach Resort and Towers, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009. Mr Mohamed Abubaker Al Farea, Vice President, Corporate Safety, Security and Quality, Etihad Airways, has been announced as Conference Chairman.

The Conference, part sponsored by BAE Systems Asset Management, will highlight key topics and issues affecting asset management in the Middle East including the management of aviation assets for airlines and corporate aircraft operators, appraisals, pre-purchase inspection, valuation, leasing management, finance and strategic planning, risk management, portfolio management, remarketing, repossession, technical asset management, engine maintenance, airworthiness assessment, aircraft sales, aircraft delivery, asset recovery and regulatory compliance.

Commenting on the catalyst for launching the event, Panagiotis Panagopoulos, Director of Aeropodium said: 'This conference, which coincides with the Dubai Airshow, will provide an important platform for high level debate, exchange of ideas and information and significant networking opportunities for aviation executives from around the world.'

Chaired by **Mohamed Abubaker Al Farea**, Etihad Airways, the conference will feature such distinguished speakers as:

**Kirsten Bartok,** Managing Partner, AirFinance Capital / AirFinance Leasing **Christopher J. Chaput,** Managing Director & Head of Structured Finance, Seabury Group

Stewart Cordner, Vice President Business Development, BAE Systems Asset Management

lan Crowe, Aviation Development Director, Willis Aerospace

Mark Dunnachie, Managing Director, ECC Leasing Company

Manuel Ausaverri Ferrer, Partner, Advanced Logistics Group – Europraxis

Bobby Janagan, Marketing Director, Asia, Middle East & Far East, Rolls-Royce Partners

Finance

Uğur Kalkan, Technical Director, MNG Airlines

Roland H. Moore PA, Aviation Attorney

Peter van Oostrum, Business Development Manager, Fokker Services

Aoife O'Sullivan, Partner, Gates and Partners

Chris Seymour, Head of Market Analysis, Ascend

Rahul Shah, Senior Vice President & Managing Director, AAR

Capt. Sakeer C. Sheik, Managing Director, Titan Aviation

Dewey Yee, CEO, China Everbright Aerospace Capital

For the updated conference agenda and to register please visit:

http://www.aeropodium.com/conferenceprojects/aviationassetmanagement.html

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#### **Notes to Editors:**

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Aeropodium organises and operates world-wide specialist B2B aviation summits and aviation training seminars. In addition to the Aviation Asset Management Conference, forthcoming conferences include Risk Management and Practical Solutions, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2009, London, UK and Regional Air Mobility, 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> March 2010, Biella Airport, Italy.

#### **About the Aviation Asset Management in the Middle East Conference**

The Aviation Asset Management in the Middle East Conference will take place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at the Sheraton Jumeirah Beach Resort and Towers. The delegate fee is US\$550 with a discounted rate of US \$495 for Dubai Airshow Visitors. Delegate Fees include access to the conference, the networking breaks as well as the conference proceedings. For the updated conference agenda and to register, please visit http://www.aeropodium.com/conferenceprojects/aviationassetmanagement.html

For information, images, or to register to attend or sponsor the Aviation Asset Management in the Middle East Conference, please contact:

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