

Gibson Dunn Advised ORIX Aviation on Acquisition of AerFin

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Gibson Dunn advised ORIX Aviation on its agreement to acquire AerFin, a U.K.-based aviation engines, parts, and repairs aftermarket business, from CataCap and AerFin's other shareholders. The transaction is expected to be completed by the end of 2026.

ORIX Aviation, established in 1991 and part of ORIX Group, owns and manages aircraft and provides asset management services to Japanese and international investors and funds through its full-service operating lease platform. The acquisition takes ORIX Aviation into the aviation aftermarket for the first time, adding used serviceable material and airframe and engine parts capabilities to its leasing and asset management business.

Gibson Dunn acted as sole legal adviser to ORIX Aviation, advising on all aspects of the transaction, including corporate and aviation asset matters, antitrust and merger control, sanctions and export controls, employment, executive compensation, commercial and technology contracts, and litigation risk.

The firm's cross-practice team was led from London by Transportation and Space Practice Group Co-Chair James Cameron and Co-Head of Gibson Dunn's Cross-Border M&A Practice Will McDonald. Of counsel George Venables and associate Sam Wolfe-Murray advised on M&A and corporate matters. Special counsel Siddharth Sharma, of counsel Richard Walton, and associates Annabel James and Muireann Browne advised on aviation matters. Partner Claire Shepherd advised on antitrust and merger control, supported by associates Christian Liborius, Omer Teshuva, and Chantal Wheatley. Partners Adam Smith and David Wolber and associate Irene Polieri advised on international trade, sanctions, and export controls. Partner Robbie Sinclair and associate Katie Hall advised on employment matters. Associate Tehute Habte advised on executive compensation and employee benefits. Associate Ksenija Radonjic advised on disputes and contentious risk. Associates Elisa Wong and Chris Puttock advised on technology and commercial contracts. Associate Ioana Burtea advised on privacy and data protection. Of counsel Graham Crocker advised on tax. Associate Jontin Cooper advised on real estate.

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