



## **JUMP SEAT TO ADVISE BLACKSTONE CREDIT & INSURANCE ON AIRCRAFT ENGINE LEASING**

January 6, 2026 - Jump Seat Advisor, LLC (Jump Seat), a consultancy formed by aviation finance veterans Michael Platt and John Shavinsky, has been retained by Blackstone Credit and Insurance (“Blackstone”) as part of Blackstone’s strategic aircraft engine leasing partnership with Willis Lease Finance Corporation (WLFC).

Blackstone plans to deploy over \$1 billion in the next two years in current and next generation aircraft engines and select aircraft. Jump Seat has reviewed WLFC’s initial portfolio of engines and leases for Blackstone and will continue to serve as an advisor.

Michael Platt, Partner at Jump Seat, said: “It is a pleasure to be working with the professional teams at Blackstone and WLFC to help ensure that Blackstone acquires high quality assets. John and I have over 70 years of combined experience in aviation finance and leasing and are confident we can deliver enhanced value for this exciting engine leasing partnership.”

To support its advisory of Blackstone, Jump Seat is assisted by Star Aero Services and Aero Engine Consulting.

John Shavinsky, Partner at Jump Seat, added: “Through our industry-wide network, Jump Seat has access to the top experts in every facet of commercial aviation, which enables us to offer an expanded range of services and insights to our customers.”

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### **About Jump Seat Advisor**

Jump Seat Advisor provides top-tier consulting services to airlines and aviation-related businesses. With a wealth of experience in negotiating hundreds of lease agreements, resolving technical and specification issues, and managing aircraft and engine purchases and sales, it works with leasing companies, financial institutions and airlines of all sizes across the globe. Its goal is to collaborate with in-house teams to leverage its experience, help save money and time, reduce risk, increase operational flexibility, and optimize lease terms and conditions.

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