

WFW ADVISES SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE ON THE REFINANCING OF TEN HELICOPTERS

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International law firm Watson Farley & Williams (“WFW”) has advised the Société Générale Group in connection with the refinancing of nine H135 helicopters and one Bell 429 helicopter, owned by Iris Helicopter Leasing Limited (“Iris Helicopter”). Iris Helicopter is a joint investment of Nova Capital and Rive Private Investment (the latter an independent private equity firm founded in 2013 by 123Investment Managers and Elyseum Investment), dedicated to the leasing of civil helicopters.

WFW advised Société Générale Group on the drafting of all finance and security documents.

The WFW Paris Finance team was jointly led by Partners Alexia Russell and Laurence Martinez-Bellet, assisted by Associates Liam Quinn and Sébastien Hoff on both the English and French law aspects of the transaction. Irish law matters were handled by William Fry LLP Partner David Maughan, assisted by Associates Mary Ward and Pablo Zaldivar.

Iris Helicopter was advised by Mayer Brown on French law matters. Their team was led by Matthieu de Varax, assisted by Marc-Alexandre Tremblay. Yvonne McWeeney of Matheson acted as their Irish legal counsel.

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