

WFW ADVISES INVESTEC AND EUROPEAN BANK ON FINANCING OF 26 AIRCRAFT FOR LEVL

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Watson Farley & Williams (“WFW”) has advised Investec Bank Ltd (“Investec”) on the financing of fifteen helicopters and five specialist fixed wing aircraft and a European bank on the financing of six Airbus H145 helicopters, for LEVL Leasing Limited (“LEVL”).

The aircraft will be used for sustainability-linked aviation projects, emergency medical response, search and rescue, and firefighting, and are operating in multiple jurisdictions throughout Europe and Africa.

LEVL is a joint venture between Lobo Leasing Limited and EMP Structured Assets GmbH that unites Lobo Leasing’s full suite capabilities as a helicopter leasing platform with EMP’s capabilities in structuring financing solutions and raising capital for diverse aviation financing projects.

The multi-jurisdictional WFW team that advised Investec was led by Global Aviation Sector Co-Head Jim Bell, working closely with London Assets and Structured Finance Counsel Jane Keith, Senior Associates Natasha Collins and Nicholas Yu, Associates James Wickham and Varun Kapur and Trainee Kiera Jenkinson. New York Partner Susanne Burstein and Associate Julia Sim and Paris Partner Philippe Monfort and Associate Lisa Tavlaridis advised on US and French law aspects of the transaction respectively.

Jim also led the team advising the European bank, supported by Counsel Jane Keith, Senior Associate Abi Carter and Associate James Wickham.

Jim commented: “We are pleased to have advised our long-standing and valued clients Investec on these transactions and delighted to have supported Lobo and EMP in LEVL’s rapid growth”.

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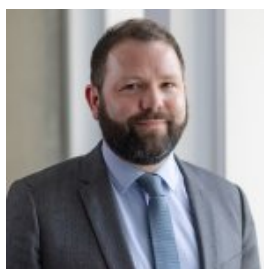
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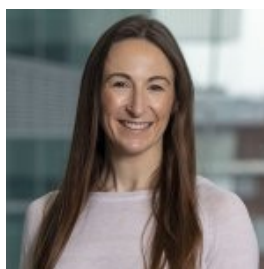
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