

# BDO AVIATION FINANCE



PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO THE  
AVIATION FINANCE INDUSTRY



## WHY IRELAND?

Ireland is considered the birthplace of the aviation finance industry, beginning with the foundation of Guinness Peat Aviation (GPA) in the 1970s. Ireland is now firmly established as the leading global hub for the sector.

Nine of the world's top 10 lessors are headquartered in Ireland and more than 50% of the world's leased aircraft are owned and managed from Ireland.

There are a number of reasons why Ireland is the global leader in the aviation finance sector including:

- Excellent talent pool with specialist skills
- Flexibility in financial reporting
- Strong regulatory and government support
- Signed up to the Cape Town Convention
- Business friendly environment
- Favourable Tax Regime including:
  - Low corporation tax rate of 12.5% for profits of leasing trade
  - Extensive double tax treaty network consisting of 74 signed treaties (of which 73 are in effect), the majority of which provide for zero or reduced withholding tax on lease rentals
  - Tax depreciation for aircraft over an 8-year period
  - No withholding tax on lease rental payments
  - On-shore location – member of EU and OECD
  - Wide range of exemptions available from withholding tax on interest and dividend payments
  - No stamp duty or transfer taxes on the transfer of aircraft or aircraft parts
  - 0% VAT on international aviation leasing.

## WHY BDO?

Aircraft and aircraft parts are, by their very nature, high value goods, and consequently subject to complex and complicated regulations.

BDO have been providing financial services to the aviation industry in Ireland since the 1980s. What makes us different is our investment in the processes, systems and above all the people in our aviation finance advisory team.

## SERVICES

**OUTSOURCED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING AND PAYROLL**

**ADVISORY**

**TAX**

**VAT**

**AUDIT**

**CUSTOMS**

**CONSULTING**

**STAFF RESOURCE**

Our team of dedicated specialists are on hand to assist you in creating operational efficiencies. We understand through our experience the complexities of aviation leasing transactions and the compliance requirements surrounding them. We can advise on the full suite of services to ensure compliance with complex legal and regulatory requirements and ever changing international laws.

Through our international network we have 1,591 offices in 162 countries worldwide. Our Aviation Finance team in Ireland can act as a single point of contact and liaise with local country teams in member firms globally to coordinate international queries.

- | Maintenance of books and records.
- | Management Accounts.
- | Technical Accounting opinions.

- | Preparation of statutory financial statements.
- | iXBRL financial Statement Conversion.



- | Internal Audit.
- | SOX implementation support and effectiveness testing.

- | Restructuring including members voluntary liquidations of special purpose vehicles.
- | IT Strategy, security, technology and systems implementation.



- | Corporation Tax Compliance.
- | Transaction Support and Advice.
- | Tax Structuring.

- | Due Diligence.
- | Executive and employee tax planning and compliance.



- | Acquisition, leasing and disposal of aircraft and related parts.
- | VAT Check.

- | VAT Compliance Services and training.
- | Temporary outsourcing to assist with occasional assignments.



- | We have a core team that specialise in working with aircraft leasing clients and we bring this experience and knowledge to all our clients.

- | We have a specialism in auditing SPVs in the aircraft leasing sector.



- | Import/Export Customs Clearance Requirements.
- | Securing duty reliefs.
- | Temporary Import Procedures.
- | Discharging Customs Supervision.
- | Intra-EU transfers.
- | Determining the customs status of aircraft and parts.

- | Use of airworthiness certificates for duty suspensions.
- | Audit Risks.
- | Supply Chain Reviews.
- | Securing Comprehensive Bonds and Guarantees.
- | Drafting of Contracts.
- | Export Control requirements.



- | Strategy & Operations.
- | Organisation & People.
- | Technology Solutions.

- | Data & Analytics.
- | Project & Change Management.
- | Talent Management



- | Recruitment of staff.
- | Contract placement.
- | Secondment.



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