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RESEARCH IDENTIFIES THAT CHINA DOMINATES MID TO LARGE SIZED PRIVATE JET MARKET IN ASIA PACIFIC

April 12, 2016, Shanghai – New research⁽¹⁾ from Global Jet Capital, a provider of financing solutions for large-cabin, long-range private jets, reveals there are around 972 mid to large private jets in Asia Pacific, and 30% (294) of these are in China, which is more than any other country in the region.

Overall, 37% of the region's fleet of business aircraft are mid to heavy, and the corresponding figure for the global fleet is 32%.

Nearly all (93%) of Hong Kong's 129 business aircraft are mid to heavy in size. This is followed by Singapore where 73% of its fleet of business aircraft are mid to heavy, and China where the corresponding figure is 69%.

Country	Mid and heavy jet fleet size	% of overall fleet that is mid to heavy
China	294	69%
India	121	45%
Hong Kong	120	93%
Australia	106	14%
Japan	56	21%
Malaysia	41	49%
Singapore	41	73%
Indonesia	38	25%
Philippines	38	34%
Thailand	27	33%

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New Zealand	8	12%
All Asia Pacific	972	37%

Global Jet Capital’s newly appointed Managing Director of Asia Sales, David Henderson, said: “Our analysis reveals that a higher percentage of Asia Pacific’s fleet of business aircraft is mid to heavy in size than the global average. Given we focus on financing these types of jets, this market is particularly attractive for us.”

Mid to heavy private jets typically cost between \$25 million and \$75 million each, and up to 80% of the funding used to purchase these is sourced through external financing. Global Jet Capital is one of, if not the only, dedicated aviation finance specialist to operate on a global basis. With an extensive team which has a wealth of experience funding a wide variety of aircraft types, the company recently completed the purchase of the aircraft lease and loan portfolio of GE Capital Corporate Aircraft in the Americas. This represented approximately \$2.5 billion of net assets, and the company has a further \$1 billion to lend to clients to purchase relevant business aircraft in Asia Pacific and elsewhere around the world.

Global Jet Capital, which was launched in 2014, is capitalized by three global investment firms – GSO Capital Partners, a Blackstone company in partnership with Franklin Square Capital Partners*; The Carlyle Group; and AE Industrial Partners.

The company’s current management team and executive committee is composed of leaders from business jet manufacturers, maintenance and service providers and leading financial institutions who have served the private aircraft industry for a combined 200-plus years and have completed over 3,500 aircraft transactions.

Notes to editors

(1) Global Jet Capital analysis of JetNet data, March 2016



Global Jet Capital

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GSO Capital Partners and Franklin Square Capital Partners

GSO Capital Partners, with approximately \$81 billion in assets under management, is the credit platform of The Blackstone Group, a leading global institutional alternative asset manager, with assets under management of approximately \$330 billion**. Franklin Square Capital Partners is a leading manager of alternative investment funds designed to enhance investors' portfolios by providing access to asset classes, strategies and asset managers that typically have been available to only the largest institutional investors. Franklin Square manages over \$16.8 billion** in assets. Franklin Square's funds are currently sub-advised by GSO or its affiliates.

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