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## **GLOBAL JET CAPITAL ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF INDUSTRY VETERAN DAVE LABROZZI AS CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**

**11<sup>th</sup> January 2016, Boca Raton, FL** - Global Jet Capital, a provider of financing solutions for large-cabin, long-range private jets, has announced that industry veteran Dave Labrozzi has joined the company as chief operating officer (COO).

Before retiring from GE in 2014, Labrozzi had spent 35 years with the company, having held roles with responsibility in sales, risk, business development and general management. Labrozzi spent 22 of his years with GE dedicated to corporate aviation, with the last 15 years leading the company's financing activity in the sector as president of GE Capital, Corporate Aircraft.

In October, Global Jet Capital announced plans to purchase GE's corporate aircraft lease and loan book in the Americas. This acquisition is now around 90% complete, with the aim of completing the remaining 10%, which consists of accounts in Mexico and Brazil, by the end of January 2016.

As COO at Global Jet Capital, Labrozzi will lead all new business sales origination and aircraft resale and releasing activities. He will also be ultimately responsible for areas including risk, underwriting, portfolio management and asset management.

With a lengthy track record in the sector, Labrozzi is highly respected as a leader in corporate aviation and has served on the NBAA Associate Member Advisory Council.

Shawn Vick, Executive Director of Global Jet Capital, said: "Dave is a major addition to our senior leadership team and we are delighted he is joining at such an exciting time in our development. We have completed the majority of our acquisition of GE's fixed-wing Corporate Aircraft financing portfolio in the Americas, and having such a well-regarded and highly experienced industry figure within the business will help us drive our further growth."



Labrozzi's appointment is part of a strategic move by Global Jet Capital to add new talent in its key international markets. As well as expanding the team in the US, Global Jet Capital is in the process of adding origination professionals based in London, Hong Kong, Continental Europe and Dubai. A full list of job opportunities with Global Jet Capital can be found at <http://www.globaljetcapital.com/careers/>.

Global Jet Capital launched last year, and it 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.

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#### **Notes to editors**

#### **Global Jet Capital**

Global Jet Capital is a financial services company providing financing solutions for the private aircraft market. The business is capitalized by world-class private investors with expertise in the global aviation industry: GSO Capital Partners, a Blackstone company, in partnership with Franklin Square Capital Partners, The Carlyle Group and AE Industrial Partners. We offer a management team with expertise in financing, asset management, acquisition, marketing, lease administration and product support that understands the intricacies of the private aircraft market. Global Jet Capital serves virtually all jurisdictions and has the capital and expertise to meet the needs of the global private aircraft market, with flexibility and speed.

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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 \$334 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 approximately \$17.0 billion\*\* in assets. Franklin Square's funds are currently sub-advised by GSO or its affiliates. [www.blackstone.com/gso](http://www.blackstone.com/gso)



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\*\* As of September 30, 2015

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