

# Hughes Hubbard & Reed

Hughes Hubbard  
named **"Americas  
Law Firm of the  
Year"** for 2017 by  
Airline Economics  
magazine

**In the last five years, 11 Hughes Hubbard deals have also been selected "Deal of the Year" by Airfinance Journal. Here are a few of them.**

## **'OVERALL DEAL OF THE YEAR' THUNDERBOLT'S \$344.7M NOTES OFFERING**

What Airline Economics magazine called one of the most innovative deals of the last few years, this offering launched Air Lease's Thunderbolt platform, a strategic tool and capital solution for Air Lease to expand its existing relationship in the midlife aircraft space. The notes are backed by a portfolio of 19 aircraft, with an average age of more than 12 years and leased to 17 lessees in 13 countries.

—Airline Economics, January 2018 | Hughes Hubbard represented Air Lease Corporation in this transaction.

## **'CAPITAL MARKETS DEAL OF THE YEAR' BLACKBIRD CAPITAL I'S \$800M SECURITIZATION**

This transaction set a new benchmark for post-financial crisis aircraft ABS issuances, including the first tranche of AA rated securities, the lowest blended cost of funds through BBB class, the largest number of investors to place bids, the largest number of investors to get allocated bonds and the shortest period to execute a transaction in only six weeks.

—Airfinance Journal, May 2017 | Hughes Hubbard represented Blackbird Capital I in this transaction.

## **'NORTH AMERICAN DEAL OF THE YEAR' ELEMENT FINANCIAL'S \$1.21B ABS**

The deal has scooped the North American award for its size, complexity and its significance for Element, which is using the deal to consolidate this stage of its growth in the aircraft leasing market. ...Despite the hurdles, the deal closed with tight spreads in line with other recent ABS issuances.

—Airfinance Journal, April 2016 | Hughes Hubbard represented the underwriters in this transaction.

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