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## **Apollo and Athene to Acquire PK AirFinance From GECAS**

NEW YORK, Aug. 29, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Apollo Global Management, LLC (together with its consolidated subsidiaries, "Apollo") (NYSE: APO); Athene Holding Ltd. (NYSE: ATH); and GE Capital, the financial services arm of GE (NYSE: GE), today announced that they have entered into a definitive agreement for Apollo and Athene to purchase PK AirFinance, an aviation lending business, from GE Capital's Aviation Services (GECAS) unit. In connection with this transaction, Apollo will acquire the PK AirFinance aircraft lending platform and Athene will acquire PK AirFinance's existing portfolio of loans.



PK AirFinance is a leading aircraft lending business that serves airlines, aircraft traders, lessors, investors and financial institutions globally with loans to borrowers in more than 40

countries. Financial details of the transaction were not disclosed, although the \$3.6 billion of PK AirFinance financing receivables that were held for sale in the second quarter of 2019 are being sold at a premium to book value in this transaction.

Alec Burger, GE Capital President & CEO, said, "Apollo's vast lending experience, complementary platforms, and exceptional track record across diversified assets and geographies make it the ideal partner to accelerate PK AirFinance's growth. This sale is aligned to GE Capital's overall strategy to become smaller and simpler, and our commitment to reduce our assets by \$10 billion in 2019 is now more than halfway complete. We continue to focus on shrinking GE Capital's balance sheet, achieving a debt-to-equity ratio of less than 4x by 2020, and supporting GE Industrial growth through our remaining GECAS, Energy Financial Services, and Industrial Finance businesses."

Jim Belardi, CEO of Athene, said, "This transaction provides us with a unique opportunity to acquire a large, diversified portfolio of high-quality loans with attractive risk-adjusted returns. In addition, this deal is another great example of the unique benefits of our strategic relationship with Apollo and its commitment to building direct origination platforms in support of the continued growth of our business."

James Zelter, Co-President of Apollo, said, "We are very excited to be acquiring the PK AirFinance platform which, under GE's outstanding stewardship, has become one of the world's leading aircraft lending businesses, and is highly complementary to our existing aircraft leasing capabilities. This transaction also demonstrates our ongoing commitment to meet the investment needs of Athene and our clients, and is consistent with our objective to continue to expand Apollo's capabilities to directly originate high quality assets."

PK AirFinance's team of investment professionals, who primarily focus on originations and syndications as well as underwriting and portfolio management, will transfer to Apollo upon completion of the transaction.

Per Waldelof, president of PK AirFinance, said, "We have a great team of experts with tremendous execution capabilities and a proven ability to deliver results. We are confident that this transaction will ensure the continued stability of our business. We are excited for the opportunity to continue to serve our customers and the industry as part of the team at Apollo."

The completion of the acquisition is subject to customary conditions and is expected to close during the fourth quarter of 2019. Citi and Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC provided financial advice and Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP and Clifford Chance LLP provided legal advice to GE Capital. Citi, RBC Capital Markets, and Mizuho provided debt financing for the transaction, and RBC Capital Markets served as financial advisor to Apollo.

### **About Apollo Global Management**

Apollo is a leading global alternative investment manager with offices in New York, Los Angeles, San Diego, Houston, Bethesda, London, Frankfurt, Madrid, Luxembourg, Mumbai, Delhi, Singapore, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Tokyo. Apollo had assets under management of approximately \$312 billion as of June 30, 2019 in private equity, credit and real assets funds invested across a core group of nine industries where Apollo has considerable knowledge and resources. For more information about Apollo, please visit [www.apollo.com](http://www.apollo.com).

## **About Athene**

Athene, through its subsidiaries, is a leading retirement services company that issues, reinsures and acquires retirement savings products designed for the increasing number of individuals and institutions seeking to fund retirement needs. The products offered by Athene include:

- Retail fixed, fixed indexed and index-linked annuity products;
- Reinsurance arrangements with third-party annuity providers; and
- Institutional products, such as funding agreements and group annuity contracts related to pension risk transfers.

Athene had total assets of \$139.0 billion as of June 30, 2019. Athene's principal subsidiaries include Athene Annuity & Life Assurance Company, a Delaware-domiciled insurance company, Athene Annuity and Life Company, an Iowa-domiciled insurance company, Athene Annuity & Life Assurance Company of New York, a New York-domiciled insurance company and Athene Life Re Ltd., a Bermuda-domiciled reinsurer.

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GE Capital Aviation Services (GECAS) is a world-leading aviation lessor and financier. For over five decades, we have solved our customers' challenges and helped their businesses to thrive. Whether your need is for narrow- or widebody aircraft, regional jets, turboprops, freighters, engines, helicopters, financing or materials, our name has become synonymous with trusted relationships, domain expertise and delivering on our promises.

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This press release may contain forward looking statements that are within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These statements include, but are not limited to, discussions related to Apollo's expectations regarding the performance of its business, its liquidity and capital resources and the other non-historical statements in the discussion and analysis. These forward-looking statements are based on management's beliefs, as well as assumptions made by, and information currently available to, management. When used in this press release, the words "believe," "anticipate," "estimate," "expect," "intend" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Although management believes that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable,

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December 31, 2018, and our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2019, which can be found at the SEC's website [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

All forward-looking statements described herein are qualified by these cautionary statements and there can be no assurance that the actual results, events or developments referenced herein will occur or be realized. We do not undertake any obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements to reflect changed assumptions, the occurrence of unanticipated events or changes to future operating results.

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