

AerCap Holdings N.V. Reports Financial Results for the Third Quarter 2017 and Announces New Share Repurchase Program

DUBLIN--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- AerCap Holdings N.V. (NYSE:AER):

- **Net income of \$265.8 million for the third quarter of 2017 and \$809.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017**
- **Diluted earnings per share of \$1.62 for the third quarter of 2017 and \$4.77 for the nine months ended September 30, 2017**

Highlights

- 89 aircraft transactions executed in the third quarter of 2017, including 36 widebody transactions.
- 99.3% fleet utilization rate for the third quarter of 2017.
- 7.1 years average age of owned fleet and 6.6 years average remaining lease term.
- 100% of new aircraft deliveries through 2018 and 91% through 2019 leased.
- \$8.9 billion of available liquidity.
- Adjusted debt/equity ratio of 2.7 to 1.
- \$55.06 book value per share, an increase of 17% since September 30, 2016.
- Repurchased 5.4 million shares in the third quarter of 2017 for \$266 million and 19.2 million shares year to date through October 27, 2017 for \$888 million.
- New \$200 million share repurchase program authorized, which will run through March 31, 2018.

Aengus Kelly, CEO of AerCap, commented: "We are very pleased to report another quarter of consistent earnings. During the third quarter of 2017 we generated \$1.62 earnings per share and net income of \$265.8 million. The scale of the AerCap platform is evidenced by the 89 aircraft transactions executed this quarter. Our continued focus and disciplined approach to portfolio management was evidenced by the sale of 27 owned aircraft. AerCap's success is underpinned by our highly consistent and disciplined approach to portfolio and liquidity management."

Third Quarter 2017 Financial Results

- Net income of \$265.8 million, compared with \$225.6 million for the same period in 2016. Diluted earnings per share of \$1.62, compared with \$1.22 for the same period in 2016.
- Net income increased 18%, primarily driven by an increase in net gain on sale of assets. Furthermore, during the third quarter of 2016, we recognized charges related to the downsizing of AeroTurbine. These charges were partially offset by income related to insurance proceeds.
- Diluted earnings per share increased 33%, driven by the same factors as net income as well as the repurchase of 30.4 million shares from July 2016 through September 2017.

Revenue and Net Spread

	Three months ended September 30,			Nine months ended September 30,		
	2017	2016	% increase/ (decrease)	2017	2016	% increase/ (decrease)
	(U.S. Dollars in millions)			(U.S. Dollars in millions)		
Lease revenue:						
Basic lease rents	\$1,038.4	\$1,088.0	(5%)	\$3,159.0	\$3,333.6	(5%)
Maintenance rents and other receipts	163.0	91.9	77%	357.0	313.2	14%
Lease revenue	1,201.4	1,179.9	2%	3,516.0	3,646.8	(4%)
Net gain on sale of assets	63.7	22.4	184%	180.6	79.8	126%
Other income	8.8	23.8	(63%)	78.0	57.0	37%
Total revenues and other income	\$1,273.9	\$1,226.1	4%	\$3,774.6	\$3,783.6	(0%)

Basic lease rents were \$1,038.4 million for the third quarter of 2017, compared with \$1,088.0 million for the same period in 2016. The decrease was primarily due to the sale of mid-life and older aircraft during 2016 and 2017. Our average lease assets for the third quarter of 2017 were \$34.0 billion, compared with \$34.6 billion for the same period in 2016.

Maintenance rents and other receipts were \$163.0 million for the third quarter of 2017, compared with \$91.9 million for the same period in 2016. The increase was primarily the result of lease terminations during the third quarter of 2017.

Net gain on sale of assets for the third quarter of 2017 was \$63.7 million, relating to 27 aircraft sold and eight aircraft reclassified to finance leases, compared with \$22.4 million for the same period in 2016, relating to 36 aircraft sold and four aircraft reclassified to finance leases. The increase was primarily due to the timing and composition of asset sales.

Other income for the third quarter of 2017 was \$8.8 million, compared with \$23.8 million for the same period in 2016. Other income for the third quarter of 2016 included insurance proceeds, partially offset by charges related to the downsizing of AeroTurbine.

	Three months ended September 30,			Nine months ended September 30,		
	2017	2016	% increase/ (decrease)	2017	2016	% increase/ (decrease)
	(U.S. Dollars in millions)			(U.S. Dollars in millions)		
Basic lease rents	\$1,038.4	\$1,088.0	(5%)	\$3,159.0	\$3,333.6	(5%)
Interest expense	280.2	273.9	2%	840.9	839.2	0%
Adjusted for:						
Mark-to-market of interest rate caps and swaps	(2.0)	(1.6)	25%	(17.6)	(20.2)	(13%)
Adjusted interest expense	278.2	272.3	2%	823.3	819.0	1%
Net interest margin, or net spread (*)	\$760.2	\$815.7	(7%)	\$2,335.7	\$2,514.6	(7%)
Average lease assets	\$34,035	\$34,577	(2%)	\$34,055	\$35,078	(3%)
Annualized net spread (*)	8.9%	9.4%		9.1%	9.6%	

(*) Refer to "Notes Regarding Financial Information Presented in This Press Release" for details relating to these non-GAAP measures

As shown in the table above, adjusted interest expense was \$278.2 million for the third quarter of 2017, compared with \$272.3 million for the same period in 2016.

Annualized net spread was 8.9% for the third quarter of 2017, compared with 9.4% for the same period in 2016. The decrease was primarily the result of the lower age of our owned fleet and the higher average cost of debt. Our average cost of debt increased primarily due to the issuance of new longer-term bonds to replace shorter-term ILFC notes, which had lower reported interest expense as a result of ILFC acquisition purchase accounting.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

	Three months ended September 30,			Nine months ended September 30,		
	2017	2016	% increase/ (decrease)	2017	2016	% increase/ (decrease)
	(U.S. Dollars in millions)			(U.S. Dollars in millions)		
Selling, general and administrative expenses	\$58.3	\$55.2	6%	\$173.1	\$177.9	(3%)
Share-based compensation expenses	25.6	25.6	0%	78.9	76.3	3%
Total selling, general and administrative expenses	\$83.9	\$80.8	4%	\$252.0	\$254.2	(1%)

Other Expenses

Asset impairment charges were \$45.6 million for the third quarter of 2017, compared with \$15.1 million recorded for the same period in 2016. Asset impairment recorded in the third quarter of 2017 primarily related to lease terminations and was more than offset by maintenance revenue recognized as a result of these lease terminations. Leasing expenses were \$137.8 million for the third quarter of 2017, compared with \$128.7 million for the same period in 2016. The increase in leasing expenses was primarily related to higher maintenance rights expense associated with maintenance activity during the third quarter of 2017. Restructuring related expenses were nil for the third quarter of 2017, compared with \$29.0 million for the same period in 2016. Restructuring related expenses in the third quarter 2016 related to the downsizing of AeroTurbine.

Effective Tax Rate

Our effective tax rate for the full year 2017 is expected to be 12.5%, compared with the effective tax rate of 14.5% for the full year 2016. It is impacted by the source and amount of earnings among our different tax jurisdictions. The higher effective tax rate in 2016 included a valuation allowance related to the AeroTurbine losses.

Our effective tax rate was 11.5% for the third quarter of 2017, compared to 16.5% for the same period in 2016. Our effective tax rate in any quarter can be impacted by revisions to the estimated full year rate.

Book Value Per Share

	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016	September 30, 2016
	(U.S. Dollars in millions, except share and per share data)		
Total AerCap Holdings N.V. shareholders' equity	\$8,546.5	\$8,524.4	\$8,369.5
Ordinary shares outstanding	158,015,881	176,247,154	181,743,634
Unvested restricted stock	(2,805,996)	(3,426,810)	(3,327,489)
Ordinary shares outstanding (excl. unvested restricted stock)	155,209,885	172,820,344	178,416,145
Book value per ordinary share outstanding (excl. unvested restricted stock)	\$55.06	\$49.33	\$46.91

Book value per share has increased 17% since September 30, 2016.

Financial Position

	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016	% increase/ (decrease) over December 31, 2016
(U.S. Dollars in millions, except debt/equity ratio)			
Total cash (incl. restricted)	\$1,786.2	\$2,364.6	(24%)
Total assets	41,006.7	41,620.5	(1%)
Debt	27,287.6	27,717.0	(2%)
Total liabilities	32,404.1	33,038.2	(2%)
Total AerCap Holdings N.V. shareholders' equity	8,546.5	8,524.4	0%
Total equity	8,602.6	8,582.3	0%
Adjusted debt (*)	25,083.4	24,931.6	1%
Adjusted equity (*)	9,352.6	9,332.3	0%
Adjusted debt/equity ratio (*)	2.7 to 1	2.7 to 1	0%

(*) Refer to "Notes Regarding Financial Information Presented in This Press Release" for details relating to these non-GAAP measures

As of September 30, 2017, AerCap's portfolio consisted of 1,506 aircraft that were owned, on order or managed (including aircraft owned by AerDragon, a non-consolidated joint venture). The average age of our owned fleet as of September 30, 2017 was 7.1 years and the average remaining contracted lease term was 6.6 years.

Share Repurchase Program

Our Board of Directors approved a new share repurchase program authorizing total repurchases of up to \$200 million of AerCap ordinary shares through March 31, 2018. Repurchases under the program may be made through open market purchases or privately negotiated transactions in accordance with applicable U.S. federal securities laws. The timing of repurchases and the exact number of common shares to be purchased will be determined by the Company's management, in its discretion, and will depend upon market conditions and other factors. The program will be funded using the Company's cash on hand and cash generated from operations. The program may be suspended or discontinued at any time.

In July 2017, our Board of Directors approved a share repurchase program authorizing total repurchases of up to \$250 million of AerCap ordinary shares through December 31, 2017. In October 2017, this share repurchase program was extended to run through March 31, 2018.

Notes Regarding Financial Information Presented in This Press Release

The financial information presented in this press release is not audited.

Due to rounding, numbers presented throughout this document may not add up precisely to the totals provided and percentages may not precisely reflect the absolute figures.

The following is a definition of non-GAAP measures used in this press release. We believe these measures may further assist investors in their understanding of our operational performance.

Adjusted debt/equity ratio. This measure is the ratio obtained by dividing adjusted debt by adjusted equity.

- Adjusted debt means consolidated total debt less cash and cash equivalents, and less a 50% equity credit with respect to certain long-term subordinated debt.
- Adjusted equity means total equity, plus the 50% equity credit relating to the long-term subordinated debt.

Adjusted debt and adjusted equity are adjusted by the 50% equity credit to reflect the equity nature of those financing arrangements and to provide information that is consistent with definitions under certain of our debt covenants. We believe this measure may further assist investors in their understanding of our capital structure and leverage.

Adjusted Debt/Equity Ratio

	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
(U.S. Dollars in millions, except debt/equity ratio)		
Debt	\$27,288	\$27,717
Adjusted for:		
Cash and cash equivalents	(1,454)	(2,035)
50% credit for long-term subordinated debt	(750)	(750)
Adjusted debt	\$25,084	\$24,932
Equity	\$8,603	\$8,582
Adjusted for:		
50% credit for long-term subordinated debt	750	750
Adjusted equity	\$9,353	\$9,332
Adjusted debt/equity ratio	2.7 to 1	2.7 to 1

Net interest margin, or net spread and annualized net spread

Net interest margin, or net spread is the difference between basic lease rents and interest expense, excluding the impact of the mark-to-market of interest rate caps and swaps. Annualized net spread is net spread for the applicable period, scaled to a one year period. We believe these measures may further assist investors in their understanding of the changes and trends related to the earnings of our leasing activities. These measures reflect the impact from changes in the number of aircraft leased, lease rates and utilization rates, as well as the impact from changes in the amount of debt and interest rates.

Conference Call

In connection with the earnings release, management will host an earnings conference call today, Thursday, November 2, 2017, at 8:30 am Eastern Daylight Time. The call can

be accessed live by dialing (U.S./Canada) +1 323 794 2130 or (International) +353 1 246 5621 and referencing code 8149387 at least 5 minutes before start time, or by visiting AerCap's website at www.aercap.com under "Investor Relations."

The webcast replay will be archived in the "Investor Relations" section of the Company's website for one year. For further details and to register for this event please email: aercap@instinctif.com.

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About AerCap

AerCap is the global leader in aircraft leasing with, as of September 30, 2017, 1,506 owned, managed or on order aircraft in its portfolio. AerCap has one of the most attractive order books in the industry. AerCap serves approximately 200 customers in approximately 80 countries with comprehensive fleet solutions. AerCap is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (AER) and has its headquarters in Dublin with offices in Amsterdam, Los Angeles, Shannon, Fort Lauderdale, Singapore, Shanghai, Abu Dhabi, Seattle and Toulouse.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains certain statements, estimates and forecasts with respect to future performance and events. These statements, estimates and forecasts are "forward-looking statements." In some cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "may," "might," "should," "expect," "plan," "intend," "estimate," "anticipate," "believe," "predict," "potential" or "continue" or the negatives thereof or variations thereon or similar terminology. All statements other than statements of historical fact included in this press release are forward-looking statements and are based on various underlying assumptions and expectations and are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions, and may include projections of our future financial performance based on our growth strategies and anticipated trends in our business. These statements are only predictions based on our current expectations and projections about future events. There are important factors that could cause our actual results, level of activity performance or achievements to differ materially from the results, level of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. As a result, we cannot assure you that the forward-looking statements included in this press release will prove to be accurate or correct. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the future performance or events described in the forward-looking statements in this press release might not occur. Accordingly, you should not rely upon forward-looking statements as a prediction of actual results and we do not assume any responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of any of these forward-looking statements. Except as required by applicable law, we do not undertake any obligation to, and will not, update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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AerCap Holdings N.V. Unaudited Consolidated Balance Sheets (U.S. Dollars in thousands)

	<u>September 30, 2017</u>	<u>December 31, 2016</u>
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,454,233	\$2,035,447
Restricted cash	331,964	329,180
Trade receivables	76,107	64,923
Flight equipment held for operating leases, net	31,578,319	31,501,973
Maintenance rights intangible and lease premium, net	1,673,442	2,167,925
Flight equipment held for sale	200,431	107,392
Net investment in finance and sales-type leases	986,502	755,882
Prepayments on flight equipment	3,331,830	3,265,979
Other intangibles, net	363,306	397,101
Deferred income tax assets	214,973	215,445
Other assets	795,623	779,206
Total Assets	<u>\$41,006,730</u>	<u>\$41,620,453</u>
Liabilities and Equity		
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	\$1,033,227	\$1,132,536
Accrued maintenance liability	2,568,184	2,750,576
Lessee deposit liability	829,152	859,099
Debt	27,287,634	27,716,999
Deferred income tax liabilities	685,938	578,979
Total liabilities	<u>32,404,135</u>	<u>33,038,189</u>
Ordinary share capital €0.01 par value, 350,000,000 ordinary shares authorized as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016; 172,847,345 and 187,847,345 ordinary shares issued and 158,015,881 and 176,247,154 ordinary shares outstanding (including 2,805,996 and 3,426,810 unvested restricted stock) as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively	2,117	2,282
Additional paid-in capital	3,926,837	4,505,019
Treasury shares, at cost (14,831,464 and 11,600,191 ordinary shares as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively)	(695,252)	(490,092)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(347)	(1,769)
Accumulated retained earnings	5,313,120	4,509,007
Total AerCap Holdings N.V. shareholders' equity	<u>8,546,475</u>	<u>8,524,447</u>
Non-controlling interest	56,120	57,817
Total Equity	<u>8,602,595</u>	<u>8,582,264</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>\$41,006,730</u>	<u>\$41,620,453</u>

AerCap Holdings N.V.
Unaudited Consolidated Income Statements
(U.S. Dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Revenues and other income				
Lease revenue	\$1,201,441	\$1,179,849	\$3,515,965	\$3,646,751
Net gain on sale of assets	63,715	22,397	180,568	79,841
Other income	8,752	23,814	77,951	56,982
Total Revenues and other income	1,273,908	1,226,060	3,774,484	3,783,574
Expenses				
Depreciation and amortization	428,327	439,905	1,301,873	1,357,803
Asset impairment	45,603	15,077	50,903	70,179
Interest expense	280,195	273,905	840,891	839,182
Leasing expenses	137,834	128,675	396,588	439,224
Restructuring related expenses	-	28,976	14,605	45,117
Selling, general and administrative expenses	83,920	80,750	252,035	254,244
Total Expenses	975,879	967,288	2,856,895	3,005,749
Income before income taxes and income of investments accounted for under the equity method	298,029	258,772	917,589	777,825
Provision for income taxes	(34,158)	(42,711)	(114,699)	(112,784)
Equity in net earnings of investments accounted for under the equity method	2,232	4,317	7,319	9,060
Net income	\$266,103	\$220,378	\$810,209	\$674,101
Net (income) loss attributable to non-controlling interest	(256)	5,249	(309)	7,879
Net income attributable to AerCap Holdings N.V.	\$265,847	\$225,627	\$809,900	\$681,980
Basic earnings per share	\$1.68	\$1.24	\$4.95	\$3.61
Diluted earnings per share	\$1.62	\$1.22	\$4.77	\$3.55
Weighted average shares outstanding - basic	158,372,466	181,710,294	163,769,226	188,752,244
Weighted average shares outstanding - diluted	164,411,228	185,326,517	169,836,856	191,874,286

AerCap Holdings N.V.
Unaudited Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(U.S. Dollars in thousands)

	Nine months ended September 30,	
	2017	2016
Net income	\$810,209	\$674,101
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	1,301,873	1,357,803
Asset impairment	50,903	70,179
Amortization of debt issuance costs and debt discount	50,099	41,657
Amortization of lease premium intangibles	10,828	15,217
Amortization of fair value adjustment on debt	(154,336)	(265,520)
Accretion of fair value adjustment on deposits and maintenance liabilities	24,205	40,188
Maintenance rights write off	405,406	484,059
Maintenance liability release to income	(184,940)	(308,810)
Net gain on sale of assets	(180,568)	(79,841)
Deferred income taxes	106,745	107,808
Restructuring related expenses	5,097	33,588
Other	101,159	110,125
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Trade receivables	(2,688)	73,745
Other assets	76,124	151,999
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	(4,211)	(60,306)
Net cash provided by operating activities	2,415,905	2,445,992
Purchase of flight equipment	(2,268,294)	(1,813,584)
Proceeds from sale or disposal of assets	1,200,732	1,828,122
Prepayments on flight equipment	(942,736)	(602,363)
Collections of finance and sales-type leases	68,569	49,993
Movement in restricted cash	(2,784)	(5,551)
Other	(35,876)	(13,198)
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,980,389)	(556,581)
Issuance of debt	3,943,152	3,036,434
Repayment of debt	(4,219,708)	(4,434,252)
Debt issuance costs paid	(57,283)	(27,878)
Maintenance payments received	571,292	609,852
Maintenance payments returned	(374,952)	(390,071)
Security deposits received	116,898	117,373
Security deposits returned	(131,608)	(187,202)
Dividend paid to non-controlling interest holders	(266)	(10,501)
Repurchase of shares and tax withholdings on share-based compensation	(863,905)	(778,868)
Net cash used in financing activities	(1,016,380)	(2,065,113)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(580,864)	(175,702)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(350)	623
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	2,035,447	2,403,098
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$1,454,233	\$2,228,019

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