

Guggenheim Aviation Partners Delivers Third New A330-200 to US Airways

Seattle, December 15, 2009 – Guggenheim Aviation Partners, LLC (GAP) today announced the delivery of the third new Airbus A330-200 aircraft it is leasing to US Airways. GAP manages an investment fund focusing on commercial aircraft leasing and has affiliates in London and Singapore. US Airways is a leading international airline serving more than 190 communities in the United States, Canada, Europe, the Middle East, the Caribbean and Latin America

“We are pleased to continue our successful partnership with US Airways,” said Steve Rimmer, chief executive officer of GAP. “These efficient aircraft provide US Airways the ability to continue its fleet modernization program and offer its customers a wider array of destinations from its international hubs.”

Tom Weir, vice president and treasurer of US Airways, added: “Our partnership with Guggenheim has steadily grown over the last few years and now includes nine leased aircraft. We appreciate the confidence they display in our business model as we continue to modernize our fleet.”

This marks the third new A330-200 that GAP has delivered to US Airways, with the previous two having also been delivered in the second half of 2009.

About Guggenheim Aviation Partners

Guggenheim Aviation Partners, LLC is a private equity manager focused on the acquisition of new and used commercial aircraft for leasing to domestic and international passenger airlines and cargo operators. Through the purchase of aircraft at attractive prices and effective management of those assets, Guggenheim Aviation Partners, LLC seeks to provide investors with risk-adjusted returns above related benchmarks. Following the success of its first commercial aviation fund launched in 2005, Guggenheim Aviation Partners, LLC closed its second fund in 2007 with total capital commitments of \$737 million. Guggenheim Aviation Partners, LLC now has in excess of \$2.7 billion of commercial aviation assets under management, representing a broad range of Boeing and Airbus aircraft on lease to airlines and cargo operators around the world. Guggenheim Aviation Partners, LLC is an affiliate of Guggenheim Partners, LLC.

About Guggenheim Partners

Guggenheim Partners, LLC is a diversified financial services firm with more than \$100 billion in assets under supervision. The firm’s businesses include investment management, investment advisory, insurance, investment banking and capital markets services. The firm is headquartered in Chicago and New York with a global network of offices throughout the United States, Europe and Asia.

About US Airways

US Airways, along with US Airways Shuttle and US Airways Express, operates more than 3,000 flights per day and serves more than 190 communities in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Europe, the Middle East, the Caribbean, Central and South America. The airline employs more than 32,000 aviation professionals worldwide and is a member of the Star Alliance network, which offers its customers more than 19,700 daily flights to 1,077 airports in 175 countries. Together with its US Airways Express partners, the airline serves approximately 80 million passengers each year and operates hubs in Charlotte, N.C., Philadelphia and Phoenix, and a focus city at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

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