



# AN TAOISEACH LEO VARADKAR OPENS AVOLON'S NEW GLOBAL HQ

**Dublin | 3 September, 2018:** Today, staff at Avolon, the international aircraft leasing company, welcomed An Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar TD, as he officially opened Avolon's new global HQ at Number One Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.

The majority of Avolon's 250 global workforce will now occupy over 75,000 sq. ft. of premium office space. The new office includes a 4,000 sq. ft. café with panoramic views of Dublin city; a dedicated Wellness and Learning & Development centre; and a bespoke auditorium. The office has been finished to the highest specification and it is anticipated that it will achieve LEED Gold accreditation for energy efficiency and environment design.

**An Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar, TD commented:** *"I am delighted to officially open Avolon's new global HQ. I am extremely proud of our unique aviation heritage, and the important role the aviation sector plays in the Irish economy. Ireland is a leader in global aviation finance due to our highly skilled workforce, robust regulatory framework, competitiveness and pro-business policies.*

*"To build on this, we are launching a 'Postgraduate Diploma in Aviation Finance and Leasing' and an 'MBA in Aviation Management Stream', as well as developing an 'Aviation Future Leaders' programme. Also, aircraft leasing will be an important focus of Minister D'Arcy's work as we develop a new strategy for the international financial services sector.*

*"Travelling the world, I know when looking to the skies that 4 out of every 10 aircraft are owned or managed from Ireland. Much of this is due to Avolon, an international success story with an Irish heart. It's always great to see an Irish company going global. This will be the centerpiece of our economic strategy and future jobs programme in the years ahead."*

**Dómhnaí Slattery, Avolon CEO, commented:** *"This is an exciting time for our business and we are honoured that An Taoiseach is able to join us to celebrate another important milestone for Avolon. Over a relatively short period of time, Avolon has grown into one of the leading aircraft lessors in the world. Our new state of the art office at Number One Ballsbridge reflects the scale of our ambition and represents another step towards achieving our objective of becoming the number one global lessor."*

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## About Avolon

Headquartered in Ireland, with offices in the United States, Dubai, Singapore, Hong Kong and Shanghai, Avolon provides aircraft leasing and lease management services. Avolon is a wholly-owned, indirect subsidiary of Bohai Capital Holding Co., Ltd., a Chinese public company listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange (SLE: 000415). Avolon is the world's third largest aircraft leasing business with an owned, managed and committed fleet, as of 30 June, 2018 of 890 aircraft.

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