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# MIKE CHRISTIE JOINS GLOBAL JET CAPITAL AS VICE PRESIDENT SALES, MIDWEST U.S.

**24 January 2018, Palm Beach, FL.** Global Jet Capital, a global leader in financial solutions for private aircraft, announces the appointment of Mike Christie as Vice President Sales, Midwest U.S.

Mike is a financial services veteran with over 20 years' experience serving clients in the middle market, large corporate and high net worth individual markets. Prior to joining Global Jet Capital, Mike lead a team of middle market relationship managers for Huntington Bank in Columbus, OH.

Mike will cover an area taking in the 12 Midwest states, as well as Kentucky. With the region including Illinois, Michigan and Ohio, these states have some of the largest business aircraft fleets in the US.

Before his role at Huntington Bank, Mike was Vice President, Special Assets, at US Bank. During the aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis he helped to resolve just under \$0.5 Billion in distressed middle market and commercial real estate credits for the bank. Mike's career started at GE Capital where he held a series of roles advancing from sales trainee to sales representative to sales team leader.

Mike will report into Steve Day, Global Jet Capital's Head of Sales – North, Central and South America. Day said: "Mike is bringing a wealth of expertise to this role and we are sure he will be a valuable addition to the Global Jet Capital team. He has experience with exactly the right mix of customers which we serve, and his record in meeting the needs of those customers has delivered significant growth in his previous roles."

Mike said: "Global Jet Capital is a very exciting business in a sector which looks well set for growth and I am delighted to be joining one of strongest teams in the industry. I look



forward to working with our clients to help them structure the financing of their aircraft and help them maximize the returns from their asset."

Mike serves on the board of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio and the finance committee for Cristo Rey Columbus High School. Mike is a six-time participant in Pelotonia, a bike ride to raise funds for cancer research at Ohio State's James Cancer Center. Mike is a graduate of the University of Michigan and has an MBA from Wayne State University.

Global Jet Capital is capitalized by three global investment firms – GSO Capital Partners, a Blackstone company in partnership with Franklin Square Capital Partners\*; The Carlyle Group; and AE Industrial Partners. In January 2016, Global Jet Capital completed the purchase of GE's corporate aircraft lease and loan book in the Americas.

Global Jet Capital currently has approximately \$2.5 billion in assets under management.

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### Notes to editors

# **Global Jet Capital**

With approximately \$2.5 billion in assets under management, Global Jet Capital provides financing solutions for the private aircraft market. The company is capitalized by world-class private investors with expertise in the global aviation industry: GSO Capital Partners, a Blackstone company, in partnership with FS Investments, The Carlyle Group and AE Industrial Partners. The Global Jet Capital management team has served the private aircraft industry for a combined 200-plus years and has completed over 3,500 aircraft transactions. The company has the expertise, financial strength, industry relationships and infrastructure necessary to offer a variety of flexible financing solutions at the speed the market requires. www.globaljetcapital.com

### **GSO Capital Partners and FS Investments**

GSO Capital Partners, with approximately \$89 billion in assets under management, is the credit platform of The Blackstone Group, a leading global institutional alternative asset manager, with assets under management of over \$360 billion\*. FS Investments, formerly Franklin Square Capital Partners, is a leading asset manager that designs alternative investments, including six funds sub-advised by GSO or its affiliates representing over \$18 billion in assets under management as of June 30, 2016. <a href="https://www.blackstone.com/gso">www.blackstone.com/gso</a>

\* As of September 30, 2016

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#### **AE Industrial Partners**

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