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Commercial Airline Sector Overview and the Role of Hong Kong as a Hub for Operating Leasing

The Commercial Airline industry is and has been a very resilient industry that shows a continued growth globally and in Asia in particular. Aside from the growing Middle Class that like to travel by air, also the growth of Low Cost Carriers has been a strong pillar for aviation growth. In 2017 it is expected that the industry needs approx. USD 125bn to finance new aircraft deliveries. Operating leasing by which the ownership is with a leasing company rather than the airline to date takes more than 40% share in this. Aside from Ireland and Singapore, Hong Kong is well positioned to take a fair share of this.