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## **Doric Asset Finance awarded “Most Innovative Deal of the Year 2010“**

London/Offenbach am Main – Doric Asset Finance was awarded the “Most Innovative Deal of the Year 2010 “ by the international aviation magazine Airfinance Journal in recognition of the innovative financing of an Airbus A380 leased to Emirates for the first stock market listed aircraft special purpose company “Doric Nimrod Air One”. The award ceremony took place on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at a gala dinner at the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum in New York and was part of the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Airfinance Conference. The acknowledgement was based upon the unique characteristics of the deal, providing institutional investors in the UK with the opportunity to share ownership of an aircraft with the transparency and liquidity of a London Stock Exchange listed company.

“Our constant pursuit of good investment opportunities has found a new image in DNA”, commented Mark Lapidus, Managing Director of Doric Asset Finance. “We are highly honoured by the award Airfinance Journal has bestowed upon us and would like to use this opportunity to thank our partners for their devoted cooperation. We look forward to further expanding our aircraft portfolio this year by providing flexible and innovative financing solutions to our customers.”

This is the third Airfinance Journal award for Doric Asset Finance, immediately following the “Middle East Deal of the Year 2009” and “Asia Deal of the Year 2007”. Doric was recently ranked number one aircraft equity house in Germany by the German Association for closed-end funds based on the equity placement statistics for 2010.

**Representatives of Doric Asset Finance as well as Emirates (Lessee), Nimrod Capital (Placement Agent) and Westpac (Lender) at the Gala Event in New York**



**Standing from l. to r.:** Kirsten O'Donoghue (Head of Credit Europe and Americas, Westpac), Nirmal Govinda Das (Vice President, Financing, Emirates), Irena Badelska (Doric Asset Finance), Mark Lapidus (Managing Director, Doric Asset Finance), Sarah Aoun (Donald Bunker & Associates), Brian Jeffery (Senior Vice President, Corporate Treasury, Emirates), Dr. Peter E. Hein (Managing Director, Doric Asset Finance)

**Sitting from l. to r.:** Paul Kent (Doric Asset Finance), Marc Gordon (Partner, Nimrod Capital), Caroline Marcus (Nimrod Capital), Sibylle Paehler (Doric Asset Finance), Sean Crellin (Westpac)

### **About Airfinance Journal and Euromoney Seminars**

Airfinance Journal and Euromoney Seminars are the market leaders in international air finance conferences. For over 20 years they have worked together to create an unrivalled portfolio of aviation events, with senior-level conferences and training courses in the UK, Ireland, USA, Brazil, India, China, Dubai, Australia, Singapore and Hong Kong.

### **About Doric Asset Finance**

The Doric Asset Finance Group arranges, structures and manages investments from the energy, real estate and transportation sectors. Doric's strong focus on its core business segments and its extensive experience in managing assets benefit new investment projects. Over the past six years, Doric has built up a portfolio of USD 4.6 billion assets under management.

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