

ILFC secures a \$1.3bn term loan

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International Lease Finance Corporation (ILFC), owned by American International Group, has secured a \$1.3 billion secured term loan. The loan was financed by a syndicate of 15 banks from Europe, Asia and North America.

Citi and Credit Suisse were joint structuring and placement agents along with BNP Paribas as additional joint placement agent. The banks were mandated in the fourth quarter of 2010.

ILFC has an option to increase the loan by \$200 million from additional lenders. The financing, which has an interest rate of about 3%, will be funded over the next 12 months and will mature in 2018.

Fred Cromer, new president and chief financial officer, ILFC, says: "The attractive pricing that was achieved is due, in part, to ILFC's leading presence in the leasing space as well as our success over the last 12 months in strengthening our liquidity position,"

The proceeds will be used primarily to prepay existing unsecured and secured bank facilities that mature in October 2011 and 2012. The new term loan is expected to keep the same mix of secured and unsecured debt for the company.

The loan is secured by a pool of 54 aircraft with an approximate value of \$2.3 billion.

ILFC secured a \$2 billion revolving credit line in January that was provided by a syndicate of 11 banks. Read the story [here](#).

Airfinance Journal recently awarded ILFC the 2010 Overall Deal of the Year Award for raising more than \$14 billion in secured and unsecured funds. Read the story [here](#).

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