

Clover Aviation places A320s with LCC

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Hong Kong SAR-based Clover Aviation Capital has placed a pair of 2015-vintage Airbus A320 aircraft with Mexican low-cost carrier (LCC) Viva Aerobus.

The airline is a new customer for the Clover platform.

The two A320s have completed an initial lease term with India's Vistara, while Ping An Leasing acquired them from BOC Aviation in late 2016, *Airfinance Journal Fleet Tracker* data shows.

Ping An has since quit aircraft leasing but it and Mizuho Bank and Mizuho Leasing are "long-term committed" shareholders in Clover.

Clover said it "strives for the expansion of our strong portfolio of owned and managed aircraft assets, as strategic investment by Mizuho Bank in aviation financing and leasing field".

Its headquarters are located in Hong Kong, with an Irish subsidiary based in Dublin and a Japanese branch based in Tokyo.

Viva Aerobus will be Clover's seventh lessee, Fleet Tracker shows, joining Aeromexico, LATAM, Turkish Airlines, Ethiopian Airlines, Batik Air and Vietnam Airlines.

Fast-growing Viva Aerobus operated more than 60 Airbus aircraft through the end of August, comprising 20 A320s, 20 A320neos, nine A321s and 13 A321neos. It has outstanding direct orders with Airbus for an additional 33 A321neos.

As with the new Clover deal, Viva Aerobus has been picking up young second-hand Airbus leases in the market during the pandemic, [including from GOAL](#).

Last week, [Viva Aerobus confirmed a new sale and leaseback deal for A321neo aircraft with Griffin Global Asset Management](#).

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