

# Griffin hires from Castlelake and GE Aerospace

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Griffin Global Asset Management has expanded its senior management team with the addition of Jose Kling as senior vice-president of marketing and Peter Hopkins as tax director.

“Jose’s impressive track record in aviation encompasses senior leadership positions over multiple decades with OEMs and Lessors. Peter brings more than 15 years of experience in aviation tax advisory that will further strengthen our finance team. They will be great additions to Griffin as we continue to scale and expand our business,” said Ryan McKenna, chief executive officer of Griffin.

Kling has more than 30 years of experience in the commercial aircraft and engine industries. Prior to joining Griffin, he held various leadership positions at GE Aerospace including general manager of lessor operations, head of sales for Latin America and the Caribbean, and managing director of customer financing.

Prior to GE Aerospace, Kling held senior positions at GE Capital including senior vice-president of corporate lending at GE Commercial Finance and vice-president of marketing at GECAS. Prior to joining GE, Kling held commercial positions at Airbus in North America and British Aerospace in Latin America.

Hopkins previously served as head of tax for the aviation finance group within Castlelake, where he was responsible for all tax structuring and compliance obligations of the aviation finance business.

Prior to that, he worked in PwC Ireland for 11 years, predominantly within the aviation finance tax group.

Griffin is a global commercial aircraft leasing and alternative asset management business with offices in Dublin, Puerto Rico, and Los Angeles.

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