

BOC Aviation consolidates CCO roles

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Singapore-based aircraft leasing company BOC Aviation has confirmed the expansion of Paul Kent's responsibilities as chief commercial officer (CCO), with effect from 13 January 2025.

Having been previously designated CCO for Europe, the Americas and Africa, his position now oversees the global activities of the company's airline leasing and sales teams.

This will consolidate responsibility for those functions in the Asia-Pacific and the Middle East regions into his existing role.

Kent has been with the company for more than four years and has 29 years of experience in leasing and aircraft finance, most recently managing the commercial activities at Amedeo.

"We are delighted to announce the enlargement of Paul's role as Chief Commercial Officer and look forward to building on the contributions that he made in his prior position," said Steven Townend, chief executive officer and managing director.

In September 2024, the lessor announced that Deng Lei had left his role as chief commercial officer (Asia Pacific and the Middle East) after taking up a new position with Bank of China, the aircraft lessor's indirect majority shareholder.

Qian Xiaofeng, who has been with Bank of China since 1993, replaced him.

BOC Aviation has a portfolio of 709 aircraft and engines owned, managed and on order. Its owned and managed fleet was leased to 92 airlines in 48 countries as at 31 December 2024.

The lessor executed 77 transactions in the fourth quarter of 2024 and a total of 260 in 2024.

BOC Aviation delivered 13 aircraft in the fourth quarter and a total of 38 units in all of 2024, compared to 39 in 2023.

The sale of eight owned aircraft in the fourth quarter brought the total number of owned aircraft sold during the year to 29 aircraft, compared with 20 units sold during 2023.

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