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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## Tailwind Capital participates on industry panel at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Aircraft Finance & Commercial Aviation Forum in Geneva, Switzerland

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Bryson Monteleone, Marketing Director for Tailwind Capital LLC, participated this month at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Aircraft Finance & Commercial Aviation Forum in Geneva, Switzerland. Sitting on an industry panel discussing the current market for Business Jet Aircraft, Monteleone spoke about decreasing liquidity for private aircraft and increasing difficulty in securing financing.

"As we move forward through this cycle, business jet financing will hinge on the corporate and personal relationships that banks have with their clients, with many owners turning to leasing, if available," stated Monteleone. "Liquidity of aircraft will only be as good as the personal tastes of the buyer, with most aircraft currently selling at a discount. We believe that conversion programs like the Hemisphere 200XR represent an attractive value play, allowing customers to acquire a customized, large cabin aircraft at a substantial discount to similarly sized aircraft available in the market."

Tailwind Capital, LLC continues to be an active participant in the business jet market as it launches its Hemisphere 200XR program, converting Bombardier CRJ-200LR aircraft into high-specification VIP aircraft. Customers that order aircraft within a specified lead-time are able to customize their aircraft and feature a brand new interior/exterior, but still reflect the discounted pricing of a used aircraft. Aircraft include auxiliary fuel tanks and can be EASA certified.

## About Tailwind Capital, LLC

Redmond, WA based Tailwind Capital was established in 2000 to focus on investments in aircraft, airlines and aviation-related assets. Tailwind has broad capabilities and a successful track record in aircraft trading, financing, leasing, re-marketing and conversions.

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