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Dómhnaíl Slattery, Chief Executive of Avolon, to Receive the Ireland-U.S. Council's 2021 Award for Outstanding Achievement at 58th Annual Dinner in New York



New York, NY; August 12, 2021: *The Ireland-U.S. Council will present its Award for Outstanding Achievement in 2021 to Dómhnaíl Slattery, CEO of Dublin-headquartered Avolon to mark his notable and important achievements in building bonds between America and Ireland. The Award will be a centerpiece of the Council's 58th Annual Dinner to be held at the Metropolitan Club in New York City on Friday, November 5, 2021.*

Tom Higgins, Council President in New York, said "We are delighted this year to present the *Ireland-U.S. Council's Award for Outstanding Achievement* to Dómhnaíl Slattery. The members and directors of the Council are delighted to honor such an outstanding and worthy recipient with an award which he greatly deserves."

Mr. Higgins added "Dómhnaíl Slattery is one of the world's leading aircraft leasing pioneers and the founding CEO of *Avolon*. Established in 2010, in what was one of the largest-ever globally private-equity-funded start-ups, today the company is the third-largest aircraft lessor in the world. Mr. Slattery has over 30 years' experience in the aircraft leasing industry and started his aviation finance career in GPA in 1989. He founded his first business, *International Aviation Management Group* in 1994 which he sold to *Royal Bank of Scotland* in 2001."

Mr. Higgins also added "The world's aircraft leasing industry was conceived and born in Ireland. It is truly an outgrowth of Ireland's dynamic, long-standing and insightful corporate tax policies that have so transformed Ireland. Dómhnaíl Slattery has played a vital and pivotal role in building this innovative financial sector in Ireland and around the world. He worked in the company that was the first successful major aircraft lessor in world finance. He has been a key influencer of how this important industry has evolved since the beginning."

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Mr. Higgins continued “Dómhnaíl is committed to investing in and supporting initiatives outside the business and aviation finance sectors and, in particular to supporting the arts and media. Dómhnaíl co-founded *Newgrange Pictures* which rapidly established itself as one of the leading film and television independent production companies in Ireland, producing the Oscar-nominated Irish language movie *Kings*, as well as *Stella Days*, starring Martin Sheen. He also founded a regional newspaper in his native Clare in 2005.”

Avolon is recognized within the aviation industry as a thought leader – reflecting its many research-led ‘whitepapers’. In April 2019, the company published *Project i, Positioning Ireland at the forefront of Global Start-Up Innovation*, which assessed Ireland’s start-up ecosystem when compared to best-in-class around the world. In June 2021, *Avolon* placed the largest-ever order for up to 500 zero-emissions and most advanced electric vertical take-off-and-landing (‘eVTOL’) aircraft, valued at \$2 billion, underlining the company’s commitment to climate change. Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic *Avolon*, played its part in numerous global humanitarian efforts. These included flying over 4 million pieces of individual Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from China into Ireland on three *Avolon*-chartered aircraft, in partnership with *U2* and the aircraft leasing community in Dublin.

Dómhnaíl has received several awards. His most recent recognition came in February of 2021 when he was awarded the *Lewis Glucksman Award for Outstanding Leadership in Business* at NYU. Dómhnaíl has a Bachelor of Commerce (Hons) from *University College Galway* (now NUI Galway) and is a graduate of the Accelerated Development Programme from the London Business School. Married to Elaine, he has four daughters, Amelia, Isabel, Grace and Juliet.

Mr. Higgins concluded by noting “Because of the company’s long history of operating in Ireland – the company has made a major contribution to building Ireland’s reputation as a viable and effective base of operations from which to serve world markets. In some ways, the company has been a trailblazer for Ireland and undoubtedly has played a big role in making Ireland the established and world leader in aviation finance and leasing.”

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