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### Air Charter Service features in new 'Hot 100'

Leading aircraft charter specialist, Air Charter Service, has been recognised in the latest Real Business Investec 'Hot 100' list of fastest growing private companies.

The list, announced earlier today [5<sup>th</sup> April] is compiled using accounts filed at Companies House up to the end of February 2012 and shows that ACS has had a sales growth of 38% over the past four years.

Chris Leach, Chairman and Founder of the company, said: "Considering the uncertain state of the world's economy recently, our growth has been exceptionally strong. Much of our success over the past few years has been down to the opening of new operations, and I am confident that the ACS business model is robust and that we will see further expansion this year – we have already opened two new offices in 2012."

Air Charter Service is one of only two aviation firms to feature in the list, and is the higher of the two. Annual sales for the company have risen to more than £270 million, and ACS now arranges more than 6,000 charter contracts annually.

Leach concluded: "Our place on the list is the latest recognition of our growth, following our inclusion in The Sunday Times 'Top Track 250' just last year".

### About Air Charter Service

- Our name is Air Charter Service: no 's' on the end, and not simply 'Air Charter' as email addresses might suggest, it can be abbreviated to ACS however
- We are a global company with 16 worldwide offices, not 'UK-based'
- Offices spanning five continents offering private jet, commercial airliner and cargo aircraft charters
- Revenue well in excess of US\$ 400 million and arranges more than 6,000 charters annually
- Formed in 1990 by Chairman Chris Leach in his basement, now employs more than 250 staff worldwide
- Featured in both The Sunday Times Top Track 250, and in The Best Companies To Work For in 2011