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• Banca Commerciale Italiana has hired David Kelmanson from Sakura Bank as deputy head of aerospace finance. Kelmanson and Nichola Higham will oversee the transfer to BCI of around US\$900m in aviation assets from Sanwa Bank, and Ian Hosier will transfer to BCI from Sanwa later this year.

BCI's new aerospace team, part of the bank's structured finance unit headed by Richard Adams, will be seeking to expand its business with existing clients and to further develop its portfolio.