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**James Stewart, FCA  
Chief Financial Officer**

James Stewart, chief financial officer of Aerion, Inc., has more than sixteen years in aviation finance, including significant experience in analyzing new aerospace production programs and structuring the finance for them.

Stewart joined Aerion in July 2006. He is responsible for managing the finance function, including vendor and partner negotiations, and for building a detailed financial case for the profitable production of the Aerion supersonic jet in partnership with other companies.

Previously, Stewart held several senior positions within Bombardier Inc, including that of Chief Financial Officer of Bombardier Aerospace. He also served as Vice President Finance, New Commercial Aircraft Programs, where his duties were similar to those he now holds at Aerion.

While at Bombardier, he served as Chief Financial Officer at Learjet, Vice President Finance and Administration at Shorts Brother PLC and Vice President Specialized Finance at Bombardier Inc. In the latter position, he developed unique financing vehicles enabling the sale of dozens of jet aircraft in the harsh financial climate immediately post 9/11.



Stewart also served as a Senior Auditor for Ernst & Young in their Belfast Office. He received, from Queen University Belfast, his Bachelor degree of Social Sciences with honors in Business Administration and Accounting. Stewart was accepted into the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland as an associate member in 1990 and as a fellow of the Institute in 2000.

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