

# Philippine Airlines exits receivership

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After a nine-year engagement, Philippine Airlines has officially exited receivership with a newer fleet, and more destinations, and alliances are in the works.

The Philippine Securities and Exchange Commission has released the flag carrier from managerial supervision, nine years after coming within a day of being liquidated with massive debts in the midst of the Asian financial crisis.

The carrier's operations and its financial condition have been normalized and stabilized in conformity with its 1998 rehabilitation plan, and it is unlikely to default on the remaining outstanding debt that the airline placed at just under \$900 million, according to the Philippine Securities and Exchange Commission.

The carrier, which suspended payments of more than \$2 billion in debts in 1998, restructured 92% of the total while in receivership. In public filings, the carrier has projected a net profit of \$32 million for the fiscal year to March 2008, \$26.28 million for fiscal 2009 and \$47.41 million for fiscal 2010.

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