

Air Austral shareholders provide more funds

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Air Austral remains weak financially despite financial reinforcement from its shareholders, who have provided €65 million (\$ million) since 2023, as evidenced by the airline's negative operating result for the 2024 financial year.

The financial year ending 31 March 2024 produced an operating loss of €40.6 million, according to media reports, while the French overseas carrier posted a €79.7 million net loss.

In the 2022/23 financial year Air Austral returned to profit with a €11.9 million net profit from €392.5 million in revenues.

In the 2023/24 financial year, revenues reached €440 million.

Air Austral expects to recover in its 2024/25 financial year, with an EBITA expected at €27.5 million, a significant improvement compared with the €33.6 million EBITA loss reported in the 2023/24 financial year, and a net result that could approach €14.6 million.

The cash position stood at €30.6 million at the end of July.

As a lifeline, a conciliation protocol was signed on 26 September under the surveillance of the Saint-Denis commercial court to suspend loan payments until 31 January 2025. Air Austral was scheduled to repay nearly €38.4 million per year from September and over a period of four years. This agreement signed at the court includes a new contribution of €15 million from shareholders: €8.25 million from Run Air and €6.75 million from Sematra last month.

Last month Hugues Marchessaux was named chief executive of Air Austral, replacing Joseph Brema.

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