

# Air Austral sells ATR72-600s

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Acia Aero Leasing has closed a sale and leaseback of two 2018-vintage ATR72-600s operating for French overseas regional carrier Ewa Air.

[In early 2019, parent company Air Austral mandated Investec for funding the deliveries. The ATR72-600s were initially financed under a debt facility with Investec providing €17.9 million of financing, and La Banque Postale providing a subordinated loan in a estimated €30 million transaction.](#)

“We are delighted to have been selected by EWA Air and its majority shareholder, Air Austral, for the closing of this important transaction and we welcome EWA Air to our growing family of ATR operators. EWA’s operations provide essential regional connectivity linking remote regions with key cities in the Indian Ocean as they promote business, tourism and cultural ties. They also play a key and important role in providing seamless connectivity for Air Austral’s long haul network,” commented Acia Aero Leasing’s chief executive officer (CEO) Mick Mooney.

Air Austral CEO and chairman EWA Air Hugues Marchessaux said: “This marks a new stage for EWA, which is thus consolidating its operations and embarking on a new partnership with ACIA. I would like to thank the ACIA team for their support and the dynamism they demonstrated in completing this successful sale and leaseback transaction. This partnership opens new perspectives for our company, which is deeply rooted in our regional territory and remains a key economic player in the development of Mayotte through the regional network it offers its clients with its two ATRs now leased from ACIA.”

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