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Ryanair Debt-Free Milestone, Southwest Long-Haul Shift & A350F Orders: May 25-31 2026 Aviation Insights

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This week's report unpacks critical developments from May 25 to May 31, 2026.

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Ryanair Repays Final €1.2 Billion Bond, Emerges Effectively Debt-Free for First Time Since 1997 IPO

On May 25, 2026, Europe's largest low-cost carrier Ryanair completed the repayment of its final outstanding €1.2 billion unsecured eurobond that had been issued in May 2021 at the peak of the COVID-19 crisis.



The transaction leaves the Irish airline with an unencumbered fleet of 620 Boeing 737 aircraft, gross cash reserves of €3.6 billion and net cash of €2.1 billion at the end of fiscal year 2026 (March 31). Despite €1.9 billion in capital expenditure, €1.2 billion in debt service and more than €900 million

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hedged at around \$67 per barrel and a BBB+ investment-grade rating from Fitch and S&P, Ryanair now enjoys a structural cost-of-capital advantage that senior executives should watch closely for its ability to sustain aggressive capacity growth, accelerate fleet expansion and intensify price pressure across intra-European leisure and business markets even as spot jet-fuel prices remain elevated above \$150 per barrel amid ongoing Middle East tensions.

Loganair Signs Landmark 15-Year Sustainable Aviation Fuel Offtake Agreement for Local e-SAF Production

Scottish regional carrier Loganair announced a pioneering 15-year offtake agreement for sustainable aviation fuel with a strong focus on locally produced e-SAF, one of the longest-term commitments ever secured by a regional operator. The deal, finalised during the week of May 25-31 2026, partners Loganair with a UK technology provider to support the development of domestic e-SAF production facilities scheduled for operational readiness by 2029. This historic step directly tackles the high cost and limited availability of SAF on short-haul and domestic UK routes while aligning with Loganair's broader decarbonisation roadmap. For senior aviation executives managing regional and short-haul portfolios, the agreement demonstrates how long-term SAF contracting can de-risk future compliance costs, strengthen ESG credentials for corporate and government contracts, and open potential new revenue streams through SAF credit trading or partnership models. Analysts estimate the arrangement could cut Loganair's net carbon emissions on key Scottish and inter-island services by up to 70% once full e-SAF volumes ramp up, providing a replicable blueprint for other regional carriers facing similar regulatory and cost pressures in the years ahead.



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