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Major Investment in Sustainable Aviation Fuel

Brazil and China Announce \$1 Billion Sustainable Fuel Deal

Boeing has agreed to sell portions of its Digital Aviation Solutions business, including Jeppesen and ForeFlight, to private equity firm Thoma Bravo. This move aims to streamline Boeing's operations and focus on core business areas. [Read More >>](#)

Eneos Shifts Focus to LNG and Sustainable Aviation Fuel

Japan's Eneos Holdings plans to increase investment in liquefied natural gas and sustainable aviation fuel while scaling back its hydrogen initiatives. This strategic shift aims to balance clean energy goals with energy affordability and security. [Read More >>](#)

United Airlines Invests in Novel Sustainable Aviation Fuel Technology

Through its Sustainable Flight Fund, United Airlines has invested in Twelve, a company developing sustainable aviation fuel (SAF). Twelve uses a process akin to industrial photosynthesis, transforming captured CO₂ and water into SAF precursors using renewable energy.

This investment highlights the ongoing push for scalable SAF solutions as the industry works towards decarbonization. Twelve recently secured a major 14-year SAF supply deal with a large European airline group. [Read More >>](#)



Delta and Korean Air Invest in WestJet

Delta Air Lines and Korean Air Lines have announced a joint investment of \$550 million to acquire stakes in Canadian airline WestJet. This strategic move aims to enhance connectivity across North America, Europe, and Asia. [Read More >>](#)



JOB MARKET

Demand for Pilots Expected to Rise in 2025 and 2026

AOPA reported that major airlines have added 1,139 pilots in the first two months of 2025, marking a 34% decrease compared to the same period in 2024. That may seem like bad news for pilots, however, AOPA points out that the data is being compared to a once-in-lifetime event - the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Even at a 34% decrease the market demand for pilots is expected to rise in the remainder of 2025 and 2026. [Read More >>](#)

Key Points:

- **Frontier Airlines Expansion & Hiring:** Frontier Airlines is significantly expanding its fleet with new aircraft deliveries expected from 2025 to 2030 and beyond, and will continue hiring pilots at a steady pace to staff these new aircraft.
- **PSA Airlines Fleet Growth & Pilot Needs:** PSA Airlines is adding 14 CRJ900NG aircraft to its fleet, which will lead to continued pilot hiring. These aircraft are being purchased by American and leased to PSA.
- **Ongoing Pilot Shortage:** The article underscores that the airline pilot shortage remains an ongoing issue and is likely to persist, with demand for pilots expected to outpace the supply.

In sum, pilot hiring in Q1 of 2025 was stronger than predicted, but still fell short of 2024; however, analysts believe we were still in post-pandemic catch-up in 2024.

Despite the current slowdown, projections indicate a significant pilot shortage by 2026, with an estimated shortfall of 24,000 pilots. This presents opportunities for aspiring aviators to enter the field.

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143% Increase In Job Openings at JSfirm.com



Increased Job Seeker Activity Reported at JSFirm - an Aviation Platform

Aviation job portal JSfirm has reported a significant increase (over 30% since Jan 2025) in job-seeker memberships and a rise in applications (over 25%).

This increase at JSFirm suggests pilots and aviation professionals are actively exploring new opportunities, potentially seeking better compensation, location, or schedules in the current market. This signals strong demand within the aviation industry, and creates a dynamic environment for both job seekers and employers.

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SKY Leasing Acquires JetBlue Ventures

Aircraft lessor SKY Leasing has acquired JetBlue Airways' venture capital arm, JetBlue Ventures. This move allows SKY Leasing to step into technology investments related to aviation, energy, and logistics, areas where JetBlue Ventures had been active. The sale allows JetBlue to refocus on its core airline business while signaling consolidation and strategic shifts in aviation investment. [Read More >>](#)

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