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### **Ascendance Reaches a New Milestone Toward Concrete Hybrid-Electric Aviation with Green Aerolease and Leman Aviation Strategic Agreements to Accelerate the Adoption of Hybrid-Electric Aviation**

**Toulouse, June 11, 2025** – At the 55th International Paris Air Show, [Ascendance](#), a **pioneer in hybrid-electric solutions** for the **aviation** market, announces the signing of key agreements with leading players. These partnerships with Green Aerolease, Finistair (W3 Group), and Leman Aviation mark a significant step in building an operational ecosystem around hybridization, serving a more **sustainable** and **field-adapted** aviation sector.

#### **Platforms Equipped with STERNA Hybrid Pack to Decarbonize Aviation**

With [Green Aerolease](#) (low-carbon aircraft leasing) and **Finistair** (regional operator), Ascendance is launching the development of hybrid-electric **demonstrator platforms** integrating its **patented STERNA Hybrid Pack technology**.

This memorandum of understanding covers the exploration of **several solutions for aviation's environmental transition**. First, various types of aircraft hybridized with the STERNA Hybrid Pack are under study—a **concrete path to decarbonize** regional routes while **maintaining efficient service** to less-connected territories.

In parallel, the partners are considering **hybrid-electric drones** equipped with STERNA Hybrid Pack, aiming to develop new use cases such as **aerial surveillance** and **cargo transport**, including medical supplies.

This collaboration structures a dedicated value chain: **Green Aerolease as financier for hybrid-electric platforms (drones and aircraft), with Finistair as a suitable operator. Ascendance supplies the hybrid-electric propulsion system.**

“As a committed player in aviation decarbonization, we are exploring **concrete solutions**, closely aligned with the needs of the regions. Regional air transport must decarbonize to meet today's challenges, and hybridization is an ideal solution to minimize environmental impact while maintaining strong operability. Furthermore, hybridization of drones opens up new opportunities for developing and scaling many use cases,” **commented Charles Cabillic, Founder of Green Aerolease and President of Finistair.**

## Commercial Partnership to Accelerate ATEA's Market Launch

Ascendance has reached a decisive milestone in the commercialization of its hybrid-electric VTOL aircraft, ATEA, through a **distribution agreement signed with Leman Aviation**.

This partnership covers:

- **Commercial** representation,
- **Training** services,
- **Maintenance** across several key European markets: France, Switzerland, Spain, Monaco, and Northern Italy.

**The goal:** to structure a **distribution network** today and initiate **concrete** commercial discussions.

This distribution agreement is a new step in positioning ATEA in the regional air mobility market, thanks to a partnership with an innovative and recognized player—already a distributor of the most modern aircraft and with deep operational knowledge through its Alpes Hélicoptères operations branch.

**To date, Ascendance has recorded 617 letters of intent to purchase its hybrid-electric ATEA aircraft, confirming growing operator interest in concrete, certifiable decarbonized solutions.**

“Europe needs high-performance, economically viable air solutions that are sustainable and aligned with the operational constraints of regional air mobility. ATEA is an aircraft that meets the market's growing demand, enabling us to offer a unique solution to airlines and business aviation. We are proud to contribute to its deployment, commercialization, entry into service, and program success,” **said Vincent Pollet, President of Leman Aviation.**

## Ascendance Selected by Eenuue for New Hybrid Developments in Europe

Ascendance has been selected by innovative aeronautics company Eenuue, a French firm behind a regional Blended Wing Body (BWB) aircraft program and a hybrid drone project, to contribute to a **development project** through the integration of components from its STERNA hybrid-electric propulsion system.

At the heart of this collaboration is the **integration of technological bricks** from Ascendance's STERNA Hybrid Pack system, designed to deliver **performance, energy efficiency**, and **compatibility** with European certification standards.

Ascendance will be involved in two areas:

- **Supporting the development** of a hybrid-electric **drone** demonstrator for both **civil** and **defense** applications, and as a precursor for their **future 19-seat regional aircraft**.
- Assisting in the **design** of their **full-scale BWB aircraft** by integrating hybrid-electric propulsion, enabling a range beyond 500 km—a strategic threshold for continental routes currently inaccessible to full-electric aircraft.

**This collaboration confirms the growing role of hybridization in aviation decarbonization and illustrates Ascendance's ability to support the emergence of a new generation of efficient, certifiable, and sustainable aircraft in Europe.**

## **Toward a European-Scale Hybrid-Electric Ecosystem**

With the selection of the STERNA hybrid-electric system, Ascendance confirms its position as a **key player in hybridization for aviation** and the interest of aircraft manufacturers in its solutions.

This partnership also demonstrates **the modularity of the STERNA hybrid-electric system** and especially its major technological component, the STERNA Hybrid Pack, **across all aviation segments, from drones to light aircraft.**

These early **commercial successes** confirm Ascendance's strategic choice of hybrid-electric propulsion and strengthen its path toward concrete industrialization, in service of a **decarbonized** and **operational aviation** sector.

"These collaborations embody our vision: to deploy our technologies where they make a real difference, supporting the uses of tomorrow. This is how we will build aviation that is responsible, realistic, and attractive," **concludes Thibault Baldivia, CCO and co-founder of Ascendance.**

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### **About Ascendance**

Founded in 2018, Ascendance is a pioneering aviation company focused on decarbonization. The company develops two complementary solutions for low-carbon air mobility: ATEA and the STERNA Hybrid Pack.

ATEA is a hybrid-electric VTOL aircraft designed as a cleaner alternative to light helicopters for regional air transport, including passenger, cargo, medical, and security operations.

It is powered by the STERNA Hybrid Pack, a high-performance hybrid-electric propulsion system that combines extended range with significant emission reductions.

Based in Toulouse — the European capital of aerospace — and supported by Bpifrance, France 2030, and the Occitanie Region, Ascendance targets both civil and defense markets to accelerate the shift toward sustainable aviation.

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