

# Fastjet PLC

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## fastjet says it needs fresh funding to keep flying as shares plummet

fastjet PLC (LON:FJET) said it needs to secure additional funding by the end of October to enable the African budget airline to continue operating, sending its shares down more than 40%.

The low-cost African carrier, which is majority-owned by easyJet PLC (LON:EZJ) founder Sir Stelios Haji-Ioannou, on Wednesday said its cash resources were low and that it was in talks with its largest investors over a potential fundraising.

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"Additional funding will be required by the end of October to enable fastjet to continue operating ... the company is currently in active discussions with its major shareholders regarding a potential equity fundraising, in the absence of which the group is not able to continue trading as a going concern," fastjet said in its first-half results statement.

The airline added that while initial talks with certain shareholders had been positive, discussions were ongoing and there can be no guarantee of a successful outcome.

The African carrier on Wednesday said its operating loss in the six months to the end of June 2018 had widened to US\$14.6m from US\$13.2m a year ago. However, its revenue jumped almost 50% to US\$30.1m.

Fastjet said that it was encouraged by trading in the Zimbabwean and Mozambique markets but that it could leave the Tanzanian market due to the impact of continued losses and a highly competitive landscape in the country.

Shares in fastjet were 44.36% down at 3.70p in mid-afternoon trade.

**Price:** 1.35

**Market Cap:** £51.31 m

### 1 Year Share Price Graph



October 2018 April 2019 October 2019

### Share Information

**Code:** FJET

**Listing:** AIM

**52 week High Low**  
1.8 0.997286

**Sector:** Transport

**Website:** www.fastjet.com

### Company Synopsis:

fastjet PLC is a Pan-African airline holding company which is focused on becoming Africa's most successful and recognisable low-cost carrier. It's main bases of operation at present is in Tanzania and Zimbabwe with a smaller market presence in South Africa and Zambia.

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