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## easyJet launches eighth route from Budapest Airport

Budapest Airport has today celebrated its first new route of 2017, as easyJet launched its first link to the Netherlands from the Hungarian gateway. The low-cost carrier's (LCC) three times weekly service to Amsterdam will be the airport's second link to the Dutch capital city, providing an additional 500 one-way weekly seats on the direct service.

Welcoming the inaugural flight, Kam Jandu, CCO, Budapest Airport said: "easyJet's operation is a great addition to our network, being our first low-cost service to Amsterdam and targeting a different passenger segment from KLM's existing link. Last year we witnessed 26% growth on the route, proving the popularity of the city pair and the high demand for more choice and availability."

William Vet, Commercial Manager, easyJet responsible for BeNeLux countries is optimistic: "We are happy to launch easyJet's first Amsterdam-Budapest flight. With this year-round service, Dutch and Hungarian tourists, as well as business travelers, can fly between the two cities for an affordable price, using centrally located airports. The number of European cities directly connected with Budapest by EasyJet has grown to eight: London Gatwick, Berlin Schönefeld, Paris CDG, Lyon, Basel, Geneva, and Venice Marco Polo all being equally accessible for Hungarian passengers. The popularity of Hungary as a destination has steadily increased among Dutch tourists, and so we are confident that the route will be successful from our side too."



Photo caption: Budapest Airport's CCO, Kam Jandu (left of cake) welcomed the inaugural flight of easyJet's three times weekly service to Amsterdam today. With the traditional presentation of a celebratory cake, Jandu was accompanied by Deputy Ambassador of Netherlands Embassy in Hungary, Elzo Molenberg, and easyJet's Commercial Manager, William Vet (right of cake).

## Notes for Editors

- Budapest Airport Zrt. is the operator of Budapest Airport. It is owned by an international consortium of investors, led by the privately-owned German company AviAlliance, an independent airport manager holding a 55.438% stake, together with Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (21.228%), and Malton Investment Pte Ltd. (23.334%).
- Budapest Airport welcomed 11.44 million passengers in 2016, flying on the airport's services to 111 destinations across 38 countries.
- Monthly passenger traffic growth in the period to end-December 2016 has exceeded +19%.
- Budapest Airport's route development includes:
  - To launch:
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Faro, starting 1 April 2017;
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Skopje, starting 2 April 2017;
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Podgorica, starting 3 April 2017;
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Tirana, starting 5 April 2017;
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Sarajevo, starting 5 April 2017;
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Pristina, starting 7 April 2017;
    - Wizz Air four times weekly service to Hannover, starting 10 April 2017;
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Bergen, starting 10 April 2017;
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Lamezia Terme, starting 12 April 2017;
    - Flybe three times weekly service to London Southend, starting 4 May 2017
    - TAP Portugal daily service to Lisbon, starting 1 July 2017.

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