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Budapest Airport breaks nine million passenger barrier

Budapest Airport announces a major passenger traffic milestone by welcoming its nine millionth passenger and recording the highest ever number served in a single calendar year. Boosted by the airport's expansion of airline partners, route choice and increase in flights, passenger traffic has grown by an impressive +7% throughout 2014. In the past 12 months alone, the Hungarian gateway has welcomed five new airlines and started 10 new routes, a sum total of 40 airlines connecting the city with 88 destinations during the year.

Today's outstanding landmark was reached when passenger Mr András Ujj and his family arrived at Budapest Airport on Brussels Airlines' morning flight from Brussels. To mark the occasion, the airport hosted a celebration, with a brass band laid on to welcome the surprised passenger from their flight. Given VIP treatment, Mr Ujj was accompanied into the SkyCourt where he was presented with a number of gifts from the airport, including Heinemann and Leroy Restaurant vouchers, and a celebratory plaque to commemorate the event.

"Transcending the magical nine million threshold is a huge step forward for us, as Budapest Airport has never, ever had this many passengers before," said Jost Lammers, the CEO of Budapest Airport. "We will continue to do everything we can to make Budapest and Hungary the fastest growing destination in the CEE region, and to ensure that business and leisure passengers as well as international investors and business partners should look upon Budapest and Hungary as an attractive place to be," he added.



Photo caption: Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport (right) and Andreas Weingartner, Brussels Airlines' General Manager CEE, Russia, Baltics, Balkans and Offline Europe (second left) and Fritz Janach, MD, Heinemann (left) present Mr András Ujj and his family, the airport's nine millionth passenger, with celebratory plaque to mark Budapest' outstanding milestone achievement.



Photo caption: "9,000,000th Passenger" welcome signage rotated on the flight information screens throughout Budapest Airport's Terminal 2 arrival hall, announcing the landmark occasion to all.

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 52.66% stake, together with Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (20.17%), Malton Investment Pte Ltd. (22.17%) and KfW IPEX-Bank GmbH (5%).
- Budapest Airport welcomed 8.5 million passengers in 2013, flying on the airport's services to 99 destinations across 34 countries.
- Monthly passenger traffic growth in the period to end-November 2014 has exceeded +7%.
- Budapest Airport's route development for 2015 include:
 - Vueling thrice-weekly services to Barcelona and Roma, starting 27 March 2015
 - SAS four-times weekly service to Stockholm Arlanda, starting 29 March 2015
 - Ryanair four-times weekly service to Athens, starting 515
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Lisbon, starting 30 March 2015
 - Wizz Air four-times weekly service to Maastricht, starting 15 May 2015
 - Wizz Air once-weekly service to Hurgada, starting 16 May 2015
 - Iberia and Iberia Express seven-times services to Madrid, starting 2 June 2015
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Alghero, starting 15 June 2015
 - Air Transat weekly service to Montréal-Toronto, starting 18 June 2015

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