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Budapest Airport bids a 'very warm welcome return to American Airlines'

In another momentous development for its global route network, and coming just weeks after announcing the resumption of direct US ties from Hungary's capital city, Budapest Airport has confirmed the return of American Airlines. Strengthening the gateway's transatlantic connections from next summer, the oneworld member will operate a daily seasonal service to Philadelphia utilising its fleet of 209-seat 767-300s.

"It's a remarkable time in the history of Budapest Airport – alongside New York (JFK) and Chicago O'Hare – Philadelphia is the third new route to the US we are launching next summer," states Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport. "After a six year absence, it's my absolute pleasure to bid a very warm welcome return to American Airlines. It's a great triumph that the carrier will once again be operating with us and a huge acknowledgement of Budapest's dynamic progression as one of Central Europe's fastest expanding airports. In addition this announcement can be attributed to the close cooperation between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Budapest Airport jointly promoting Hungary in recent years around the world, emphasising the attractiveness of Hungary for business and leisure travellers alike." added Lammers enthusiastically.

American's new link will see the airport-pairing served for the first time and, with more than 30 straightforward connections on the carrier's extensive route network now made possible. Passengers will benefit from links to major cities such as Boston, Los Angeles, Miami and San Francisco, as well as popular destinations including Cleveland and Jacksonville.

As a result of the carrier's 7,185-kilometre sector to the largest city in the Pennsylvanian state, Budapest will offer close to 6,000 weekly two-way seats direct to the US throughout S18. "With 300,000 US tourists expected to visit our country this year, American Airlines' new route will help serve this high demand and enhance inbound traffic to Hungary. I have no doubt our new link will be a huge success in all segments of travellers," explained Lammers.



Photo caption: American Airlines resumes direct US ties from Hungary's capital city, commencing a daily seasonal service to Philadelphia next summer. "It's a remarkable time in the history of Budapest Airport," states Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport.

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 more than 11.4 million passengers in 2016, flying on the airport's services to 111 destinations across 38 countries.
- Monthly passenger traffic growth July 2017 has exceeded +15.4%.
- Budapest Airport's route development includes:

Already launched:

- easyJet three times weekly service to Amsterdam, 6 February 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Faro, 1 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Skopje, 2 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Podgorica, 3 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Tirana, 5 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Sarajevo, 5 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Pristina, 7 April 2017;
- Wizz Air four times weekly service to Hannover, 10 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Bergen, 10 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Lamezia Terme, 12 April 2017;
- Flybe three times weekly service to London Southend, 4 May 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Astana, 8 June 2017;
- Ukraine International Airlines, daily service to Kiev Boryspil, 15 June 2017;
- TAP Portugal daily service to Lisbon, 2 July 2017.

To launch:

- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to St Petersburg, starting 27 August 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Bordeaux, starting 22 September 2017;
- Ryanair five times weekly service to Prague, starting 29 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Palermo, starting 29 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Marrakech, starting 30 October 2017;

- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Valencia, starting 30 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Edinburgh, starting 30 October 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Agadir, starting 31 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Naples, starting 31 October 2017;
- Wizz Air daily service to Frankfurt, starting 15 December 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Stavanger, starting 15 March 2018;
- Wizz Air five times weekly service to Basel, starting 3 May 2018;
- LOT Polish Airlines four times weekly service to New York (JFK), starting 3 May 2018;
- LOT Polish Airlines twice-weekly service to Chicago, starting 5 May 2018.

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