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Budapest Airport welcomes the arrival of Air Algérie

Having already added an exceptional 16 new destinations so far in 2016, Budapest Airport has today further expanded its route network by welcoming the arrival of a direct link to Africa's largest nation in relation to land size, Algeria. The Hungarian gateway, which continues to record an average 10% passenger traffic growth per year, celebrated the commencement of the service with Air Algérie.

Utilising its fleet of 737-600s, the national airline of Algeria will face no direct competition on the 1,777-kilometre sector. With the addition of the twice-weekly link to Algiers, the Central Eastern European airport will now offer more than 1,000 weekly seats to four of North Africa's airports, complementing existing services to Hurgada, Monastir and Cairo.

Welcoming Air Algérie's inaugural flight, Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport said: "It's always a great pleasure to welcome a new airline partner, especially one which adds such an attractive destination to our route network. Air Algérie's service further enhances our links to North Africa, and the carrier rejoins us during another year which sees us continuing to outperform most European markets."



Photo caption: Budapest Airport welcomes the arrival of Air Algérie, celebrating the inaugural flight from Algeria.

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 10.3 million passengers in 2015, flying on the airport's services to 95 destinations across 36 countries.
- Monthly passenger traffic growth in the period to end-August 2016 has exceeded +5.9%.
- Budapest Airport's route development includes:
Launched since June:
 - Air Canada Rouge, thrice-weekly service to Toronto, 11 June 2016;
 - Wizz Air weekly service to Ibiza, 18 June 2016;
 - Bulgaria Air four-times weekly service to Sofia, 20 June;
 - Asiana Airlines weekly service to Seoul Incheon, 1 July;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Varna, 3 August;
 - Ryanair daily service to Berlin, 2 September 2016;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Porto, 4 September 2016;
 - Air Algerie twice-weekly service to Algeria, 15 September 2015.

To launch:

- Wizz Air four times weekly service to Bucharest, starting 19 September 2016;
- Wizz Air weekly service to Fuerteventura, starting 30 October 2016;
- EasyJet thrice-weekly service to Venice Marco Polo, starting 31 October 2016;
- Ryanair daily service to Nuremberg, starting 1 November 2016;
- Wizz Air weekly service to Lanzarote, starting 2 November 2016;
- Wizz Air thrice-weekly service to Sofia, starting 1 November 2016;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Faro, starting 1 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.

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