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## Budapest Airport secures another long-haul connection to Toronto with Air Canada route

Budapest Airport, in line to continue its best-ever year on record, announces another important new route with the confirmation that Air Canada route will launch a thrice-weekly service to Toronto. Significantly boosting the Hungarian gateway's connections to Canada, the leisure carrier will commence operations from 10 June 2016. Utilising its fleet of 767-300s, Air Canada route will be offering an additional 840 weekly seats to Canada, complementing existing services with Air Transat to Toronto and Montréal.

Commenting on the new route development, Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport, says: "Let me first of all congratulate the teams of both Air Canada route and Budapest Airport for making this new route a reality. They have worked tirelessly and extensively together, and we are very proud to welcome the Air Canada brand into the portfolio of Budapest Airport. This new route will connect travellers from Budapest not only to Canada, but a series of other North American destinations, in both business and leisure sectors."

Monthly passenger traffic at Budapest has continually shown double-digit growth this year, with the period end-August recording an astounding 15% increase. The addition of another significant new route will also further establish the airport's long-haul operations, of which a year ago there were none. Joining Emirates, Air China and Air Transat, Air Canada route's launch will now be the Hungarian capital city's fourth long-haul carrier.

### 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 9.1 million passengers in 2014, flying on the airport's services to 88 destinations across 35 countries.
- Monthly passenger traffic growth in the period to end-August 2015 has exceeded +15%.
- Budapest Airport's route development for 2015 include:

#### Launched since June:

- Iberia six times weekly service to Madrid, 2 June 2015
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Bologna, 5 June 2015
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Glasgow, 13 June 2015
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Alghero, 15 June 2015
- Air Transat weekly service to Montréal-Toronto, 18 June 2015

#### To launch:

- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Birmingham, starting 15 September 2015
- Ryanair daily service to Copenhagen, starting 25 October 2015
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Tenerife South, starting 30 October 2015
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Eilat-Ovda, starting 7 November 2015
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Nice, starting 11 March 2016
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden, starting 11 March 2016

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