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## Budapest Airport adds Air Canada brand to its portfolio

Budapest Airport celebrated a key development today, welcoming new airline partner Air Canada Rouge into its portfolio. Following the launch of its thrice-weekly service to Toronto Pearson, on 11 June 2016, the leisure carrier significantly boosts the Hungarian gateway's connections to Canada.

Complementing Air Transat's existing service to Toronto and Montréal, the carrier's arrival in the Canadian market gives Air Canada Rouge an immediate 71% share of Budapest's weekly seats to Canada's largest city. With 53,000 Hungarian's living in Toronto, and almost 100,000 indirect traffic between Canada and Budapest in 2015, latest records indicate high demand for the direct flight.

At the celebrations of Air Canada Rouge's new service, Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport commented: "We are pleased to welcome this Air Canada Rouge flight from Toronto to Budapest, this link will provide a further boost to the development of tourism and Hungarian-Canadian economic relations. We have no doubt this new service answers a strong market demand, as it offers a broad choice of connections in Air Canada's extensive network for Hungarian passengers."



Photo caption: Budapest Airport officially welcomes Air Canada Rouge's new link to Toronto Pearson, which began on 11 June. Cutting the ribbon that celebrated the key development are: Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport; Ambassador Helfand of Canada to Hungary, Slovenia and Bosnia & Herzegovina; Péter Szijjártó, Minister of Foreign Affairs; and Vijay Bathija, Vice President Commercial, Air Canada Leisure Group.



Photo caption: At the opening ceremony held in T2B, Budapest Airport's CEO, Jost Lammers commented: "We are delighted to welcome the Air Canada Rouge brand to Budapest Airport. With a sizeable Hungarian community living in Canada, this important direct route provides a vital service, satisfying a real demand for further exchange between the two countries."

#### 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 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-May 2016 has exceeded +12%.
- Budapest Airport's route development for 2016 include:

#### Already launched:

- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Nice, 11 March 2016;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden, 11 March 2016;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Malaga, 17 March 2016;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Malta, 19 March 2016;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Liverpool, 23 March 2016;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Reykjavik/Keflavik, 24 March 2016;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Baku, 24 March 2016;
- Ryanair, weekly service to Gran Canaria, 3 April 2016;
- easyJet thrice-weekly service to Lyon, 26 April 2016;
- Ryanair, weekly service to Corfu, 28 April 2016;
- Air Canada Rouge, thrice-weekly service to Toronto, 11 June 2016.

#### To launch:

- Wizz Air weekly service to Ibiza, starting 18 June 2016;
- Bulgaria Air four-times weekly service to Sofia, starting 20 June;
- Asiana Airlines weekly service to Seoul Incheon, starting 1 July;
- Ryanair daily service to Berlin, starting 2 September 2016;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Porto, starting 4 September 2016;
- Air Algerie twice-weekly service to Algeria, starting 15 September 2015;
- Wizz Air four times weekly service to Bucharest, starting 19 September 2016;
- Wizz Air weekly service to Fuerteventura, starting 30 October 2016;
- Ryanair daily service to Nuremburg, 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.

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