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## Air Croatia joins Budapest Airport and announces link to Zagreb

Budapest Airport adds yet another new city and country to its route network having announced the commencement of a thrice-weekly service to Zagreb with Air Croatia. Welcoming the start-up carrier's inaugural flight on 2 April, the Hungarian gateway will establish its first direct connection to neighbouring Croatia. Operated by a 48-seat ATR42, wet-leased from Denim Air ACMI, the 307-kilometre city pair faces no direct competition.

As the capital city, Zagreb is also the largest city of the Republic of Croatia, the hub of business, culture and sporting activities, making it an ideal destination for leisure and business passengers alike. With research showing significant volumes of passengers already travelling between Hungary and Croatia, but having to transfer via other airports, this new service will now give passengers the convenience of a direct route.

Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport comments on the new service: "This is tremendous news and another clear indication of our airport's growing reputation, with airlines recognising the business and leisure opportunities available. We know demand is strong for this service to Zagreb and look forward to welcoming Air Croatia as a new airline partner."

Now boasting six new airlines and 13 new routes to begin in 2015, Budapest Airport continues to experience exceptional growth. Recording its highest-ever monthly growth rate at 13% in February, the new link to Croatia's capital city will further enhance the airport's significant development and Hungary's rapidly expanding tourism.

### 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-February 2015 has exceeded +13%.
- Budapest Airport's route development for 2015 include:
  - Vueling thrice-weekly services to Barcelona and Rome, starting 27 March 2015
  - SAS four-times weekly service to Stockholm Arlanda, starting 29 March 2015
  - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Lisbon, starting 30 March 2015
  - Ryanair four-times weekly service to Athens, starting 1 April 2015
  - Air China four-times weekly service to Beijing, starting 1 May 2015
  - Wizz Air four-times weekly service to Maastricht, starting 15 May 2015
  - Wizz Air once-weekly service to Hurghada, starting 16 May 2015
  - SkyGreece Airlines twice-weekly service to Toronto, starting 22 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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