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Budapest Airport reinstates North American long-haul with Air Transat

Budapest Airport welcomed the inaugural flight of its new airline partner, Air Transat, and celebrated a significant stage of its exceptional route network development yesterday. Operated by its A330s, the new weekly service from Toronto Pearson Airport (with an intermediate stop at Montréal Airport), marks the return of long-haul flights from the Americas to Budapest, and also sees the third wide-body scheduled service to arrive at the Hungarian gateway since the daily Dubai service from Emirates began last October, and Air China's Beijing flight in May. The direct service also provides higher convenience levels for some 55,000 indirect passengers who were recorded to have travelled between the two cities in 2014.



Photo caption: Cutting the cake that welcomes Air Transat's weekly Montréal-Toronto service, celebrating the return of North American long-haul flights to the Hungarian capital city airport are: Lisa Helfand, Ambassador of Canada to Hungary; Mr. Péter Szijjártó - Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Nicole Conrad – Commercial Director Central Europe; and Jost Lammers CEO Budapest Airport.



Photo caption: At the official opening ceremony today, Budapest Airport’s CEO, Jost Lammers welcomes the arrival of Air Transat’s key new service, commenting: “We are proud to welcome our Canadian partners and launch Air Transat’s necessary direct route from North America to Budapest. Tourism in Budapest is currently outperforming most European markets so we are confident the new flight will be a great success and will soon lead to increase of frequencies.”

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-May 2015 has exceeded +10%.
- Budapest Airport’s route development for 2015 include:
 - Already launched:
 - Vueling thrice-weekly services to Barcelona and Rome, 27 March 2015
 - SAS four times weekly service to Stockholm Arlanda, 29 March 2015
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Lisbon, 30 March 2015
 - Ryanair four times weekly service to Athens, 1 April 2015
 - Air China four times weekly service to Beijing, 1 May 2015
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Maastricht, 15 May 2015
 - Wizz Air once-weekly service to Hurghada, 16 May 2015
 - 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
 - SkyGreece Airlines twice-weekly service to Toronto, 18 June 2015
 - To launch:
 - Ryanair daily service to Copenhagen, starting 25 October 2015
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Tenerife South, starting 30 October 2015
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