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Budapest Airport declared CAPA's Airport of the Year

After being Highly Commended in the 4-20 million passengers category at the World Routes Marketing Awards just two weeks ago, Budapest Airport has been bestowed with yet another accolade, this time declared as CAPA's Airport of the Year. Acclaimed as the airport which has chiefly participated in the progressive advancement of the aviation industry, the Central Eastern European airport's CEO, Jost Lammers, was last night in Helsinki at the CAPA World Aviation Summit to accept the highly-esteemed honour.

Receiving the independently selected award on behalf of his hard-working team at the Hungarian gateway, Lammers commented: "The recognition of Budapest Airport's tireless work to realise its vision of being an industry-leading airport is a resounding acknowledgement for all of us. The CAPA awards themselves are highly respected throughout the world of the air transport industry, we are immensely proud to accept it, and particularly appreciative to have our teamwork recognised by industry experts."

The results of the CAPA Aviation Awards of Excellence are based on the review of an esteemed panel of eight judges including Rigas Doganis, Aviation Consultant and former Director of GMR Hyderabad International Airport; Andrew Herdman, Director General, AAPA; JetBlue Airways' previous CEO, Dave Barger; and renowned industry expert, Professor Nawal Taneja. CAPA appraises airlines and airports that are both successful, while also showing leadership in the implementation of strategies offering new directions in the aviation industry. Having previously been first awarded a CAPA Award in 2012, Budapest Airport's growing reputation is apparent in this year's appraisal.

In a further comment, Lammers remarks: "It is teamwork, teamwork, teamwork that continuously results in the success at Budapest Airport. This philosophy is engrained into each business and corporate unit at our airport and this award is a great compliment to our values and forward-thinking."



Photo Caption: Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport, is present with CAPA's Airport of the Year Award by Peter Harbison, CAPA Executive Chairman. "This is a resounding acknowledgement for our tireless hard work to become an industry-leading airport."

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;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Birmingham, starting 15 September 2015.

To launch:

- 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;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Malaga, starting March 2016;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Malta, starting March 2016;
- Air Canada rouge, thrice-weekly service to Toronto, starting 10 June 2016.

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