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## Budapest Airport's significant boost with Emirates

The launch of Emirates' new daily link to Dubai saw a major development for Budapest Airport last October. Adding the flagship service to its route network meant the previously underserved Budapest-Middle East and beyond, to Asia and Australia, was more accessible than ever, as well as significantly boosting the Hungarian gateway's impressive traffic growth results.

Today, the Central European airport celebrated the continuous demand on the link, as the airline introduces its higher capacity 777-300s on the airport pair. Having reached almost 80% load factor, carrying 150,000 passengers, the need for expansion has been clear in recent months, as the route has matured. Upgrading to a new three-class aircraft, adding a first class cabin on the service, more than proves that there are high-yielding passengers deriving from the capital city airport and the need for further capacity on the route.

At the official welcoming ceremony of the new aircraft today, Budapest Airport's CCO, Kam Jandu, greeted the substantial development on the Dubai link, commenting: "The unprecedented success and continuous demand on the Emirates service has been calling out for the introduction of 777s. The upgrade on this link will help further sustain the route, with perhaps the potential of a second daily frequency to meet with the progression and growth in Budapest." He added: "We are continuously working to strengthen our long-haul expansion, and 2015 has demonstrated yet another great year for Budapest. Witnessing a vast increase in tourist numbers has urged new airlines to enter and existing ones to expand, while driving the message home that Budapest is dynamically developing for the future."



Photo caption: Budapest Airport welcomes the upgrade to Emirates 777-300s on its daily flight to Dubai. Expansion to a new three-class aircraft clearly shows there are high-yielding passengers deriving from Budapest and will help further sustain the route into the future.



Photo caption: Welcoming the new aircraft today, Kam Jandu, CCO, Budapest Airport, with Thierry Aucoc, SVP Commercial Operations Europe, Emirates. Jandu says: "The unprecedented success on the Emirates service has been calling out for the introduction of 777s, with the upgrade further sustaining the route for the future."

#### 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-October 2015 has exceeded +11%.
- Budapest Airport's route development for 2015 include:
  - Launched since September:
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Birmingham, starting 15 September 2015;
    - Ryanair daily service to Copenhagen, starting 26 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.
  - To launch:
    - 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;
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Heydar Aliyev, starting 27 March 2016;
    - Ryanair, weekly service to Gran Canaria, starting 3 April 2016;
    - easyJet thrice-weekly service to Lyon, starting 26 April 2016;
    - Ryanair, weekly service to Corfu, starting 28 April 2016;
    - Air Canada rouge, thrice-weekly service to Toronto, starting 10 June 2016.

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