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Budapest Airport and Emirates celebrate a decade of partnership

Budapest Airport, operated by VINCI Airports, celebrates the 10th anniversary of its successful partnership with Emirates, marking a decade of connecting Hungary to Dubai and beyond. Since the first Emirates flight took off from Budapest in 2014, the airline has played a pivotal role in expanding the airport's global connectivity and providing passengers with world-class service.

In the last decade, Emirates has flown more than 1.5 million passengers between Budapest and Dubai, with over 7,000 roundtrip flights. These services have opened up a gateway for Hungarian travelers, not only to the vibrant city of Dubai but also to other popular long-haul destinations such as the Maldives, Bangkok, and Australia.

Alongside passenger services, Emirates SkyCargo has also played a significant role in strengthening Budapest's position as a logistics hub. Over 77,584 tons of cargo have been transported between Dubai and Budapest, supporting trade, commerce, and industries that rely on seamless global supply chains.

"This 10-year milestone is a testament to the successful collaboration between Budapest Airport and Emirates. Their commitment to serving the Hungarian market has not only enhanced connectivity but also contributed to tourism, trade, and job creation," said Máté Ritter, Head of Airline Development, Budapest Airport. "We look forward to continuing this journey together, welcoming more passengers, and supporting the growth of Hungary's aviation industry."

The partnership's impact extends beyond the tarmac, with more than 296 Hungarian nationals currently employed across the Emirates Group. This includes 211 Hungarian cabin crew members and 8 pilots, showcasing the global opportunities Emirates offers to the local workforce.

As Budapest and Emirates look ahead to the next decade, both parties remain committed to delivering exceptional experiences for travelers while supporting the region's growth and connectivity to the world.



Celebrating a decade of connecting Budapest to Dubai – and beyond. Emirates has flown more than 1.5 million passengers since opening the route in 2014, while Emirates SkyCargo has handled over 77,500 tonnes of freight, considerably strengthening Budapest's position as a logistics hub.

Notes for Editors

- **Budapest Airport** secured the title of Airports Council International (ACI) Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Best Airport in Europe 2022.
- **Budapest Airport** is the Best Airport in the Region, as recognised by Skytrax for 11 consecutive years from 2014 to 2024, based on passenger ratings.
- **Budapest Airport** won title of Routes Europe Marketing Award 2024 (5-20 million passenger category).
- **Budapest Airport** won title of Routes Europe Marketing Award 2024 – Overall Winner.
- **Budapest Airport** promoted to Skytrax Four-Star Rated Airport 2023.
- **Budapest Airport** named ACI EUROPE's Best Airport in Europe 2023 (15-25 million passenger category).
- **Budapest Airport** became the lead airport in terms of passenger growth and together with its airline partners is a key contributor to the development of tourism in Hungary and Budapest. www.bud.hu

About VINCI Airports

VINCI Airports, as the leading private airport operator in the world, manages the development and operation of more than 70 airports located in 14 countries. VINCI Airports draws on its expertise as a comprehensive integrator to develop, finance, build and operate airports, leveraging its investment capability and know-how to optimise operational performance and modernise infrastructure while bringing about their environmental transition. In 2016, VINCI Airports became the first airport operator to commit to an international environmental strategy, setting itself the aim of reaching zero net emissions across the network by 2050.
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