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## Budapest Airport launches Ryanair's S16 expansion

Budapest Airport's blistering S16, which already has a line-up of 10 new routes, is underway early with the arrival of Ryanair's inaugural flights to Malaga and Malta, on 17 and 19 March respectively. Using its 189-seat 737-800s on both routes, the ultra-low-cost carrier (ULCC) will add another 756 weekly seats to its continuously expanding services from the Hungarian capital city airport, with initial forecasts expecting Ryanair to deliver more than 1.7 million passengers to Budapest this year.

Ryanair will join Wizz Air in offering direct services to both destinations, immediately giving the Irish ULCC a 43% share of all scheduled weekly seats to Malta, as well as offering 45% of Budapest's weekly flights to Malaga.

Commenting at the launch, Balázs Bogáts, Head of Airline Development, Budapest Airport said: "Budapest welcomes these new flights from Ryanair and is delighted to see that seat capacities will grow on both destinations providing additional options for passengers to travel between the countries at competitive prices."



Photo caption: Balázs Bogáts, Head of Airline Development, Budapest Airport (second left) celebrated the start of Ryanair's new link to Malta by welcoming the crew with another of its running shoe-themed cakes. This time created in the ULCC's colours, the Hungarian gateway promotes this year's Runway Run on 3 September.

## 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 10.3 million passengers in 2015, flying on the airport's services to 95 destinations across 36 countries.
- Monthly passenger traffic growth in the period to end-February 2016 has exceeded +14%.
- Budapest Airport's route development for 2016 include:
  - Already launched:
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Nice, 11 March 2016;
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden, 11 March 2016;
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Liverpool, starting 23 March 2016;
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Reykjavik/Keflavik, starting 24 March 2016.
  - To launch:
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Baku, starting 27 March 2016;
    - Ryanair, weekly service to Gran Canaria, starting 4 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 9 June 2016;
    - Wizz Air weekly service to Ibiza, starting 18 June 2016;
    - Ellinair weekly service to Thessaloniki, starting 19 June 2016;
    - Wizz Air four times weekly service to Bucharest, starting 19 September 2016;
    - Ryanair daily service to Berlin, starting 30 October 2016;
    - Ryanair daily service to Nuremburg, starting 1 November 2016;
    - Wizz Air thrice-weekly service to Sofia, starting 1 November 2016.

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