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## Budapest Airport announces Ryanair expansion

Budapest Airport, having already confirmed 12 new routes for 2017, continues to enhance its route network and announces Ryanair will be launching a further three new routes. Having recorded 20% growth in passenger numbers from the Hungarian gateway last year, Ryanair is continuously-expanding services from Budapest, the low-cost carrier (LCC) confirming new links to Valencia, Edinburgh and Prague.

### In-demand white spot served

Launching Budapest's first connection to Valencia, Ryanair will add a link to Spain's third-largest city. Since witnessing the number of indirect passengers between the cities doubling year-on-year, Ryanair will be filling an attractive gap in the market facing no direct competition on the airport pair. As Budapest's fifth-largest O&D pair in mainland Spain last year, Valencia now joins the gateway's existing Spanish links to Malaga, Alicante, Ibiza and Palma de Mallorca.

### Enhancing existing connections

Confirming the expansion of another two of Budapest's links, Ryanair will also commence services to Edinburgh and Prague later this year. Joining existing connections to both destinations, the LCC will provide additional options for Budapest's passengers.

Commenting on the announcement, Balázs Bogáts, Head of Airline Development, Budapest Airport, said: "Budapest welcomes this announcement from Ryanair and is delighted to see that one of the largest white spots on our route map will now be filled with our partner's link to Valencia." He added: "Ryanair continues to grow with us, with these new destinations the airline will now offer 26 destinations from Budapest."



Photo caption: Experiencing 20% growth at Budapest Airport in 2016, Ryanair continues to expand and announces the commencement of three further links from the Hungarian gateway: Budapest's first link to Valencia, as well as new connections to Edinburgh and Prague.

#### 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 55.438% stake, together with Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (21.228%), and Malton Investment Pte Ltd. (23.334%).
- Budapest Airport welcomed more than 11.4 million passengers in 2016, flying on the airport's services to 111 destinations across 38 countries.
- Monthly passenger traffic growth in the period to end-January 2017 has exceeded +16.7%.
- Budapest Airport's route development includes:
  - Already launched:
    - easyJet three times weekly service to Amsterdam, 6 February 2017.
  - To launch:
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Faro, starting 1 April 2017;
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Skopje, starting 2 April 2017;
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Podgorica, starting 3 April 2017;
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Tirana, starting 5 April 2017;
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Sarajevo, starting 5 April 2017;
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Pristina, starting 7 April 2017;
    - Wizz Air four times weekly service to Hannover, starting 10 April 2017;
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Bergen, starting 10 April 2017;
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Lamezia Terme, starting 12 April 2017;
    - Flybe three times weekly service to London Southend, starting 4 May 2017
    - TAP Portugal daily service to Lisbon, starting 1 July 2017;
    - Wizz Air daily service to Frankfurt, starting 15 December 2017.

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