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Budapest Airport united with US once again

In a major piece of network development Budapest Airport has announced the resumption of US services today, as LOT Polish Airlines confirms flights from the Hungarian gateway to New York (JFK) and Chicago O'Hare. Welcoming the arrival of regular 787-8 scheduled services, the first flight due to launch on 3 May 2018, with New York being flown four times weekly and the Chicago sector operated twice-weekly. The return of US services comes after American Airlines and Delta Air Lines left the Hungarian market in 2011.

"We are absolutely euphoric to announce LOT Polish Airlines' latest development at Budapest, uniting us with not just one destination in the US, but with two," enthuses Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport. "For a fast-growing market like Budapest, this is an extremely significant expansion for us and one which LOT, Budapest Airport, the Hungarian and Polish governments, as well as the Hungarian Tourism Agency have worked in close cooperation to put into place. Worldwide connectivity is crucial in today's global economy and these vital links will boost the demand for travel and ultimately maximise the competitiveness of the Hungarian market," adds Lammers.

The market potential is close to 150,000 passengers between Budapest and New York last year making the Central Eastern European airport New York's largest unserved market in Europe, and the fourth largest unserved destination in the world from the US city. After New York, Chicago is the number two sought after destination in US from Budapest with more than 42,000 market potential between the two cities in 2016.

As Budapest announces that the US will become the Hungarian capital city's 47th country market, the Polish flag carrier will be offering a total of 3,024 two-way weekly seats meaning that the North American nation will become the second largest country market outside of Europe served from Budapest in 2018.

"Budapest Airport is enormously proud to announce these new US destinations and I have absolutely no doubt these services will be extremely popular." explains Lammers



Marking the landmark deal to bring LOT Polish Airlines' US services to Budapest next summer were: David Kostelanczik, Charge d'Affaires, US Embassy in Budapest; István Íjgyártó, State Secretary for Culture and Scholarship Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Mateusz Morawiecki, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Development and Finance of Poland; Péter Szijjártó, Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Jerzy Snopce, Ambassador, Polish Embassy in Budapest; Rafal Milczarski, LOT Polish Airlines CEO; and Jost Lammers, Budapest Airport CEO.

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 May 2017 has exceeded +12.2%.
- Budapest Airport's route development includes:
 - Already launched:
 - easyJet three times weekly service to Amsterdam, 6 February 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Faro, 1 April 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Skopje, 2 April 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Podgorica, 3 April 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Tirana, 5 April 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Sarajevo, 5 April 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Pristina, 7 April 2017;
 - Wizz Air four times weekly service to Hannover, 10 April 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Bergen, 10 April 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Lamezia Terme, 12 April 2017;
 - Flybe three times weekly service to London Southend, 4 May 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Astana, 8 June 2017;
 - Ukraine International Airlines, daily service to Kiev Boryspil, 15 June 2017;

- TAP Portugal daily service to Lisbon, 2 July 2017.

To launch:

- Wizz Air, twice-weekly service to St Petersburg, starting 27 August 2017;
- Wizz Air, twice-weekly service to Bordeaux, starting 22 September 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Lviv, starting 25 October 2017;
- Ryanair five times weekly service to Prague, starting 29 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Palermo, starting 29 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Marrakech, starting 30 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Valencia, starting 30 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Edinburgh, starting 30 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Naples, starting 30 October 2017;
- Wizz Air daily service to Frankfurt, starting 15 December 2017;
- Wizz Air, twice-weekly service to Stavanger, starting 15 March 2018;
- Wizz Air, five times weekly service to Basel, starting 3 May 2018.

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