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Budapest joins capital connection elite

As Budapest Airport continues to strengthen its already solid route map, with a storming average +15% monthly growth so far this year, the Hungarian gateway is turning its focus onto its network expansion for 2019. Maintaining its progression, the capital city airport has announced it will be connected to all London airports as of next February with its latest new link – a 12 times weekly, 106-seat E190 service to London City with LOT Polish Airlines.

Commenting on becoming only the fourth European capital city to have direct access to all six London airports – the other three being Amsterdam, Dublin and Prague – Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport says: “I am extremely happy to have another innovative product introduced into the Hungarian aviation market by our friends from LOT Polish Airlines. The start of operations between Budapest and London City marks another important milestone in our joint efforts to present high quality service to passengers at both ends of this destination.”

After the successful launch of long-haul flights to New York JFK and Chicago O’Hare last month, as well as a six times weekly link to Kraków back in April, LOT’s new route will see another 1,272 weekly one-way seats to Budapest’s London market. With over 500,000 one-way seats, London is already Budapest’s number one city market and LOT’s latest introduction to the gateway’s route map serves to further fortify the UK’s position as its largest country market of 49 served this summer.

“Being one of the most dynamically growing airlines in Europe we are very proud that, with the strong support from local partners, we are able to fast-track our development in Hungary. We have opened a new chapter in our history – after the launch of the flights to New York JFK, Chicago O’Hare and Kraków, the two daily flights to London City are the latest addition,” says Rafał Milczarski, CEO, LOT Polish Airlines. “The annual passenger traffic on the Budapest-London route is approximately 1.5 million and London City Airport is the most conveniently located airport for those passengers who want to reach London’s business district in a short and convenient way. I am certain that Hungarian passengers will appreciate the new connection thanks to the elevated quality of service,” adds Milczarski.

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 13 million passengers in 2017, flying on the airport's services to 125 destinations across 45 countries.
- Monthly passenger traffic growth May 2018 has exceeded +15%.
- Budapest Airport's route development includes:
 - Already launched:
 - easyJet daily service to Berlin Tegel, 9 January 2018;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Stavanger, 15 March 2018;
 - Wizz Air four times weekly service to Athens, 25 March 2018;
 - Ryanair twice-weekly service to Santander, 26 March 2018;
 - Ryanair three times weekly service to Paphos, 27 March 2018;
 - LOT Polish Airlines six times weekly service to Krakow, 28 April 2018;
 - Wizz Air five times weekly service to Basel, 3 May 2018;
 - LOT Polish Airlines four times weekly service to New York JFK, 3 May 2018;
 - LOT Polish Airlines twice-weekly service to Chicago O'Hare, 5 May 2018;
 - American Airlines daily service to Philadelphia, 5 May 2018.

To launch:

- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Amman, starting 28 October 2018;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Marseille, starting 30 October 2018;
- LOT Polish Airlines 12 times weekly, starting 19 February 2019.

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