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Budapest Airport launches Laudamotion's city connections

Continuing to concentrate on its route network expansion for 2019, Budapest Airport has announced the arrival of new airline partner, Laudamotion. Joining the Hungarian gateway's roll call next summer, the low-cost carrier (LCC) is set to add a twice-weekly link to Stuttgart to Budapest's S19 schedule, utilising its A320s on the 756-kilometre sector.

As Laudamotion's new service joins Eurowings' existing connection to one of Germany's largest cities, Budapest expects to serve considerably more passengers in 2019 than the 157 000 out of which 22,000 carried indirectly between the two cities last year. Germany is firmly established as Budapest's largest country market and the addition of the LCC's operation will see the airport offer more than 120 weekly services to the Western European country.

Commenting on the airport's seventh new route announcement in the last month, Balázs Bogáts, Head of Airline Development, Budapest Airport says: "Before we've even launched the 2018-19 winter season it's fantastic to see next summer's schedule already expanding significantly, not just with new routes but new airline partners too." Bogáts adds: "Following the airline's route launches in the leisure network, we're really happy to be one of Laudamotion's first chosen city destinations. With 27% of the 200,000 Hungarians living in Germany residing in the Baden-Württemberg region, and sizeable demand for business traffic between the two cities, the boost in connections is sure to prove popular among our passengers."

Recording another month of double-digit passenger traffic growth, the capital city airport is expected to break through the 14 million annual passenger barrier, with estimations now closer to 15 million for 2018.



Photo caption: Budapest Airport's latest new airline, Laudamotion, is set to join the Hungarian gateway's roll call next summer with a twice-weekly link to Stuttgart.

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 September 2018 has exceeded +11%.
- 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;
- Myway Airlines three times weekly service to Tbilisi, starting 28 October 2018;
- Wizz Air three times weekly service to Doncaster Sheffield, starting 28 October 2018;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Marseille, starting 30 October 2018;
- easyJet twice-weekly service to London Southend, starting 2 November 2018;
- easyJet twice-weekly service to Manchester, starting 5 November 2018;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Eilat Ovda, starting 9 November 2018;
- LOT Polish Airlines 12 times weekly to London City, starting 19 February 2019;
- Transavia France twice-weekly to Nantes, starting 7 April 2019;
- Ryanair twice-weekly to Cork, 4 April 2019;
- Laudamotion twice-weekly service to Stuttgart, April 2019;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Cagliari, 1 May 2019;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Seville, 2 May 2019;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Bari, 3 May 2019;
- Jet2.com twice-weekly service to Birmingham, 8 November 2019.

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