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MasterCard in cooperation with Budapest Airport opens state-of-the-art lounge in the SkyCourt

Budapest, 18 December 2014. MasterCard has opened a new, prestigious lounge exclusively for retail premium MasterCard holders in Hungary. The newly designed lounge is nearly 50% larger than the previous one which had operated since 2011 and was the first of its kind in Europe.

Budapest was the first airport location in Europe where MasterCard decided to launch a new service for its premium card holders in Hungary. Free entrance is provided by any premium retail MasterCard (Gold, World and Platinum) issued in the territory of Hungary, while family members can join for a fee of 10 EUR per person. MasterCard Platinum holders may enter with one travel companion free of charge.

It is estimated that the airport MasterCard lounge will be visited by more than 60 000 travelers in 2014 from Hungary alone. The new 160 m² lounge boasts state-of-the-art interior design and all modern services, free Wi-Fi, access to major newspapers, magazines, refreshments and a new catering service, and is operated by Malév Ground Handling personnel.

Experts from Budapest Airport Property and MasterCard worked out the concept for the new type of lounge jointly and opened the first facility back in 2011. However, the location soon proved too small to meet the ever-increasing demand, so a new, prime location on the mezzanine level of the SkyCourt, the new central terminal building at Budapest Airport, has now been opened. Detailed information is available here: <https://mc-premium-selection.hu/lounge> and also on Budapest Airport's website: http://www.bud.hu/english/passengers/services/vip_services.

„We are delighted to see the success of the MasterCard Lounge amongst our passengers,” said Réka Sebestyén, head of Property Management for Budapest Airport, in charge of lounge developments. She added: „This new format of premium services at the airport fully confirmed our joint assumptions that premium bank card holders are frequent travelers too, and they are happy to use special VIP services at the airport. It is especially popular among business people who try to make the maximum of their travel time and use the waiting time before boarding to work in the lounge.”

Photos of the new facility can be downloaded here:

<http://goo.gl/VdK8XZ>

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Notes to editors:

Budapest Airport is the best airport in Eastern Europe, as recognized by Skytrax in 2014 based on passenger ratings. Budapest Airport Plc., the operator of Ferenc Liszt International Airport is owned by a consortium of German (KfW IPEX-Bank 5%) Canadian (Caisse de dépôt et placement de Québec 20.167%) and Singaporean (Malton Investments Pte Ltd. 22.167%) investors led by AviAlliance GmbH (52.666%). The terminals of the airport were home to 39 airlines, which transported 8.5 million passengers to 99 airports in 34 countries in 2013.