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miniBUD: high-quality minibus service to be launched at Budapest Airport

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The consortium of Petrányi Autó and BUDPORT will be Budapest Airport's official minibus service provider from January. Thanks to environmentally friendly vehicles and innovative services, the passenger experience is set to improve even further at the airport, with more affordable prices.

A new minibus service provider will commence operation at Budapest Airport on 1 January, after the consortium of Petrányi Autó and BUDPORT won Budapest Airport's recent minibus tender. The group will provide its services under the name miniBUD, not only maintaining the continuity of minibus services, but also making significant developments in quality.

miniBUD will provide airport transfer services with a completely new, simple and flexible booking system, comfortable vehicles, a Wi-Fi service and favorable conditions. Having recognised the success of the low-cost carrier business model, basic service will be offered for a lower price, but passengers will also have an opportunity to purchase additional services. miniBUD will provide the best value for money, with door-to-door ground transportation.

The winning consortium has signed a five-year contract with Budapest Airport. After the launch of the service, the new operational model will be in use by June, with service provision being seamless during the transition period. The airport minibus fleet will consist of 60 modern, comfortable and environmentally friendly vehicles, whereby not only is passenger satisfaction set to increase, but the commitments undertaken in the Greenairport program launched by Budapest Airport this year can also be fulfilled. Petrányi Autó supplies the fleet and the technical background for the joint venture, whilst BUDPORT contributes a strong, innovative commercial approach and experience in serving aerial passengers.

"With Petrányi Autó and BUDPORT, we have seen one of the largest vehicle service companies in Hungary team up with an innovative business partner at Budapest Airport, emerging as the winner in our minibus tender. We are certain that they will provide high-quality transportation services to passengers, the customer-focused approach miniBUD will provide is vitally important for us to maintain our reputation as best airport in the region," commented Kam Jandu, Chief Commercial Officer, Budapest Airport.

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 52.66% stake, together with Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (20.17%), Malton Investment Pte Ltd. (22.17%) and KfW IPEX-Bank GmbH (5%).
- Budapest Airport welcomed 9.1 million passengers in 2014, flying on the airport's services to 88 destinations across 35 countries.
- Monthly passenger traffic growth in the period to end-November 2015 has exceeded +10%.
- Budapest Airport's route development for 2015 include:

Launched since September:

- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Birmingham, 15 September 2015;
- Ryanair daily service to Copenhagen, 26 October 2015;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Tenerife South, 30 October 2015;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Eilat-Ovda, 7 November 2015.

To launch:

- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Nice, starting 11 March 2016;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden, starting 11 March 2016;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Malaga, starting March 2016;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Malta, starting March 2016;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Heydar Aliyev, starting 27 March 2016;
- Ryanair, weekly service to Gran Canaria, starting 3 April 2016;
- easyJet thrice-weekly service to Lyon, starting 26 April 2016;
- Ryanair, weekly service to Corfu, starting 28 April 2016;
- Air Canada rouge, thrice-weekly service to Toronto, starting 10 June 2016.

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