

# Sajtóközlemény / Press release

## Budapest Airport extends car parks by 40 %

Budapest, 24 June 2016. In anticipation of the gradually increasing summer traffic, Budapest Airport handed over new parking spaces to drivers. Demand for competitively priced parking space has grown so much that during Hungary's group matches at Euro 2016 temporary parking facilities had to be opened at the airport.

New spaces were already available last weekend in the Holiday and Holiday Plus car parks of Ferenc Liszt International Airport. Over the last few weeks, work was accelerated to complete the new blacktop spaces as soon as possible, and drivers can now use an additional 126 spaces in the Holiday Plus car park (towards Terminal 2A) and another 172 new bays in the Holiday car park (closer to Terminal 2B). For the summer peak this year Budapest Airport is to hand over 1,000 new parking spaces in total, representing a capacity increase of no less than 40%. The 620-million-HUF (€2million) development project also includes the completion of covered walkways that will offer protection against sunshine or rain leading from the car parks to the terminal.

Budapest Airport set up its system of parking to be able to flexibly allocate available spaces and to make traffic safer, especially at the curbside sections closest to the terminal. Thus, the most expensive parking option is Premium Parking directly on the curbside of the departures and arrivals levels. Similarly to a number of other European airports, the curbside is mainly designated for the drop-off and pick-up of passengers. The Terminal car park (in the pit in front of Terminal 2) is intended for parking for 1-2 hours. Passengers are carried from the Business car park to the terminal by shuttle bus. The pricing of the Holiday Plus and Holiday car parks is based on the consideration that during a week-long holiday they should be cheaper to use than taking a cab to and from the airport, which should make it worth leaving the car at the airport for the time of your holiday.

All car parks feature license plate recognition and CCTV cameras, and based on experience gained so far, the car parks at the airport are among the safest in Budapest. Similarly to the booking system of discount airlines, extra services can also be booked on the website of Budapest Airport ([http://www.bud.hu/utazas/kozlekedes\\_es\\_parkolas/parkolas](http://www.bud.hu/utazas/kozlekedes_es_parkolas/parkolas)). During the summer peak it is recommended to book your parking space on the internet in advance, as demand is getting stronger and even the new spaces have filled up immediately.

“My advice to people planning their holidays is that they should book their parking spaces in advance on our website, as we are having excellent promotions which will help them to save thousands of forints per week when they use our car parks,” underlined Manel Moreno, the Head of Landside Commercial Services, Budapest Airport. He added: “We try to adjust to the needs of drivers day by day with our flexible pricing, and our ongoing development projects will make our service more convenient to use. This year we have increased our capacity by 40% - the airport has never implemented such a major extension of parking facilities before.”

Link to the photos: <https://goo.gl/B1LZgo>

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**Notes to editors**

Budapest Airport is the best airport in Eastern Europe, as recognized by Skytrax in 2014, 2015, and 2016, based on passenger ratings. Budapest Airport Zrt., 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 44 airlines, which transported 10.3 million passengers to 95 airports in 36 countries in 2015, achieving a growth rate of 12.5%.