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## Budapest Airport expands by 10,000m<sup>2</sup> as Pier B is officially opened

Budapest Airport today unveiled its brand-new Pier B project, part of the gateway's BUD 2020 development programme to enhance airport infrastructure and improve the passenger experience. The pier, constructed by KÉSZ Építő Zrt. and adjoining Terminal 2B, spans 225m in length and will add over 10,000m<sup>2</sup> of space to the current terminal. Inaugurated today, the facility opens just as the airport prepares to hit 15 million passengers by year-end, two million more than it processed last year, an impressive increase of 14-15%.

Pier B, which will mainly be used for non-Schengen flights, accommodates 10 new boarding jetways, the infrastructure allowing for three wide-body aircraft to be served simultaneously. "This is one of the main reasons for building this new pier," comments Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport. "We are supporting wide-body operations to North America with American Airlines, LOT Polish Airlines and Air Canada Rouge, while also having regular services from Emirates, Qatar Airways and Air China to the Middle East and Asia. We have never had so many long-haul destinations for passengers before." Overall, Pier B will have a total of 27 direct, bussed and pedestrian boarding options, advancing operations for the 44 airlines flying from the airport this summer.

Pier B is just one element of a series of projects taking shape over the airport site as part of the five-year BUD 2020 development programme. With the investments totalling between €170-€180 million the next phase includes the building of a new multi-story car park outside Terminal 2, plus this September the airport will break ground on the construction of a state-of-the-art 20,000m<sup>2</sup> air cargo logistics centre, which will also see 36,000m<sup>2</sup> additional apron space being added.

While Pier B is now open, and the multi-story car park and air cargo logistics centre still work in progress, the airport's development team is already working on plans to add a new Terminal 3 project. To be situated next to Terminals 2A and B, the latest plans will accommodate the expected passenger traffic growth over the next decade. "We are working on various options and concepts for a potential Terminal 3, further enhancing the passenger experience as we continue to grow," adds Lammers.

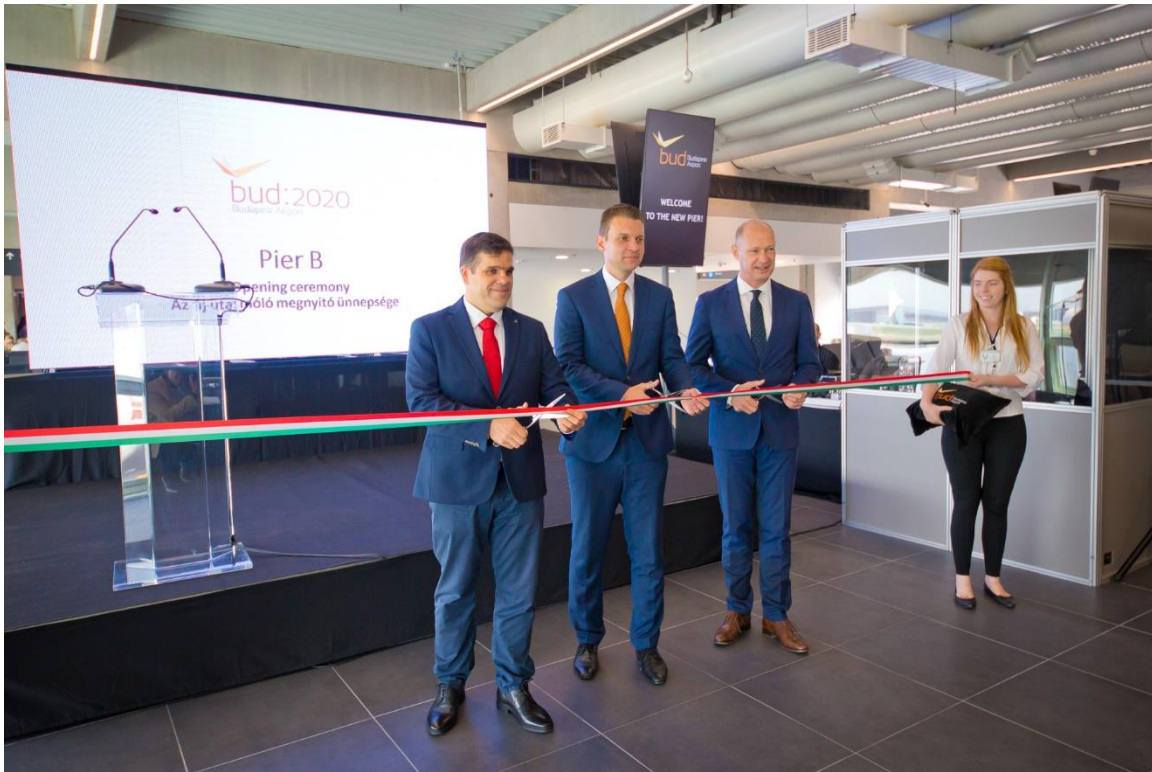


Photo caption: Budapest Airport's Pier B is now open! László Szalados, Technical Deputy CEO, KÉSZ; Tamás Menczer, Hungarian State Secretary; and Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport, unveil the Hungarian gateway's 10,000m<sup>2</sup> expansion adjoining Terminal 2B which is part of the airport's BUD 2020 development programme to enhance the passenger experience at Budapest.

#### 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 August 2018 has exceeded +14%.
- 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;
- Wizz Air three times weekly service to Doncaster Sheffield, starting 29 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.

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