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Budapest Airport, one of Europe's fastest growing airports, welcomes Ryanair's link to Israel

Recording its 11th consecutive double-digit month of passenger traffic growth, Budapest Airport has been named as one of Europe's fastest growing airports during Q3 2015 by ACI EUROPE. Reinforcing the growing popularity of Budapest, this week saw the Hungarian gateway welcome the inaugural flight of Ryanair's new twice-weekly link to Israel.

Hungary's capital city airport recorded a significant 20% jump in Israeli visitors in 2014. With the ultra-low cost carrier's noteworthy addition of the Eilat Ovda link to existing Tel Aviv services, the Central European airport will now offer 16 weekly flights to the two Israeli airports. While facing no direct competition on the airport pair, Ryanair's arrival to the Israeli market at Budapest gives the carrier an immediate 13% share of flights and seats across all routes to the Middle Eastern country.

Commenting on the notable launch, Budapest Airport's Chief Commercial Officer, Kam Jandu says: "There is clearly bi-directional demand for the Eilat Ovda to Budapest market, adding Ryanair to our operations to Israel strengthens our excellent service as one of the fastest growing airports in Europe. We're highly honoured that Ryanair chose Budapest as one of its first links with Eilat Ovda, and indeed Israel."



Photo caption: Celebrating Ryanair's launch of its first ever link to Israel from Budapest Airport with a traditional cake and crew are: Kam Jandu, Chief Commercial Officer, Budapest Airport, with Kasia Gaborec McEvoy, Deputy Sales and Marketing Manager for Central and Eastern Europe, Ryanair.

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-October 2015 has exceeded +11%.
- Budapest Airport's route development for 2015 include:
 - Launched since September:
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Birmingham, starting 15 September 2015;
 - Ryanair daily service to Copenhagen, starting 26 October 2015;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Tenerife South, starting 30 October 2015;
 - Ryanair twice-weekly service to Eilat-Ovda, starting 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;
- 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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