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## Sizzling start to summer for Budapest Airport

Already on course to surpass early forecast expectations of 9.6 million passengers, Budapest Airport is experiencing exceptional passenger numbers during the first months of 2015. Delivering growth rates exceeding an average of 12%, this period of development will be sustained by a plethora of new routes in S15, including: Toronto, Montréal, Beijing, Hurghada, Maastricht, Glasgow, Bologna and Alghero.

Alongside these new services, the Hungarian gateway has kicked off summer by launching five new routes in the very first week. Vueling returned with a new link to Rome, while also resuming its Barcelona service – both thrice-weekly; SAS commenced a four-times weekly service to Stockholm Arlanda; Wizz Air's inaugural flight from Lisbon was welcomed; Ryanair's four-times weekly service to Athens began on 1 April; and new airline Air Croatia's link to Zagreb was celebrated today.



**Photo caption:** Welcoming the crew with a celebratory cake, Eszter Almási (third left), Airline Development Manager at Budapest Airport, met Vueling's inaugural flight from Rome on 28 March. Commenting on the launch, Alex Cruz, CEO of Vueling, said: "Budapest is the perfect addition to Vueling's fast-growing new Rome base. This new route has all the chemistry of a great market-maker."



**Photo caption:** Supporting the advancement of its home-base, Wizz Air began a twice-weekly service to Lisbon, on the same day as announcing a further two new links to Bologna and Glasgow to launch in June.



**Photo caption:** Launching its 15<sup>th</sup> route from Budapest, Ryanair's four-times weekly service to Athens was welcomed by Budapest Airport's Head of Airline Development, Balázs Bogáts (second left) with a traditional celebratory cake presented to the crew.



**Photo caption:** Meeting considerable demand for more flights between the Swedish and Hungarian capitals, SAS' inaugural flight from Stockholm Arlanda launched on 29 March. The new route was celebrated today and met by Sándor Saly, Airline Development Manager, Budapest Airport (holding the cake).



**Photo caption:** Establishing Budapest Airport's direct connection to neighbouring Croatia, new airline partner Air Croatia commenced its thrice-weekly service to Zagreb today.

## 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-February 2015 has exceeded +13%.
- Budapest Airport's route developments for 2015 include:
  - Already launched:
    - Vueling thrice-weekly services to Barcelona and Rome, 27 March 2015
    - SAS four-times weekly service to Stockholm Arlanda, 29 March 2015
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Lisbon, 30 March 2015
    - Ryanair four-times weekly service to Athens, starting 1 April 2015
    - Air Croatia thrice-weekly services to Zagreb, starting 2 April 2015
  - To launch:
    - Air China four-times weekly service to Beijing, starting 1 May 2015
    - Wizz Air four-times weekly service to Maastricht, starting 15 May 2015
    - Wizz Air once-weekly service to Hurghada, starting 16 May 2015
    - SkyGreece Airlines twice-weekly service to Toronto, starting 22 May 2015
    - Iberia and Iberia Express seven-times services to Madrid, starting 2 June 2015
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Bologna, starting 5 June 2015
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Glasgow, starting 13 June 2015
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Alghero, starting 15 June 2015
    - Air Transat weekly service to Montréal-Toronto, starting 18 June 2015

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