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Budapest Airport boosts links to Toronto with SkyGreece Airlines

Budapest Airport's high expectation for continued growth and heightened progress in 2015 gets underway with its first new route announcement of the year. Launching its inaugural route from the Hungarian gateway, SkyGreece Airlines will be commencing a twice-weekly service to Toronto from 21 May. The new carrier, with its headquarters in Greece, will significantly boost Budapest's links to Toronto, joining Air Transat's weekly-service set to begin later this summer.

Commenting on the new route development, Denis Codere, Deputy Chief Commercial Officer, SkyGreece Airlines, says: "I've had the pleasure to meet with Budapest Airport on numerous occasions in the last few years. Our latest discussions have clearly demonstrated the certain success of our new link between Toronto and Budapest. Hungarian tourism is growing every year and the popularity of Budapest is a must-see for all Canadian travellers."



Photo caption: SkyGreece Airlines announce new twice-weekly service from Budapest to Toronto. "Budapest is a must-see for all Canadian travellers," says SkyGreece's Deputy CCO, Denis Codere.

Using its 767-300 to serve the airport pair, SkyGreece Airlines will add 548 weekly seats to the Budapest-Toronto route, giving the Greek start-up airline a 62% share of all scheduled seats from Budapest to Canada's largest city, and 12% of all scheduled long-haul seats at the airport (Source: Innovata schedule data, week commencing 5 July 2015, with flights over 4.5 hours considered long-haul.)

Kam Jandu, CCO, Budapest Airport adds: "We are elated to be celebrating our first new route announcement of 2015. SkyGreece Airlines' direct route to Toronto highlights our commitment to constantly strengthen our connectivity and providing all our passengers with considerable choice. The announcement of another connection between Budapest and Canada is a great indication of the real demand for further exchange between the two countries."

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-January 2015 has exceeded +12%.
- Budapest Airport's route development for 2015 include:
 - Vueling thrice-weekly services to Barcelona and Rome, starting 27 March 2015
 - SAS four-times weekly service to Stockholm Arlanda, starting 29 March 2015
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Lisbon, starting 30 March 2015
 - Ryanair four-times weekly service to Athens, starting 1 April 2015
 - Wizz Air four-times weekly service to Maastricht, starting 15 May 2015
 - Wizz Air once-weekly service to Hurghada, starting 16 May 2015
 - Iberia and Iberia Express seven-times services to Madrid, starting 2 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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