

22 March 2018

Budapest declared the 'Best Airport' once again

Last night, Budapest Airport was announced 'Best Airport in the Region' at the Skytrax World Airport Awards 2017. Voted for by passengers in the world's largest customer survey, the Hungarian gateway has now won the prestigious title for a record fifth time, making Budapest the only Eastern European airport to maintain this top accolade for five consecutive years.

On being told of the accomplishment, Budapest Airport's CEO, Jost Lammers enthused: "Winning the Skytrax Award five years in a row is immense encouragement to our airport community, every one of whom is committed to delivering excellent services and a memorable experience to all travellers." He added: "I am so proud of the Budapest team for breaking the record of the most consecutive wins. It is particularly meaningful after a year which saw us welcome nearly two million additional passengers than in 2016. Not only are we holding our place among the fastest growing major airports in Europe, but we're also being recognised for our continued promise to provide the best in all the elements which guarantee customer satisfaction."

Presented to Kam Jandu, Budapest Airport's CCO at the Passenger Terminal EXPO conference and exhibition in Stockholm, the 'Best Airport in the Region Award' acknowledges the strength of the airport's operations, innovations and pursuit of excellence in all areas of passenger experience. Launched in 2016, the capital city airport initiated and invested in a five-year development project – the BUD:2020 programme. Key elements of this project include a 12,000m² passenger pier; check-in capacity expansion; introduction of the latest body scanning equipment; car park capacity expansions; VIP lounge; multiple upgrades to the retail and food offer; as well as finalising the conceptual development of a brand new terminal building.

Lammers concluded: "We're devoted in creating an airport Hungary can be proud of – a premier gateway which, as a local economic generator, contributes to community."



Photo caption: Accepting the accolade on behalf of the airport, Kam Jandu, CCO, Budapest Airport (centre) accepts the Skytrax 'Best Airport in the Region Award' at last night's ceremony. Breaking records, Budapest is the first Eastern European airport to maintain this prestigious title for a fifth consecutive year.

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 February 2018 has exceeded +15%.
- 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.
 - To launch:
 - Wizz Air four times weekly service to Athens, starting 25 March 2018;
 - Ryanair twice-weekly service to Santander, starting 26 March 2018;
 - Ryanair three times weekly service to Paphos, starting 27 March 2018.
 - Wizz Air five times weekly service to Basel, starting 3 May 2018;
 - LOT Polish Airlines four times weekly service to New York JFK, starting 3 May 2018;
 - LOT Polish Airlines twice-weekly service to Chicago O'Hare, starting 5 May 2018;
 - American Airlines daily service to Philadelphia, starting 5 May 2018;
 - Ryanair twice-weekly service to Marseille, starting W18/19;
 - Ryanair twice-weekly service to Amman, starting W18/19.

For more information:

Kerry Parks, Account Manager, Budapest Airport Aviation Development PR
 PPS Publications, Media & Events
 (44) 1293 783851/mobile (44) 7808 172723 or kerry@pps-publications.com