

Aviation Development

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Budapest Airport's valued donation

Raising a record €39,500 this year, the fifth Budapest Airport Runway Run was held again in aid of the airport's chosen charity, Hungary's Suhanj! Foundation. Equally sharing all profits from the annual air transport industry's 10km race with co-organiser's, <u>www.anna.aero</u>, charity of choice, Anthony Nolan – the UK-based bone marrow transplant association – Budapest Airport proudly donated €19,766 with its share of the funds raised, close to an overall €50,000 over the past three years of its patronage with Suhanj!

At the official presentation of this year's donation, Kam Jandu, CCO, Budapest Airport enthused: "Each year we have seen our event bring together the air transport community in such a unique way in Europe. We're extremely proud that our fundraising, alongside the generosity of our sponsors, helps us to support the Suhanj! Foundation and the fantastic work the association does to include disabled people in every aspect of sport."

Founded in 2010, Suhanj! Foundation was formed with the aim to share the enjoyment of sports with those living with disabilities. As one of its main sponsors, Budapest enabled the organisation to open Hungary's first integrative gym last July, purchasing accessible equipment with the gateway's significant donations from the runway run. Open to people of varying abilities, the facility also promotes the employment of people who may be physically challenged or suffer from a health condition.

The organisers and headline sponsors Airbus and Qatar Airways, with the combined support of SSP, Heinemann, SITA, KPMG, Z&Z, Travelport, Market, Primavera and Nickelodeon, resulted in record donations as well as more than four times the amount of entries since the first race five years ago. This September saw over 1,000 runners from airlines, airports, and other aviation enterprises from across the globe on the start line alongside participants from Suhanj! – an inspiring display of the charity's aspirations.



Photo caption: Budapest Airport's CCO Kam Jandu (right) proudly presented this year's donation from the fifth Budapest Airport-anna.aero Runway Run to the gateway's chosen charity Suhanj! Foundation. Holding the official donation alongside Jandu are: Péter Gusztos, Co-founder and Chairman, Suhanj! Foundation; Gábor Szarvas, Director Community Affairs, Environment, Health and Safety, Budapest Airport; and Patrícia Kovács, Co-founder, Suhanj! Foundation.

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 11.4 million passengers in 2016, flying on the airport's services to 111 destinations across 38 countries.
- Monthly passenger traffic growth October 2017 has exceeded +13.4%.
 - Budapest Airport's route development includes:
- Launched since June:
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Astana, 8 June 2017;
 - o Ukraine International Airlines, daily service to Kiev Boryspil, 15 June 2017;
 - o TAP Portugal daily service to Lisbon, 2 July 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to St Petersburg, 27 August 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Bordeaux, 22 September 2017;
 - o Ryanair five times weekly service to Prague, 29 October 2017;
 - Ryanair twice-weekly service to Palermo, 29 October 2017;
 - o Ryanair twice-weekly service to Marrakech, 30 October 2017;
 - o Ryanair twice-weekly service to Valencia, 30 October 2017;
 - Ryanair twice-weekly service to Edinburgh, 30 October 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Agadir, 31 October 2017;
 - o Ryanair three times weekly service to Naples, 31 October 2017.

To launch:

- Wizz Air daily service to Frankfurt, starting 15 December 2017;
- Wizz Air daily service to Berlin Schönefeld, starting 18 December 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Stavanger, starting 15 March 2018;
- Wizz Air four times weekly service to Athens, starting 25 March 2018;
- Ryanair three times weekly service to Paphos, starting April 2018;
- Ryanair three times weekly service to Santander, starting April 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, starting 5 May 2018;
- American Airlines daily service to Philadelphia, starting 5 May 2018.
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