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## TAP Portugal back at Budapest Airport

TAP Portugal has taken off again from Budapest Airport after a 14-month break, marking the resumption of the Portuguese flag carrier's link to Lisbon. Daily services to Portugal's capital city recommenced on 2 July. At the launch, the airline confirmed that a six times weekly service will continue throughout W17/18.

"We experienced a 5.9% increase in Portuguese tourists last year," informs Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport. He added: "It's a great moment for us to welcome back TAP Portugal into our portfolio as well as giving us the opportunity to offer our customers the carrier's excellent onward connections to Morocco, Brazil, Cape Verde and the Azores."

The return of TAP Portugal to the Portuguese-Budapest market results in the Hungarian gateway doubling its seat capacity to the southern European country, meaning Budapest will offer over 180,000 seats to Portugal during 2017.



Photo caption: Cutting the cake in Budapest, baked to celebrate the resumption of TAP Portugal's connection from Lisbon are: Péter Szolnok, Sales Manager, TAP Portugal; Her Excellency Maria José Morais Pires, Ambassador of Portugal to Hungary; David Jacinto, Head of Central and Eastern European and USA Sales, TAP Portugal; and Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport.

## 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 May 2017 has exceeded +12.2%.
- Budapest Airport's route development includes:

### Already launched:

- easyJet three times weekly service to Amsterdam, 6 February 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Faro, 1 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Skopje, 2 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Podgorica, 3 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Tirana, 5 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Sarajevo, 5 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Pristina, 7 April 2017;
- Wizz Air four times weekly service to Hannover, 10 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Bergen, 10 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Lamezia Terme, 12 April 2017;
- Flybe three times weekly service to London Southend, 4 May 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Astana, 8 June 2017;
- Ukraine International Airlines, daily service to Kiev Boryspil, 15 June 2017;
- TAP Portugal daily service to Lisbon, 2 July 2017.

### To launch:

- Wizz Air, twice-weekly service to St Petersburg, starting 27 August 2017;
- Wizz Air, twice-weekly service to Bordeaux, starting 22 September 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Lviv, starting 25 October 2017;
- Ryanair five times weekly service to Prague, starting 29 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Palermo, starting 29 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Marrakech, starting 30 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Valencia, starting 30 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Edinburgh, starting 30 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Naples, starting 30 October 2017;
- Wizz Air daily service to Frankfurt, starting 15 December 2017;
- Wizz Air, twice-weekly service to Stavanger, starting 15 March 2018;
- Wizz Air, five times weekly service to Basel, starting 3 May 2018.

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