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Budapest Airport strengthens links to Ukraine

Budapest Airport's expectations for further development in 2017 continue with the welcome arrival of new airline partner Ukraine International Airlines. Launching a daily link to Kiev Boryspil on 15 June, utilising its fleet of two-class configured 737-800s, the Ukrainian flag carrier will face no direct competition on the 908-kilometre sector.

While the Hungarian gateway has not directly served Ukraine's largest airport since 2012, Budapest experienced a significant 24% jump in Ukrainian visitors last year, recording more than 10,000 indirect passengers from the Eastern European country. Arrival in the market gives Ukraine International an immediate 50% share of all Ukrainian flights and seats from Budapest. With the restoration of the Kiev Boryspil link, the capital city airport will now offer more than 2,500 weekly seats to the Ukraine, complementing existing services to Kiev Zhulyany.

"We are delighted to welcome Ukraine International Airlines' daily service which will enhance the choice for both Hungarian and Ukrainian travellers on the Kiev-Budapest route," said Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport. He added: "Budapest and Kiev are wonderful destinations for city breaks, both capital cities having rich cultural heritage. While travellers from the Ukraine can benefit from more than 110 destinations available in our route network, Hungarian travellers can now transfer from Kiev to Bangkok, Amman, Tehran, Almaty, as well as reaching Odessa, Lviv and Kharkiv, all through the domestic network of Ukraine International Airlines."

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 in the period to end-February 2017 has exceeded +14.8%.
- Budapest Airport's route development includes:
 - Already launched:
 - easyJet three times weekly service to Amsterdam, 6 February 2017.
 - To launch:
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Faro, starting 1 April 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Skopje, starting 2 April 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Podgorica, starting 3 April 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Tirana, starting 5 April 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Sarajevo, starting 5 April 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Pristina, starting 7 April 2017;
 - Wizz Air four times weekly service to Hannover, starting 10 April 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Bergen, starting 10 April 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Lamezia Terme, starting 12 April 2017;
 - Flybe three times weekly service to London Southend, starting 4 May 2017
 - TAP Portugal daily service to Lisbon, starting 1 July 2017;

- Wizz Air, twice-weekly service to Bordeaux, starting 22 September 2017;
- Ryanair, service to Valencia, starting Winter 17/18;
- Ryanair, service to Edinburgh, starting Winter 17/18;
- Ryanair, service to Prague, starting Winter 17/18;
- Wizz Air daily service to Frankfurt, starting 15 December 2017.

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