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Budapest Airport launches Winter 2015 programme

Recording +16% monthly passenger growth in September whilst welcoming more than 1 million extra travellers than this time last year, Budapest Airport is firmly on the road to reach the definitive 10 million mark in 2015. Having already celebrated 14 new links during the summer season – notably vital direct routes to Beijing, Toronto and Montréal – the capital city continues to far outperform the European average passenger growth of +5.1%.

Continuing to develop its solid route network, the Hungarian gateway has launched W15/16 by celebrating two new routes in the first week, from its two largest airlines: home-based Wizz Air's twice-weekly service to Tenerife South; and Europe's largest low-cost carrier, Ryanair's daily flight to Copenhagen.



Photo caption: Starting Budapest's third link to the Danish capital Copenhagen, Ryanair began its daily service on 26 October. Adding 1,323 one-way weekly seats to the airport pair, the Irish low-cost carrier will immediately have a majority share of 51% of all scheduled seats from Budapest to Copenhagen.



Photo caption: Launching its fifth winter sun destination from Budapest, and the airport's first link to Tenerife South, Wizz Air's inaugural flight to the largest Canary Island was welcomed on 30 October by José Angel Lopez Jorriñ, Ambassador of Spain in Hungary (left), and Kam Jandu, Chief Commercial Officer, Budapest Airport. The new twice-weekly service means that Budapest's home-based carrier now serves 44 routes, to a total 21 countries, from the Hungarian capital 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 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-September 2015 has exceeded +16%.
- Budapest Airport's route development for 2015 include:

Launched since September:

- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Birmingham, 15 September 2015;
- Ryanair daily service to Copenhagen, 26 October 2015;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Tenerife South, 30 October 2015.

To launch:

- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Eilat-Ovda, starting 7 November 2015;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Nice, starting 11 March 2016;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden, starting 11 March 2016;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Malaga, starting March 2016;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Malta, starting March 2016;
- Air Canada rouge, thrice-weekly service to Toronto, starting 10 June 2016.

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