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Budapest Airport's Moroccan medley

Budapest Airport welcomed its second Moroccan connection as yesterday saw the Hungarian gateway celebrate the inaugural flight of Wizz Air's twice-weekly service to Agadir. Joining the airport's recent new service to Marrakech, the addition of the low-cost carrier's (LCC) link to the southern coast of Morocco sees Budapest firmly put the North African country on its destination map this winter.

"We started the year with no direct services to Morocco so I'm delighted to witness the fast expansion in this market," commented Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport at yesterday's press conference which saw the Moroccan Minister of Tourism, Air Transport, Handicraft and Social Economy H.E. Mohammed Sajjid and Director General of the National Moroccan Tourism Office (ONMT) Abderrafia Zouiten officially launch Wizz Air's 67th destination from the capital city airport. Lammers added: "To add another location on our route map, and immediately be able to offer two main cities within the new country, is a clear sign of the opportunities we have worked to develop and we're extremely expectant of further growth within this region."

Wizz Air's arrival to the Moroccan market at Budapest gives the LCC an immediate 20% share of flights and seats across all routes to North Africa this winter. While facing no direct competition on the airport pair, Wizz Air's Agadir operation joins existing services to Algiers, Cairo, Hurghada and Marrakech, seeing Budapest now offer close to 1,500 two-way weekly seats to the North African nation.



Photo caption: Alongside Budapest Airport's CEO Jost Lammers (left) and officially launching the gateway's second link to Morocco, its latest country market were: Miklós Tromler, Ambassador of Hungary in Morocco; Szilveszter Bus, Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Deputy State Secretary for Opening to the South; H.E. Mohammed Sajjid, Moroccan Minister of Tourism, Air Transport, Handicraft and Social Economy; Karima Kabbaj, Ambassador of Morocco to Hungary; Abderrafia Zouiten, Director General of the National Moroccan Tourism Office (ONMT); Gábor Vásárhelyi, Corporate Communications Manager, Wizz Air; and Kam Jandu, CCO, Budapest Airport (back row).

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 September 2017 has exceeded +13.3%.
- Budapest Airport's route development includes:
 - Launched since June:
 - 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;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to St Petersburg, 27 August 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Bordeaux, 22 September 2017;
 - Ryanair five times weekly service to Prague, 29 October 2017;
 - Ryanair twice-weekly service to Palermo, 29 October 2017;
 - Ryanair twice-weekly service to Marrakech, 30 October 2017;
 - 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;
 - 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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