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## Budapest Airport's S17 buds with Wizz Air

Having already confirmed 22 new routes during 2017, Budapest Airport's largest airline will be significantly expanding its own operations from the Hungarian gateway this year. Adding 12 new links, the ultra-low-cost carrier (ULCC) will offer 62 destinations from Hungary's capital city airport, offering close to 4.5 million seats from Budapest throughout the year.

Launching the start of Budapest's summer schedule, Wizz Air commenced its twice-weekly service to Faro on 1 April. Now offering 122,000 seats during S17 to Portugal, Budapest has witnessed a 140% increase in Portuguese services during the last twelve months. The ULCC faces no direct competition on its new service to the Algarve region as the link joins its existing operations to Lisbon and Porto.

Continuing to support the development of its home-base, Wizz Air has launched another two new services today. Reinstating Budapest's direct link to Hannover with a four times weekly service, the new operation will satisfy the high volume of indirect traffic recorded from the region. The ULCC has also commenced its first direct flight to Norway from Hungary, starting its twice-weekly service to Bergen after increasing numbers of Hungarian travellers chose a Norwegian city break last year.

Later this week Budapest will welcome Wizz Air's connection to Lamezia Terme. Seeing a rapid increase in the popularity of Italy as a leisure destination, the ULCC's operation commencing 12 April, will be Budapest's first direct link to the Italian city in the Calabria region.



Photo caption: Just the start of a budding summer: Balázs Bogáts, Budapest Airport's Head of Airline Business Development, presents a celebratory route launch cake to Gábor Vásárhelyi, Wizz Air. Adding 12 new destinations, the ultra-low-cost carrier will offer 62 destinations from the Hungarian gateway this year.

## 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 February 2017 has exceeded +14.8%.

### 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.

### To launch:

- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Lamezia Terme, starting 12 April 2017;
- Flybe three times weekly service to London Southend, starting 4 May 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Astana, starting 8 June 2017;
- Ukraine International Airlines, daily service to Kiev Boryspil, starting 15 June 2017;
- TAP Portugal daily service to Lisbon, starting 1 July 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 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.

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