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Budapest Airport welcomes Wizz Air's S18 schedule

Budapest Airport celebrates the arrival of S18 by welcoming the start of Wizz Air's new summer schedule this week. As part of the airline's plans to base two further aircraft at the airport, the ultra-low-cost carrier (ULCC) launched its inaugural flight to Stavanger on 15 March, to be joined later this week by the airline's new connection to Athens on 25 March.

Launching services to Bergen last April, Wizz Air was quick to announce the decision to add Stavanger to Budapest's Scandinavian network: "Norway has shown a consistent traffic growth for us and, with the potential market size of 26,000 passenger each year, we were thrilled to see Wizz Air fill another white spot on our route map," states Balázs Bogáts, Head of Airline Development, Budapest Airport.

Wizz Air's 65th route from Budapest – the ULCC's twice-weekly link to Stavanger – joins existing services to Oslo and Bergen, meaning the capital city airport will offer over 2,500 weekly seats to the Scandinavian country in 2018. Another result of the carrier's S18 expansion will see Budapest witness over 500 flights to the Greek capital this summer as the airline launches its four times weekly service to Athens later this week.

Having observed a healthy 19% year-on-year increase in passenger traffic at the Hungarian gateway in 2017, the home-based airline is set to offer more than 1.7 million seats from Budapest this summer, an additional 300,000 seats more than in S17.



Photo caption: Welcoming the start of Wizz Air's S18 schedule, Budapest Airport celebrates the launch of the airline's 65th destination from the Hungarian gateway, a twice-weekly service to Stavanger, today. Later this week the ultra-low-cost carrier will also add a new link to Athens, seeing the home-based airline offer more than 1.7 million seats form Budapest this summer.

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 13 million passengers in 2017, flying on the airport's services to 125 destinations across 45 countries.
- Monthly passenger traffic growth February 2018 has exceeded +15%.
- Budapest Airport's route development includes:
Already launched:
 - easyJet daily service to Berlin Tegel, 9 January 2018;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Stavanger, 15 March 2018.

To launch:

- Wizz Air four times weekly service to Athens, starting 25 March 2018;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Santander, starting 26 March 2018;
- Ryanair three times weekly service to Paphos, starting 27 March 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 O'Hare, starting 5 May 2018;
- American Airlines daily service to Philadelphia, starting 5 May 2018;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Marseille, starting W18/19;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Amman, starting W18/19.

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