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## Wizz Air's continuous growth at Budapest Airport

In addition to launching five new routes in the first week of the summer season, Budapest Airport continues the rigorous development of its route network with home-based carrier Wizz Air. At a press conference held for the commencement of its twice-weekly service to Lisbon yesterday, the low-cost airline confirmed it will be adding a further two routes later this summer, to Bologna and Glasgow. Reinforcing the significant growth of its home-base, Wizz Air now offers a total of 42 routes to 20 countries from the Hungarian gateway.

### **Bologna re-connection**

Wizz Air's new route will be the airport's first direct connection to Bologna, filling a gap on the network map from Budapest. Set to begin on 5 June, the twice-weekly service will become the carrier's seventh Italian destination from Budapest. The launch further consolidates Italy's position as the third largest country market served from Hungary's capital airport, offering a total of 10,828 weekly seats (according to OAG Schedules Analyser).

### **No competition to Glasgow**

Wizz Air's launch of its twice-weekly service to Glasgow, on 13 June, will see the airline fill another white spot on Budapest Airport's map. Serving Scotland's largest city, and with no direct competition on the airport pair, Wizz Air will fill 30% of all scheduled seats to the United Kingdom. With 101 weekly scheduled operations, offering a total of 17,542 weekly seats, the UK is the second largest country market served from Budapest (according to OAG Schedules Analyser).



**Photo caption:** Balázs Bogáts, Head of Airline Development, Budapest Airport (third from the right) welcomes Budapest Airport's first new route of 2015, Wizz Air's inaugural twice-weekly flight from Lisbon. The celebratory cake was presented to Joaquim Pimpão, Chief Commercial Officer, Portuguese Embassy (left), Henrique Sousa, Short-Term Planning Engineer, Wizz Air (second from the right), and Gábor Vásárhelyi, Communications Manager, Wizz Air (far right).

Commenting on the airline's development at the airport, Kam Jandu, Chief Commercial Officer, Budapest Airport, says: "Wizz Air's new services to Bologna and Glasgow fill a real customer demand for both leisure and business travellers. We continue to build on the solid relationship we have with our largest airline, working together to offer passengers a great selection of expanding destinations."

#### 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-February 2015 has exceeded +13%.
- Budapest Airport's route development for 2015 include:
  - Already launched:
    - Vueling thrice-weekly services to Barcelona and Rome, 27 March 2015
    - SAS four-times weekly service to Stockholm Arlanda, 29 March 2015
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Lisbon, 30 March 2015
  - To launch:
    - Ryanair four-times weekly service to Athens, starting 1 April 2015

- Air Croatia thrice-weekly services to Zagreb, starting 2 April 2015
- Air China four-times weekly service to Beijing, starting 1 May 2015
- Wizz Air four-times weekly service to Maastricht, starting 15 May 2015
- Wizz Air once-weekly service to Hurgada, starting 16 May 2015
- SkyGreece Airlines twice-weekly service to Toronto, starting 22 May 2015
- Iberia and Iberia Express seven-times services to Madrid, starting 2 June 2015
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Alghero, starting 15 June 2015
- Air Transat weekly service to Montréal-Toronto, starting 18 June 2015

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