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## Budapest Airport kick-starts 2016 with Wizz Air adding three new routes

Budapest Airport has today announced that home-based carrier, Wizz Air, will be launching its 46<sup>th</sup> destination from the Hungarian gateway this summer. Supporting the advancement of the capital city airport, the ultra-low-cost carrier (ULCC) has confirmed it will commence three routes during S16, adding another 880 weekly seats to the Budapest market.

### Increasing links to UK

Enhancing existing links to the Northwest of the UK, Wizz Air will be starting a twice-weekly link to Liverpool from 23 March. The airline faces no competition on this airport pair, adding a significant supplement to Ryanair and Jet2.com's Manchester operation in the north-west of England, and serving the high volume of indirect traffic already recorded from the region.

### First connection to Iceland

Alongside Budapest, Reykjavik/Keflavik is another of Europe's fastest growing airports, and Wizz Air will be commencing a twice-weekly service between the Icelandic airport and Budapest from 30 March. With proven good results on the ULCC's link to Reykjavik/Keflavik from its base in Warsaw, and with the exceptional growth of Iceland's largest airport, there is already a promising outlook for further frequency on this route.

### Another leisure destination served

Later, during the height of the summer season, Wizz Air will begin a weekly service to Ibiza from 18 June. Another new connection from the Hungarian gateway, the link to one of Europe's busiest holiday destinations will complement the already served Spanish leisure resorts of Alicante, Malaga, Mallorca and Tenerife from Budapest.

Commenting on Wizz Air's route development, Kam Jandu, Chief Commercial Officer, Budapest Airport, says: "Wizz Air's announcement to commence another three unserved routes from Budapest is a fantastic start to 2016 for the airport. Filling these white spots on our destination map is testimony to the ongoing solid relations we have with our largest airline, and the continuous hard work of everyone at Budapest to ensure we meet the demands of our customers."



Photo caption: Launching another new destination from Budapest Airport, Wizz Air commenced its twice-weekly link to Tenerife South on 30 October 2015. Welcoming the inaugural flight was José Angel Lopez Jorin, Ambassador of Spain in Hungary (left), and Kam Jandu, Chief Commercial Officer, Budapest 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 10.2 million passengers in 2015, flying on the airport's services to 96 destinations across 36 countries.
- Monthly passenger traffic growth in the period to end-December 2015 has exceeded +9%.
- Budapest Airport's route development for 2016 include:
  - 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 17 March 2016;
  - Ryanair twice-weekly service to Malta, starting 19 March 2016;
  - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Baku, starting 27 March 2016;
  - Ryanair, weekly service to Gran Canaria, starting 3 April 2016;
  - easyJet thrice-weekly service to Lyon, starting 26 April 2016;
  - Ryanair, weekly service to Corfu, starting 28 April 2016;
  - Air Canada rouge, thrice-weekly service to Toronto, starting 10 June 2016.

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