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Budapest Airport hands over Wizz Air's brand new hangar as 10th aircraft joins expanding base

In a move recognising a significant strengthening of the presence of Wizz Air, Budapest Airport has officially opened a brand-new maintenance hangar built exclusively for its home-based carrier, in a ceremony celebrating the completion of the works and sealing a 15 year lease agreement during which Jost Lammers, CEO Budapest Airport, officially handed the new facility over to Wizz Air CEO, József Váradi in the presence of the Hungarian Transport Minister Dr. Miklós Seszták.

Built between the existing aircraft maintenance hangars operated by Lufthansa Technik and Aeroplex, the new 2,000m² hangar will considerably support Wizz Air's growth at the Hungarian capital. Serving the daily needs of the carrier's fast-growing fleet of nine Airbus A320s based aircraft at Budapest, the facility has also been designed and constructed to also accommodate the larger A321s which are due to join the Wizz Air fleet from 2019 onwards.

Confirming its tenth aircraft will be based at Budapest Airport from S16, Wizz Air also announced a number of new routes and frequency increases made possible by the addition. Specifically the extra aircraft will accommodate the planned increases on the London Luton service, from four to five daily, as well as an expected weekly increase to Gothenburg. While commencing the already-announced W15 new routes to Tenerife South and Birmingham, the carrier has now also confirmed the launch of a twice-weekly service to Nice, as well as a new route to Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden, both due to start this winter. In total Wizz Air will have a total of 45 routes to 20 countries, with the new hangar providing the security of smooth operation and high quality services.

"The rapid construction of the new Wizz Air hangar is testament to Budapest Airport's continuous focus and investment in the future," commented Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport. "We highly value and support the growth of our largest airline partner and this development signifies a joint commitment and confidence in the Hungarian market," added Lammers.



Photo Caption: Budapest Airport officially opens Wizz Air's brand-new maintenance hangar, specifically built to help accommodate the 10th aircraft to be based as the carrier's expanding base, and the larger A321s due to join its fleet from 2019. Budapest Airport's Property Director, René Droese and CEO, Jost Lammers, celebrate the completion of works with Dr Miklós Seszták, Hungarian Transport Minister, and Wizz Air's CEO, József Váradi.

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-July 2015 has exceeded +14%.
- 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
 - Ryanair four times weekly service to Athens, 1 April 2015
 - Air China four times weekly service to Beijing, 1 May 2015
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Maastricht, 15 May 2015
 - Wizz Air weekly service to Hurgada, 16 May 2015
 - Iberia six times weekly service to Madrid, 2 June 2015
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Bologna, 5 June 2015
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Glasgow, 13 June 2015
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Alghero, 15 June 2015
 - Air Transat weekly service to Montréal-Toronto, 18 June 2015
 - SkyGreece Airlines twice-weekly service to Toronto, 18 June 2015

To launch:

- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Birmingham, starting 15 September 2015
- Ryanair daily service to Copenhagen, starting 25 October 2015
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Tenerife South, starting 30 October 2015
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Eilat-Ovda, starting 7 November 2015

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