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Budapest Airport restores direct link to Birmingham

Budapest Airport is enormously pleased to announce the restoration of a direct link to Birmingham Airport with its largest carrier, Wizz Air. Supporting the expansion of the airline's home-base, and continuing Budapest's ever-increasing route network, the carrier has confirmed the commencement of its twice-weekly service from 15 September.

The Hungarian gateway recorded a significant 32% jump in UK visitors during the traditional low season of Q1 2015. Expecting to serve considerably more than 330,000 British visitors this year, the UK is firmly established as the second largest country served from Budapest Airport. With the addition of the Birmingham link, the Central Eastern European airport will now offer more than 100 weekly services to the eight of the UK's airports.

Commenting on the announcement at this week's 136th IATA Slot Conference in Vancouver, Balázs Bogáts, Head of Airline Development at Budapest Airport said: "Since Ryanair ended its service in 2012, we've been working hard to restore our direct link with Birmingham Airport. We served almost 10,000 indirect passengers from Birmingham last year, and with an expected overall potential market for the direct link forecast to be some 31,000 passengers, we are extremely expectant that it won't be long before we will be announcing a frequency increase on the route."



Photo Caption: Celebrating the announcement of Wizz Air's new route reconnecting Budapest to Birmingham at the 136th IATA Slot Conference in Vancouver this week are: Eszter Almási, Airline Development Manager, Budapest Airport; Tom Screen, Head of Aviation Development, Birmingham Airport; János Pál, Senior Ancillary Revenue Manager, Wizz Air; and Balázs Bogáts, Head of Airline Development, 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 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-May 2015 has exceeded +10%.
- Budapest Airport's route development for 2015 includes
 - 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 once-weekly service to Hurghada, 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:
 - Ryanair daily service to Copenhagen, starting 25 October 2015
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Tenerife South, starting 30 October 2015

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