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## Wizz Air supports advancement of home-base Budapest Airport, launching two new services to Maastricht and Hurghada

Budapest Airport celebrated the commencement of two new routes with home-base carrier Wizz Air last week; a twice-weekly service to Maastricht on 15 May, and a weekly link to Hurghada on 16 May. These new services add to the airline's 2015 summer schedule at Budapest, which already includes new services to Lisbon, and increased flight frequencies to popular destinations such as Milan Malpensa, Barcelona and London Luton.

In addition to Wizz Air's continuous growth, Budapest Airport's extensive expansion of its route network has resulted in the airport experiencing a passenger traffic boom in the first quarter of the year. Recording Q1 growth of +12.6%, Budapest leads the way by some margin in Central Eastern Europe versus Vienna Airport's -2.8%, and Prague Airport's +3.5% for the same period. The Hungarian gateway is also far above the EU gross average of +5.1%.



Photo caption: Wizz Air's inaugural flight to Maastricht on 15 May saw the commencement of Budapest Airport's only direct connection to the regional airport in Netherlands. Celebrating the launch with the crew, Tamara Mshvenieradze, Corporate Communications Manager, Wizz Air receives a traditional cake from 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 8.5 million passengers in 2013, flying on the airport's services to 99 destinations across 34 countries.
- Monthly passenger traffic growth in the period to end-April 2015 has exceeded +10%.
- 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 once-weekly service to Hurghada, 16 May 2015
  - To launch:
    - 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 Bologna, starting 5 June 2015
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Glasgow, starting 13 June 2015
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Alghero, starting 15 June 2015
    - Air Transat weekly service to Montréal-Toronto, starting 18 June 2015
    - Wizz Air daily service to Copenhagen, starting 25 October 2015
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Tenerife South, starting 30 October 2015

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