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Budapest Airport in a strong position at World Routes

Budapest Airport heads to World Routes this week in a strong position to attract highly-desired new routes and frequencies. The annual event, this year convening at the Fira Gran Via Convention Centre in Barcelona, is an opportunity for the Hungarian gateway to meet with airlines to determine future new air services – and an ideal platform to illustrate the airport’s fantastic annual traffic growth.

As one of the fastest growing capital city airports in the EU, with an average monthly passenger traffic growth of 14% – almost double the ACI EU average – Budapest is projected to reach close to 13 million passengers in 2017. Better connected than ever before, the airport will have launched 26 new routes on its network by year-end, while next May will bring its most significant development with the resumption of direct US ties when links to New York JFK, Chicago O’Hare and Philadelphia will commence.

When discussing the World Routes attendance, the airport’s CEO, Jost Lammers explains: “The importance of Budapest’s presence at one of the largest air service development forums is paramount to our continued growth and to further enhance our route network. The team will be heading to Barcelona to encourage airlines to be part of our success, not only the airport’s but the country’s as a whole,” adds Lammers.

Alongside the airport’s superb achievements, the city itself is experiencing outstanding results and recognition, for example, its Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) 2016 results showing over \$10,000 more per capita than other Central and Eastern European capital. Also emerging are Budapest’s tourist attractions – hosting many great sporting events including FINA World Championships 2017, F1 Hungarian Grand Prix, Red Bull Air Race, and World Judo Championships, as well as the one of the largest music festivals in Europe, the Sziget Festival.

“Budapest is thriving and the Airline Development Team will be at World Routes to explore new opportunities which will benefit from this, particularly those of untapped markets such as China, India, US East Coast and Africa. We’ll also be targeting low-cost long-haul, and with limited competition from Hungary, this is a significant market potential,” confides Lammers.



Photo caption: At the recent announcement of Budapest Airport's resumption of direct US ties, the gateway's CEO, Jost Lammers illustrates the airport's impressive growth, as well as its future plans for continued success.

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 55.438% stake, together with Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (21.228%), and Malton Investment Pte Ltd. (23.334%).
- Budapest Airport welcomed more than 11.4 million passengers in 2016, flying on the airport's services to 111 destinations across 38 countries.
- Monthly passenger traffic growth August 2017 has exceeded +15.7%.
- Budapest Airport's route development includes:
 - Already launched:
 - easyJet three times weekly service to Amsterdam, 6 February 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Faro, 1 April 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Skopje, 2 April 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Podgorica, 3 April 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Tirana, 5 April 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Sarajevo, 5 April 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Pristina, 7 April 2017;
 - Wizz Air four times weekly service to Hannover, 10 April 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Bergen, 10 April 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Lamezia Terme, 12 April 2017;
 - Flybe three times weekly service to London Southend, 4 May 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Astana, 8 June 2017;
 - Ukraine International Airlines, daily service to Kiev Boryspil, 15 June 2017;
 - TAP Portugal daily service to Lisbon, 2 July 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to St Petersburg, 27 August 2017;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Bordeaux, 22 September 2017.

To launch:

- Ryanair five times weekly service to Prague, starting 29 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Palermo, starting 29 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Marrakech, starting 30 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Valencia, starting 30 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Edinburgh, starting 30 October 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Agadir, starting 31 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Naples, starting 31 October 2017;
- Wizz Air daily service to Frankfurt, starting 15 December 2017;
- Wizz Air daily service to Berlin Schönefeld, starting 18 December 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Stavanger, starting 15 March 2018;
- Wizz Air five times weekly service to Basel, starting 3 May 2018;
- LOT Polish Airlines four times weekly service to New York (JFK), starting 3 May 2018;
- LOT Polish Airlines twice-weekly service to Chicago, starting 5 May 2018;
- American Airlines daily service to Philadelphia, starting 5 May 2018.

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