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Budapest Airport adds highly-desired Lyon with easyJet

Recording more than double the European average in passenger traffic growth, Budapest Airport experienced an 11.3% increase in October, easily outstripping the European average of +5.1%, and putting the Hungarian gateway on the brink of smashing the 10 million passenger barrier for the first time ever.

In the ceaseless expansion of its solid route network, the Central European airport has today announced yet another development, with the welcome addition of easyJet's new link to Lyon. Europe's second-largest low-cost carrier (LCC), will be operating a thrice-weekly service on the airport pair, set to begin 26 April 2016.

Lyon has been a highly-desired destination for Budapest for some time, and as the airport's largest indirectly served destination in Europe, easyJet will face no competition on the new link. As France's third biggest city, the year-on-year steady increase of indirect traffic to Lyon has demonstrated the vast potential for both business and leisure travellers on this route. As one of the LCC's hubs, the new service will mean an extra 40,000 passengers next year for Budapest.

Kam Jandu, CCO, Budapest Airport comments: "We've realised, and smashed, so many of our expectations and targets this year. To bring our lobbying to fruition with the addition of easyJet's new service is testament to the hard work and commitment. We were missing the heart of France from the direct routes available from Budapest so Lyon fits perfectly into our destination network." He added: "It's amazing to think of the numbers passing through our terminal, and we looking forward to welcoming easyJet's new passengers next summer, in another year that is already promising extensive further development for us."



Photo caption: Budapest Airport has announced the addition of easyJet's new link to its hub in Lyon, both set to begin 26 April 2016.

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-October 2015 has exceeded +11%.
- Budapest Airport's route development for 2015 include:

Launched since September:

- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Birmingham, 15 September 2015;
- Ryanair daily service to Copenhagen, 26 October 2015;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Tenerife South, 30 October 2015;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Eilat-Ovda, 7 November 2015.

To launch:

- 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 March 2016;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Malta, starting March 2016;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Heydar Aliyev, starting 27 March 2016;
- Ryanair, weekly service to Gran Canaria, starting 3 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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