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## Budapest Airport intensifies route network

As Budapest Airport continues to intensify and strengthen its solid route network, with a storming average +16% monthly growth so far this year, the Hungarian gateway is already concentrating on its relentless expansion for 2016. Maintaining its progression, the capital city airport has announced frequency increases with British Airways and Norwegian, which will mean an extra 90,000 passengers next year.

With an additional fourth daily flight to British Airways' long established daily connection to London Heathrow, the national flag carrier's increased service will offer improved connections to numerous long-haul flights including Los Angeles, San Francisco and Montréal, as well as new connectivity to Hong Kong, Sydney and Cape Town.

While Norwegian announces an enhancement of services from its largest base at Oslo, with an additional three weekly flights throughout the summer – a maximum of 14 weekly during the shoulder season – the low-cost carrier will also further boost Hungary's connections to the UK, doubling its thrice-weekly service to London Gatwick for S16.

Directly serving 36 country markets, British Airways and Norwegian's additional operations will firmly establish the UK as the largest country market flown from Budapest, with almost 14% of weekly seats. Having recorded a significant 21% jump in UK visitors this year, the London market is also the largest city pair from Budapest at more than double the size of second-placed Paris.

Commenting on the frequency increases, Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport said: "These latest announcements for the airport are a clear demonstration of our commitment to bring more choice and availability to our customers. The frequency increases enhance our reputation as an excellent gateway and a tremendous link to further global destinations. This is superb news and yet another indication of our growing status."

### Stop Press!

Announcing yet another new link, the Hungarian capital city airport has confirmed that Ryanair will be adding a weekly service to the airline's newest base in Corfu. Commencing the route on 28 April 2016, the low-cost carrier has significantly broadened its S16 schedule from Budapest, now offering 18 routes in total.

### Significant new routes and frequency increases

Airline	Destination	New route	Frequency/Capacity Increase
British Airway	London Heathrow		3 daily to 4 daily
Norwegian	London Gatwick		3 weekly to 6 weekly
Norwegian	Oso		+3 weekly
Emirates	Dubai		A330 to B777
Ryanair	Corfu	Weekly	
Ryanair	Malaga	2 weekly	
Ryanair	Malta	2 weekly	
Transavia	Rotterdam		6 weekly to 11 weekly
LOT Polish	Warsaw		24 weekly to 26 weekly
Wizz Air	Gothenburg		3 weekly to 4 weekly in peak
Wizz Air	Malta		2 weekly to 3 weekly off-peak



Photo caption: Budapest Airport intensifies connections to the UK and announces British Airways' frequency increase of an additional four weekly operations to London Heathrow from 27 March 2016.



Photo caption: Having launched its new route from Budapest Airport to London Gatwick in March 2014, Norwegian announces it will double the service to six weekly for S16, as well as confirming a maximum of 14 weekly flights to its largest base at Oslo during the shoulder season next year.

## 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-September 2015 has exceeded +16%.
- Budapest Airport's route development for 2015 include:
  - Launched since September:
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Birmingham, starting 15 September 2015.
  - To launch:
    - Ryanair daily service to Copenhagen, starting 26 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;
    - 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;
    - Air Canada rouge, thrice-weekly service to Toronto, starting 10 June 2016.

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