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Budapest Airport: one in a million already!

More than one million passengers travelled through Budapest Airport last month, making it the busiest May on record for the capital city airport. As one of Europe's fastest growing airports, hitting the significant milestone two months earlier than it did in 2015, indicates another extraordinary year ahead for the Hungarian gateway. With passenger traffic growth continuing to be double-digit, Budapest Airport recorded a 12% year-on-year increase last month, surpassing the EU gross average of +7.8%.

The launch of several new routes in the first months of the year have primarily driven the growth in passenger figures. With eight of Budapest's largest carriers registering their highest number of passengers in May, some airlines recorded over 25% year-on-year growth including Wizz Air, British Airways, Norwegian and airberlin. Additionally, the success of long-haul routes to Canada and China has helped further boost these figures, and with new airline partners Air Canada rouge and Asiana Airlines still to launch routes in 2016, this year's passenger numbers are sure to be looking good for Budapest.

"Reaching yet another momentous threshold, and so early in the year, is a tremendous achievement for us and a direct result of our commitment to increase our choice of passenger connectivity," commented Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport. He added: "Having already achieved the one million passengers in a month milestone of last July – the height of our summer peak season – is a clear signal that the reputation of Budapest is going from strength to strength. We're in no doubt that 2016 will see us witness many more record-breaking results."



Photo Caption: Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport (second left) welcomed last July's one millionth passenger. Having reached the momentous threshold two months earlier this year, 2016's passenger numbers are sure to be looking good for Budapest.

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 10.3 million passengers in 2015, flying on the airport's services to 95 destinations across 36 countries.
- Monthly passenger traffic growth in the period to end-May 2016 has exceeded +12%.
- Budapest Airport's route development for 2016 include:

Already launched:

- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Nice, 11 March 2016;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden, 11 March 2016;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Malaga, 17 March 2016;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Malta, 19 March 2016;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Liverpool, 23 March 2016;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Reykjavik/Keflavik, 24 March 2016;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Baku, 24 March 2016;
- Ryanair, weekly service to Gran Canaria, 3 April 2016;
- easyJet thrice-weekly service to Lyon, 26 April 2016;
- Ryanair, weekly service to Corfu, 28 April 2016;
- Air Canada rouge, thrice-weekly service to Toronto, 11 June 2016.

To launch:

- Wizz Air weekly service to Ibiza, starting 18 June 2016;
- Ellinair weekly service to Thessaloniki, starting 19 June 2016;
- Asiana Airlines weekly service to Seoul Incheon, starting 1 July;
- Ryanair daily service to Berlin, starting 2 September 2016;
- Wizz Air four times weekly service to Bucharest, starting 19 September 2016;
- Wizz Air weekly service to Fuerteventura, starting 30 October 2016;
- Ryanair daily service to Nuremburg, starting 1 November 2016;
- Wizz Air weekly service to Lanzarote, starting 2 November 2016;
- Wizz Air thrice-weekly service to Sofia, starting 1 November 2016.

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