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Budapest Airport breaks yet another record and welcomes one million passengers in July

The run of success at Budapest Airport has hit new heights, with the Hungarian gateway bursting through the monthly one million passenger mark in July. The airport has never achieved the elusive milestone until this summer, making it the busiest month in its history. With passenger traffic growth continuing to be double-digit, just over one million passengers will have travelled through the airport this month, recording a 12% year-on-year increase, and again exceeding another record previously established last July.

Growth in passenger figures has been driven primarily by several new routes being added to the airport's schedule in the first months of the year. With load factors reaching 81.3%, ten of Budapest's largest carriers, including Wizz Air, Ryanair, Lufthansa and easyJet, registered their highest number of passengers in July. "The popularity of new long-haul routes to Canada and China, along with the marked increase in summer flights to traditional Mediterranean destinations, have allowed us to witness great results," commented Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport. He added: "We're having a truly remarkable summer. It's amazing to think of the numbers passing through our terminal, a clear signal that Budapest is an exciting tourism destination, as well as being able to offer our Hungarian travellers a great selection of destinations."

Having recently achieved 'Highly Commended' in the five-to-ten million passengers' category at the ACI EUROPE (Airports Council International) Best Airport Awards, Budapest's reputation is indisputably growing. The Central Eastern European airport was ranked among the best three airports in Europe, not only in passenger services, but also in management, commercial achievement and community relations.

Lammers continued: "Throughout 2015 we've seen passenger records smashed on a monthly basis, and now, having received yet another industry acknowledgement, our continuous efforts to make Budapest Airport one of the leading gateways in Europe are being recognised."



Photo Caption: Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport (second left) presents Orsolya Káli, the airport's one millionth passenger this month, and her husband Tamás Hadik with some flowers and two return economy tickets on Qatar Airways. Grisha Jeknov (right), Qatar Airways' Country Manager Eastern Europe was on hand to help with the celebrations. The lucky passengers were departing on the oneworld carrier's daily service from Budapest to Doha.



Photo Caption: 1,000,000 passengers have travelled through Budapest Airport in July, the busiest month in the history of the Hungarian gateway. Marking the elusive milestone with the lucky passengers and Qatar Airways crew member were: Budapest Airport's Executive Director Aviation Kam Jandu (left); Head of Airline Development Balázs Bogáts (third from left); and Airline Development Manager Eszter Almási (fourth from left).

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-June 2015 has exceeded +11%.
- 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 weekly service to Hurgada, 16 May 2015
 - Iberia six times weekly service to Madrid, 2 June 2015
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Bologna, 5 June 2015
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Glasgow, 13 June 2015

- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Alghero, 15 June 2015
- Air Transat weekly service to Montréal-Toronto, 18 June 2015
- SkyGreece Airlines twice-weekly service to Toronto, 18 June 2015

To launch:

- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Birmingham, starting 15 September 2015
- Ryanair daily service to Copenhagen, starting 25 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

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