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easyJet's enhances Budapest's UK network

Following on from the recent announcement of Wizz Air's expansion to the UK with a link to Doncaster Sheffield, plus LOT Polish Airlines confirming it will serve London City, Budapest Airport will further enhance capacity to the nation this winter as easyJet confirms it will introduce London Southend and Manchester to its Hungarian network. Launching on 2 and 5 November respectively, with both seeing twice-weekly departures on Mondays and Fridays, the airline is bolstering its existing UK service to London Gatwick.

As a direct result of Europe's second largest low-cost-carrier's (LCC) latest commitment to Budapest, weekly capacity to Manchester will be enhanced by 20% this winter, with the airline's planned twice-weekly service complementing the existing operations flown by Ryanair and Jet2.com. easyJet's new Southend route offers passengers even more choice when flying to London's newest airport, with the LCC's link adding to Flybe's existing Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays schedule.

Overall this winter Budapest will be connected to 15 destinations across the UK, with this latest announcement by easyJet further confirming it as the capital city airport's largest international market with passenger numbers reached over 2.15 million passengers in 2017, up 6.1% versus 2016.

"It is great that easyJet is enhancing its Budapest network and tripling its route count to the UK with these routes to London Southend and Manchester, highlighting how important the UK market is for Hungarian passengers as well as the popularity of Budapest as a European city break for British nationals," comments Balázs Bogáts, Head of Airline Development, Budapest Airport. "This expansion by easyJet means that this winter it will offer 10 routes from Budapest to destinations across the UK, France, Germany, Netherlands and Switzerland."



Photo caption: easyJet confirms the introduction of London Southend and Manchester to its network from Budapest Airport. Launching on 2 and 5 November respectively, the airline will bolster the Hungarian gateway's links to the UK this winter.

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 13 million passengers in 2017, flying on the airport's services to 125 destinations across 45 countries.
- Monthly passenger traffic growth July 2018 has exceeded +13%.
- Budapest Airport's route development includes:
 - Already launched:
 - easyJet daily service to Berlin Tegel, 9 January 2018;
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Stavanger, 15 March 2018;
 - Wizz Air four times weekly service to Athens, 25 March 2018;
 - Ryanair twice-weekly service to Santander, 26 March 2018;
 - Ryanair three times weekly service to Paphos, 27 March 2018;
 - LOT Polish Airlines six times weekly service to Krakow, 28 April 2018;
 - Wizz Air five times weekly service to Basel, 3 May 2018;
 - LOT Polish Airlines four times weekly service to New York JFK, 3 May 2018;
 - LOT Polish Airlines twice-weekly service to Chicago O'Hare, 5 May 2018;
 - American Airlines daily service to Philadelphia, 5 May 2018.

To launch:

- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Amman, starting 28 October 2018;
- Wizz Air three times weekly service to Doncaster Sheffield, starting 29 October 2018;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Marseille, starting 30 October 2018;
- easyJet twice-weekly service to London Southend, starting 2 November 2018;
- easyJet twice-weekly service to Manchester, starting 5 November 2018;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Eilat Ovda, starting 9 November 2018;
- LOT Polish Airlines 12 times weekly to London City, starting 19 February 2019.

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