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Budapest Airport add yet another new route with SAS Stockholm Arlanda flights from March

Hungary's capital city airport is already warming up for the summer 2015 with several route network expansion announcements. The latest is for the launch of SAS' services to Stockholm Arlanda. The four times weekly service will commence on 29 March 2015, using a variety of 737 equipment.

"We are really pleased to have another Stockholm service. The addition of SAS to this route serves considerable consumer demand from both business and leisure travellers for more flights between the Swedish and Hungarian capitals" said Kam Jandu, Chief Commercial Officer, Budapest Airport.

Norwegian will provide competition on the Budapest-Stockholm Arlanda route, to which SAS will add over 500 weekly seats, giving the Scandinavian national carrier a 33% share of all scheduled seats from Budapest to Sweden's largest airport, and 15% of Budapest's weekly Swedish operations. Overall Sweden is the 11th largest country market served from Budapest, with 22 weekly scheduled operations offering a total of 3,836 weekly seats (Source: Innovata schedule data, week commencing 5 April 2015.)

Commenting on the announcement, SAS' Executive Vice President, Eivind Roald said: "SAS has more destinations and more departures than any other Scandinavian airline. We know that frequent travellers prefer SAS – including when they go on vacation. So we are always offering new, attractive routes and destinations, with a focus next year on Hungary, Turkey and Austria."

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 8.5 million passengers in 2013, flying on the airport's services to 99 destinations across 34 countries.
- Monthly passenger traffic growth in the period to end-October 2014 has exceeded +7%.
- Budapest Airport's route development for 2014 include:
 - Launched since September:
 - o Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Kutaisi, 30 September
 - o Emirates Airlines daily service to Dubai, 27 October
 - To launch:
 - o Air Transat weekly service to Montréal-Toronto, starting 18 June 2015

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