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Budapest Airport marks the arrival of its third new carrier this year

After two successful flights over the peak Easter holiday season, Vueling commenced its full thrice-weekly service from the Hungarian capital city airport to its base in Barcelona on 21 June.



Photo Caption: Welcoming its third new airline in 2014, Budapest Airport cuts the ribbon with Vueling's Director of Network Planning and Scheduling, Javier Suarez (second left). Wishing Vueling success, Budapest Airport's CEO Jost Lammers comments: "Vueling's return to the Hungarian market will strengthen the Budapest-Barcelona route during the busy tourism season. We are thrilled Vueling have begun our third connection to the Catalanian capital, offering another alternative for Hungarian and Spanish passengers alike."



Photo Caption: Hungarian Ambassador, Enrique Pastor de Gana presents the celebratory cake while Javier Suarez, Director of Network Planning and Scheduling, Vueling adds: "We are delighted to return to the Hungarian market. We aim to make this route attractive to the tourist market as well as drawing the business traveller to our new service."

Arrival in the Barcelona market gives Vueling an immediate 18% share of flights and seats on a competitive route that is now served by three carriers. Offering 9% of Budapest's Spanish weekly operations, Vueling fills 9% of all scheduled seats to Spain. The launch further consolidates Spain's position as the eighth largest country market served from Budapest, with 32 weekly scheduled operations offering a total of 5,850 weekly seats (according to Innovata schedule data, week commencing 7 July).

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 49.67% stake, together with Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (18.17%), Malton Investment Pte Ltd. (18.17%), Aero Investment S.á.r.l. (10%) and KfW IPEX-Bank GmbH (4%).
- Budapest Airport welcomed 8.5 million passengers in 2013, flying on the airport's services to 99 destinations across 34 countries.
- Budapest Airport's route development for 2014 include:
 - Already launched:
 - Norwegian thrice-weekly service to London Gatwick, 30 March
 - Air Serbia daily service to Belgrade, 30 March
 - Jet2.com twice-weekly service to Leeds Bradford, 3 April
 - transavia.com France thrice-weekly service to Paris Orly, 15 April
 - Wizz Air weekly service to Alicante, starting 14 June
 - Vueling thrice-weekly service to Barcelona, 21 June
 - To launch:
 - Pegasus four times weekly service to Istanbul Sabiha Gökçen, starting 16 July
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Kutaisi, starting 30 September

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