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Budapest Airport commences its first service to Georgia with Wizz Air

Supporting the expansion of its home-base, and continuing its own ever-increasing route network, Wizz Air commenced its twice-weekly service from Budapest Airport to Kutaisi on 30 September. The launch of the 1,920-kilometre sector further establishes Wizz Air's development at the Hungarian capital airport, now filling 22% of all weekly scheduled flights from Budapest, with 164 weekly operations (according to Innovata schedule data, week commencing 5 October). In addition to Baku, the new link to Georgia is the second flight to the Caucasus region the airport now offers.



Photo Caption: Welcoming its first direct flight to Kutaisi, and only the second service available from Central and Eastern Europe to Georgia, Budapest Airport's Airline Development Manager, Sándor Saly (right) presents the traditional route launch cake to the crew and Wizz Air's, Corporate Communications Manager Tamara Mshvenieradze (left) .



Photo Caption: Commenting on the launch, Tamara Mshvenieradze, Wizz Air, Corporate Communications Manager (centre) said: "Wizz Air keeps expanding operations and continues to grow passenger traffic, boosting tourism in Hungary. We hope this new route will be just as popular as the other 28 we offer in the Hungarian network."

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.
 - Monthly passenger traffic growth in the period to end-August 2014 has exceeded +7%.
 - 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, 14 June
 - Vueling thrice-weekly service to Barcelona, 21 June
 - Pegasus four times weekly service to Istanbul Sabiha Gökçen, 16 July
 - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Kutaisi, 30 September
 - To launch:
 - Emirates Airlines daily service to Dubai, starting 27 October
- To find out more on Budapest Airport, visit www.bud.hu

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