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## Çelebi Ground Handling opens two new lounges at Budapest Airport

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Çelebi Ground Handling has opened a new business lounge for premium airline cardholders and VIP travellers at the non-Schengen Terminal 2B and at the General Aviation Terminal of Budapest Airport. The Çelebi Platinum Lounge, at the top of the transit area of Terminal 2B, offers an unbeatable view of the airport apron with quick and easy access to all departing flights.

Çelebi Ground Handling held a special open day at Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport in order to mark the opening of the reconstructed Çelebi Platinum Lounge at Terminal 2B. With this work completed, all special VIP areas of Çelebi Ground Handling, located at Terminal 2A, Terminal 2B and at the General Aviation Terminal, will have the same high-level interior design and will provide extra comfort for passengers using them. Çelebi Ground Handling has spent €250,000 refurbishing just the 2B Çelebi Platinum Lounge in order to provide world-class comfort for airline premium card holders and other VIP travellers.

Çelebi Ground Handling signed a five-year lease agreement with Budapest Airport for providing lounge and ground handling services at the General Aviation Terminal last year. In accordance with the agreement, Budapest Airport has completely refurbished the building and upgraded all areas for daily operations (e.g. security, border control and customs) at the General Aviation Terminal. Çelebi Ground Handling has in turn carried out a full interior re-design and upgrade of the lounge areas. The GAT building serves the exclusive travel needs of passengers of business jets and other smaller private aircraft, including world-famous movie stars, high-ranking diplomats, business people, and even Formula 1 drivers and their teams. Among the travellers using the General Aviation Terminal were celebrities such as Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt, recently in Budapest for a film shoot, as well as F1 drivers including Jenson Button or Kimi Raikönen.

The Çelebi Open Day at Budapest Airport was attended by His Excellency Sakir Fakili, the Ambassador of Turkey in Budapest and Mr. Çan Çelebioglu, Chairman & Shareholder, Çelebi Aviation Holding, Mr. Onno Boots, CEO, Çelebi Aviation Holding, Mr. Atilla Korkmazoğlu, President Ground Handling & Cargo (EMEA) and many other important Turkish companies operating in Hungary. At the opening ceremony, CEO Mr. Onno Boots said: "The investment in the new lounge confirms Çelebi's long-term commitment to Budapest Airport, and re-affirms its focus on continuously enhancing services through a total quality approach that is strongly embedded in the Çelebi culture."

"We are delighted to see the opening of the Çelebi Platinum Lounge and the newly refurbished General Aviation Terminal Lounge, executed by one of our largest airport partners, Çelebi Ground Handling," said René Droese, Property Director, Budapest Airport. He added: "We share the same business philosophy with Çelebi in passenger services, that 'only excellent is acceptable', since we want to provide an exceptional travel experience to all our passengers

from low-cost customers to leading world business people who travel with their own business jets via Budapest. Budapest Airport wishes every success to Çelebi Ground Handling with the operation of their new GAT and Celebi Platinum Lounge.”



Photo caption: Turkish Ambassador Sakir Faikili and Can Celebioglu, Chairman & Shareholder, Çelebi Aviation Holding opens the Platinum Lounge of Çelebi Ground Handling at Budapest Airport.

Further photos of the event can be downloaded from here: <http://goo.gl/64CwSe>

### 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-December 2014 has exceeded +7%.

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