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## Budapest Airport boosts Canadian connections

On course to record its best-ever year, Budapest Airport announces another significant development to its route network. Less than a year into service, Air Canada rouge has confirmed it will strengthen the airport's links to Canada and increase its existing thrice-weekly operation to five-times weekly from 19 May 2017.

Following highly successful operations in its first few months, the leisure carrier's additional connections to Toronto Pearson will mean close to 15,000 extra seats next year, increasing Budapest's weekly capacity to Canada by 47%. Air Canada rouge's additional services throughout S17 will give the carrier an increased year-on-year capacity of 66%.

Commenting on the additional capacity, Kam Jandu, CCO, Budapest Airport says: "Air Canada rouge experienced great success with us in 2016 and this latest frequency increase provides a clear indication of their continued commitment to ensure customers have more choice available to them when travelling to North America. These extra services will considerably boost our links to Canada and further enhance our growing status as a first-rate gateway."



Photo caption: Welcoming new carrier Air Canada rouge earlier this year, Budapest Airport announces the leisure carrier's frequency increase of an additional two weekly rotations to Toronto Pearson from 19 May 2017, significantly improving the airport's connections to Canada.

## 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 10.3 million passengers in 2015, flying on the airport's services to 95 destinations across 36 countries.
- Monthly passenger traffic growth in the period to end-October 2016 has exceeded +12.1%.
- Budapest Airport's route development includes:

### Launched since June:

- Air Canada Rouge, thrice-weekly service to Toronto, 11 June 2016;
- Wizz Air weekly service to Ibiza, 18 June 2016;
- Bulgaria Air four-times weekly service to Sofia, 20 June;
- Asiana Airlines weekly service to Seoul Incheon, 1 July;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Varna, 3 August;
- Ryanair daily service to Berlin, 2 September 2016;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Porto, 4 September 2016;
- Air Algerie twice-weekly service to Algeria, 15 September 2015;
- Wizz Air four times weekly service to Bucharest, 19 September 2016;
- Wizz Air weekly service to Fuerteventura, starting 30 October 2016;
- easyJet thrice-weekly service to Venice Marco Polo, starting 31 October 2016;
- Ryanair daily service to Nuremberg, starting 1 November 2016;
- Wizz Air thrice-weekly service to Sofia, starting 1 November 2016;
- Wizz Air weekly service to Lanzarote, starting 2 November 2016.

### To launch:

- easyJet thrice-weekly service to Amsterdam, starting 6 February 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Faro, starting 1 April 2017;
- Wizz Air four times weekly service to Hannover, starting 10 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Bergen, starting 10 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Lamezia Terme, starting 12 April 2017;

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