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Budapest Airport welcomes Winter 2016/17

While welcoming close to one million extra travellers than this time last year, Budapest Airport is firmly on the road to reach the 11 million mark in 2016. Having already celebrated 19 new links during the summer season – notably an additional direct link to Toronto with new airline partner, Air Canada route – the capital city continues to far outperform the European passenger average growth.

Continuing to develop its solid route network, the Hungarian gateway has launched W16/17 by welcoming five new routes in the first week, from three of its largest airlines: home-based Wizz Air's weekly services to Fuerteventura and Lanzarote, as well as thrice-weekly service to Sofia; Europe's largest low-cost carrier, Ryanair's daily flight to Nuremberg; and leading British low-cost carrier, easyJet's thrice-weekly service to Venice Marco Polo.

Celebrating three of the capital city airport's new links



Photo caption: Welcoming easyJet's second link to Italy from Budapest Airport on 31 October along with crew were: William Vet, Commercial Manager for Netherlands, easyJet and Balázs Bogáts, Head of Airline Development, Budapest Airport. The low-cost carrier (LCC) will be connecting the Hungarian gateway to Venice Marco Polo Airport – the city's main airport – with a thrice-weekly service. As well as recently announcing a new link to Amsterdam from 6 February 2017, the LCC will now operate eight routes from Hungary, the new links joining London Gatwick, Berlin, Paris, Lyon, Basel and Geneva on the carrier's network.



Photo caption: Starting Budapest's new link to Bavaria, Ryanair began its daily service to Nuremberg on 1 November. Home to one of Hungary's largest expat communities, with more than 60,000 Hungarians living in the region, the growing number of indirect passengers from Bavaria will welcome the in-demand direct link. Facing no competition on the airport pair, the low-cost carrier now serves a total of 20 routes from the Hungarian gateway.



Photo caption: Launching Budapest's first route to Lanzarote, Wizz Air's inaugural flight to the easternmost Canary Island was welcomed on 2 November by Balázs Bogáts, Head of Airline Development, Budapest Airport, and Tamara Vallois, Head of Communications, Wizz Air (right). Alongside the recently announced new destinations for S17 – Faro, Hannover, Bergen and Lamezia Terme – the new weekly service to Lanzarote means that Budapest's home-based carrier will connect Hungary's capital to 58 cities.

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-September 2016 has exceeded +8.2%.
- 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, 30 October 2016;
- easyJet thrice-weekly service to Venice Marco Polo, 31 October 2016;
- Ryanair daily service to Nuremberg, 1 November 2016;
- Wizz Air thrice-weekly service to Sofia, 1 November 2016;
- Wizz Air weekly service to Lanzarote, 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;
- TAP Portugal daily service to Lisbon, starting 1 June 2017.

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