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## Budapest Airport wins fourth Skytrax Award in a row!

(Text prepared by Budapest Airport)

**Budapest Airport has been awarded the Skytrax title for “Best Airport in the Region” for the fourth time in a row – the first time in the history of the awards that an Eastern European airport has kept its top position for four consecutive years.**

Presented at the gala reception of the biggest airport-related fair on the continent, the Skytrax World Airport Awards were staged last night at Passenger Terminal EXPO. Hosted in Amsterdam this year, the award for winning the title of “Best Airport in the Region” was accepted by Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport, and his team. Based on the feedback of more than 2,000 passengers travelling through the airport, the results of the awards are purely based on their opinion, with no influence other than the provision of excellent services and a great airport experience.

Budapest had another record-breaking year in 2016, welcoming over 11.4 million passengers from all over the world, travelling with almost 40 different airlines. The double-digit growth rate of passenger traffic goes hand-in-hand with a series of large-scale investments into airport safety and security, retail, food and beverage, parking and other services at the airport.

Launching BUD:2020 last year, Budapest initiated a five-year development programme, investing over €160 million in the project which includes: construction of a new 12,000m<sup>2</sup> passenger pier with 10 contact bridges and 27 boarding gates, the creation of an on-site airport hotel, new parking facilities, logistics bases, and other technical improvements aimed at enhancing the airport experience of passengers for the coming years.

“I am both very delighted and proud of holding the prestigious Skytrax Award in my hands for the fourth time – this is the recognition of the commitment of hundreds and thousands of people working at Budapest Airport,” said Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport, upon receiving the award. He added: “Quality remains our focus. We want to provide excellent services in all elements of airport experience to travellers, whether they are young backpackers, families with small children or business travellers. Budapest offers a wide range of exciting attractions to all our visitors and we want to continue to be part of the unforgettable memories of Hungary.”



Photo caption: Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport (left) and his team accept Budapest's fourth Skytrax Award for "Best Airport in Eastern Europe 2016" – the first time in the awards' history that an Eastern European airport has won for four consecutive years.

#### 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 more than 11.4 million passengers in 2016, flying on the airport's services to 111 destinations across 38 countries.
- Monthly passenger traffic growth in the period to end-February 2017 has exceeded +14.8%.
- Budapest Airport's route development includes:
  - Already launched:
    - easyJet three times weekly service to Amsterdam, 6 February 2017.
  - To launch:
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Faro, starting 1 April 2017;
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Skopje, starting 2 April 2017;
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Podgorica, starting 3 April 2017;
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Tirana, starting 5 April 2017;
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Sarajevo, starting 5 April 2017;
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Pristina, starting 7 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;
    - Flybe three times weekly service to London Southend, starting 4 May 2017;
    - Ukraine International Airlines, daily service to Kiev Boryspil, starting 15 June 2017;
    - TAP Portugal daily service to Lisbon, starting 1 July 2017;
    - Wizz Air, twice-weekly service to Bordeaux, starting 22 September 2017;
    - Ryanair, service to Valencia, starting Winter 17/18;
    - Ryanair, service to Edinburgh, starting Winter 17/18;
    - Ryanair, service to Prague, starting Winter 17/18;
    - Wizz Air daily service to Frankfurt, starting 15 December 2017.

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