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Budapest Airport retains Skytrax title 'Best Airport in Eastern Europe'

Budapest Airport adds to its ever-growing list of achievements and retains the prestigious title of 'Best Airport in Eastern Europe', announced at the Skytrax World Airport Awards ceremony last night. For the first time in its history, the airport was named the winner for a second year in a row, receiving the accolade during Passenger Terminal EXPO 2015 conference and exhibition in the heart of Paris.

Receiving the esteemed industry award on behalf of the airport, Péter Huszka, COO of Budapest Airport commented: "To earn the ranking as the top airport in Eastern Europe for a second consecutive year is truly a notable achievement for us all at Budapest Airport. The Skytrax Awards are iconic throughout the air transport industry and reflect not only the outstanding service provided to our passengers but also our continued commitment to further improvements. We are highly honoured to retain our position as overall winner in our region, the recognition from our passengers is exceedingly significant for all airport staff and an incentive for continued excellence."

Skytrax World Airport Awards are announced following the results of passenger surveys conducted throughout airports, objectively evaluating the quality of services provided. Based on 12 million customer nominations, across 110 nationalities, and including 410 airports worldwide, the survey evaluates airports across 39 services and products, from check-in, arrivals, security, shopping, through to transfers and departure at the gate. Being named winner for a second year running is testament to Budapest Airport's ever-expanding popularity as an important tourist destination.

Acknowledging the award, Jost Lammers, CEO of Budapest Airport added: "It is exceptionally rewarding to see that our dedication and commitment have been recognised by such a prestigious industry accolade, which celebrates airports worldwide continuously improving passenger experience. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all departments and staff at our airport for their steadfast support and hard work."

Photo Caption: Péter Huszka, COO, Budapest Airport, is presented with the 'Best Airport Eastern Europe' Award by Skytrax Chairman, Edward Plaisted at last night's ceremony: "We are highly honoured by the recognition of our passengers for our continued commitment to service and quality."

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-February 2015 has exceeded +13%.
- Budapest Airport's route development for 2015 include:
    - Vueling thrice-weekly services to Barcelona and Rome, starting 27 March 2015
    - SAS four-times weekly service to Stockholm Arlanda, starting 29 March 2015
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Lisbon, starting 30 March 2015
    - Ryanair four-times weekly service to Athens, starting 1 April 2015
    - Wizz Air four-times weekly service to Maastricht, starting 15 May 2015
    - Wizz Air once-weekly service to Hurghada, starting 16 May 2015
    - SkyGreece Airlines twice-weekly service to Toronto, starting 22 May 2015
    - Iberia and Iberia Express seven-times services to Madrid, starting 2 June 2015
    - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Alghero, starting 15 June 2015
    - Air Transat weekly service to Montréal-Toronto, starting 18 June 2015

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