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Budapest Airport's record breaking start

Budapest Airport has witnessed its best-ever start to a year, resulting in the Hungarian gateway breaking the monthly one million passenger mark in April, a month earlier than it did last year. Following its 40th consecutive month of growth, Budapest recorded an impressive 17.5% year-on-year increase in passenger traffic in April, more than double the EU gross average of 7%. As one of Europe's fastest growing major airports, early forecasts show Hungary's capital city airport will welcome more than 12 million passengers in 2017, breaking yet another record.

Growth in passenger figures has been driven primarily by multiple new routes being added to Budapest's schedule in the first months of 2017 – having already launched 11 new services this year, the airport has 13 more still to start. "We will offer close to 800,000 more seats this summer than in 2016, a considerable 8% increase in the height of our peak season," stated Jost Lammers, CEO, Budapest Airport. "So far this year we've seen our passenger records beaten on a monthly basis as well as a significant reduction in our seasonality. With the marked expansion in our summer schedule we're in no doubt that we will continue on this path of rapid growth," added Lammers.

With Hungary welcoming over 16 million visitors for the first time in its tourism history, Budapest Airport is investing €160 million into its infrastructure over the next three years to ensure it can meet the requirements of its future growth and continuous route network expansion. Hungary's capital city airport's development plan bud:2020, includes the construction of a 145-room airport hotel opening later this year, a new pier in the non-Schengen area due to be completed by S18, check-in extensions opening this summer, and several new facilities for cargo integrators and handlers. Lammers continued: "We can proudly state that the number of passengers passing through our terminal is truly remarkable. If growth continues at this rate we may well need to accelerate new terminal plans within our master planning programme."

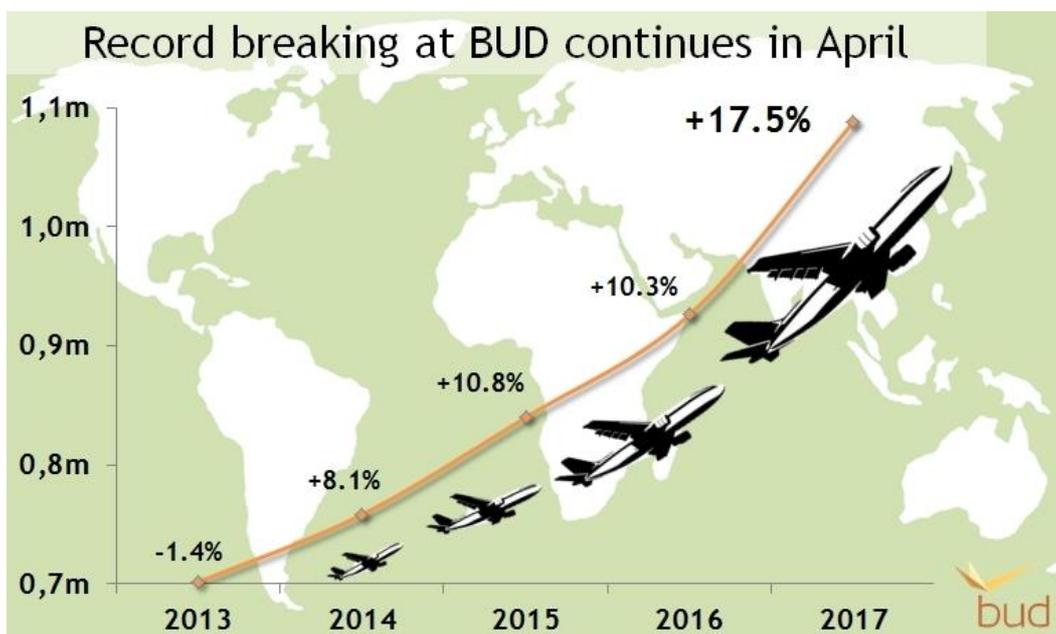


Photo caption: Breaking the monthly one million passengers threshold in April, a month earlier than it did last year, 2017's passenger numbers are sure to be looking good for Budapest.

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 April 2017 has exceeded +17.5%.
- Budapest Airport's route development includes:

Already launched:

- easyJet three times weekly service to Amsterdam, 6 February 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Faro, 1 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Skopje, 2 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Podgorica, 3 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Tirana, 5 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Sarajevo, 5 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Pristina, 7 April 2017;
- Wizz Air four times weekly service to Hannover, 10 April 2017;
- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Bergen, 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.

To launch:

- Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Astana, starting 8 June 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 St Petersburg, starting 27 August 2017;
- Wizz Air, twice-weekly service to Bordeaux, starting 22 September 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Lviv, starting 25 October 2017;
- Ryanair five times weekly service to Prague, starting 29 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Palermo, starting 29 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Marrakech, starting 30 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Valencia, starting 30 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Edinburgh, starting 30 October 2017;
- Ryanair twice-weekly service to Naples, starting 30 October 2017;
- Wizz Air daily service to Frankfurt, starting 15 December 2017.

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