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PRESS RELEASE**WIZZ AIR GETS CRACKING IN KRAKÓW**

Caption: Marking the announcement of basing two aircraft at Kraków Airport were Stephen Jones, EVP and Deputy CEO at Wizz Air and Radosław Włoszek, President of the Kraków Airport Management Board. The airline will start flights to 12 destinations from April 2019, with the first of its based A321s arriving in May.

Kraków Airport has added another tailfin to its growing portfolio of airlines, as Wizz Air announces the basing of two A321s at the facility from next May enabling it to fly to 12 destinations in nine countries. Once the Ultra Low-Cost Carrier's (ULCC) full schedule is in operation in September, the airline will offer 46 departures and over 10,500 one-way seats a week from Poland's second busiest airport.

The introduction of these flights will see 10 new destinations and one new country market (Georgia) added to the airport's growing route map. Becoming the Wizz Air's 26th base in total and its fifth in Poland, the airline will start its first two routes from Kraków on 4 April, a double-daily service from London Luton and a four times weekly operation from Kiev Zhulyany.

The arrival of the first based 230-seat A321 in May will see the ULCC commence connections to Billund, Catania, Nice and Turku (all flown twice-weekly), as well as Doncaster Sheffield and Bari

(both three times weekly). Four months later the second aircraft will arrive in Kraków, with additional flights to Larnaca, Kharkiv and Kutaisi (all twice-weekly) joined by a daily service to Oslo Gardermoen.

“Małopolska Province attracts many investors, and the aviation sector is no exception – the proof of this is the launch of another based carrier here at Kraków Airport,” says Radosław Włoszek, President of the Kraków Airport Management Board. “The result of multifaceted negotiations, the strategy for the development of a diversified network of connections at the airport is now further improved by Wizz Air. We hope that this news will be interesting for our passengers and will have a positive impact on the local market.”

During a press conference in Balice, Stephen Jones, EVP and deputy CEO at Wizz Air, said: “This announcement underlines our commitment to Poland, our first market where we launched operations back in 2004. We chose Kraków to be our newest base in Poland as we see the potential and the demand for low-cost travel in this city, which is one of the most popular tourist destinations as well as a rapidly developing business hub.”

As a result of Wizz Air’s expansion, Kraków expects to offer flights to 29 countries and over 100 direct destination in S19. The ULCC will become the airport’s 24th airline partner offering scheduled flights.

Notes to Editors:

Kraków Airport is now the largest regional airport in Poland.

In 2017, Kraków Airport handled 5.8 million passengers and expects to pass 6.7 million in 2018.

Over the next 20 years, Kraków Airport plans to invest about PLN 1 billion in infrastructure development.

In 2017, Kraków Airport won first place and was recognised with the prestigious ASQ award in the category Europe – Best Improvement by Region by Airports Council International, for improving the quality of its passenger service. The airport’s route development strategy was also acknowledged: Kraków Airport received a nomination for the World Routes Marketing Awards.

Kraków is the second largest city in Poland, its historic centre is a UNESCO World Heritage site. The city of Kraków and region of Małopolska are the important academic, tourist and business centres. They are also widely recognised as the places for outsourcing and innovation.

Routes launched in 2018:

26 March – Norwegian twice-weekly service to Helsinki;

27 March – Ryanair twice-weekly service to Bourgas;

8 April – flydubai daily service to Dubai;

28 April – LOT Polish Airlines five times weekly service to Budapest;

9 October – Transavia four times weekly service to Eindhoven;

28 October – Laudamotion three times weekly to Vienna;

29 October – easyjet four times weekly service to London Luton;

29 October – Ryanair twice-weekly service to Amman;

29 October – Ryanair three times weekly service to Kiev Boryspil;

30 October – Ryanair three times weekly service to Lviv;

9 November – Jet2.com twice-weekly service to Leeds Bradford.

Still to launch:

16 December – Blue Air three times weekly service to Turin;
26 February 2019 – LOT Polish Airlines twice-weekly service to Tel Aviv;
1 April 2019 – Ryanair twice-weekly service to Bordeaux;
2 April 2019 – Ryanair twice-weekly service to Hamburg;
2 April 2019 – Laudamotion three times weekly service to Stuttgart;
2 April 2019 – Ryanair three times weekly service to Szczecin;
4 April 2019 – Wizz Air four times weekly service to Kiev Zhulyany;
4 April 2019 – Wizz Air twice-daily service to London Luton;
1 May 2019 – Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Nice;
1 May 2019 – Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Turku;
2 May 2019 – Wizz Air three times weekly service to Bari;
3 May 2019 – Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Billund;
3 May 2019 – Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Catania;
3 May 2019 – Wizz Air three times weekly service to Doncaster Sheffield;
16 September 2019 – Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Kharkhiv;
16 September 2019 – Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Larnaca;
16 September 2019 – Wizz Air daily service to Oslo Gardermoen;
18 September 2019 – Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Kutaisi;
29 November 2019 – Jet2.com twice-weekly to Glasgow.

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