

Mastercard Airport Lounge Budapest Re-opened in partnership with Plaza Premium Group

Introducing upgraded experience with brand new décor, facilities and culinary options





Refurbished Mastercard Lounge operated by Plaza Premium Group at Budapest Airport

BUDAPEST, 1 February, 2023 – A fully refurbished Mastercard Airport Lounge has re-opened at Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport, in partnership with Plaza Premium Group, the world's leading airport hospitality solution provider. The new airport lounge will allow Mastercard guests to step outside the bustle of the airport and enjoy premium services ensuring an elevated travel experience. The Mastercard Airport Lounge is available exclusively to holders of Hungary-issued World Elite, Platinum, Business Platinum and Gold Mastercard and internationally-issued World Elite and Black Mastercard.

"We are really excited to start a new chapter of the renewed Mastercard Premium Lounge. Our main goal hasn't changed: we want to offer our premium cardholders an experience they can't find anywhere else. The renewal is not limited to the space, but also to the catering, refreshments, and other services available to Mastercard Premium cardholders. We believe we have found the best partner in Plaza Premium Group and we're looking forward to exploring new ways to take our services to the next level."- said **Endre Eölyüs, Country Manager of Hungary and Slovenia at Mastercard.**

Conveniently located at the mezzanine level of the SkyCourt hall in Terminal 2, the new lounge will serve as an ultimate location for working, relaxation and dining that Mastercard guests can enjoy prior to the flight. It opens daily from 0500 to 2100.

Spanning across 160 square meters with interiors inspired by the Danube River, the lounge can accommodate up to 56 travellers at a time. A fluid interior with smooth and curved linear surfaces create a relaxing and serene atmosphere. To maximise the experience, travellers will be offered a selection of hot and cold dishes along with signature beverages served at the dedicated bar area throughout the day. The newly opened lounge also boasts a quiet zone for those who wish to have a peaceful moment prior to departure.

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"As travel demand is continuously rising, we are grateful to be trusted by Mastercard to expanding our world-class airport hospitality services to the premium cardholders in Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport. With Plaza Premium Group's 25 years of expertise in building exceptional lounge operations, we are confident in developing a comfortable, memorable, and seamless airport experience that delights Mastercard customers and serves travelers evolving needs and expectations. With this milestone we aim to set a solid foundation for a broader collaboration with Mastercard in the near future." said Okan Kufeci, Senior Vice President, Europe, Middle East, and Africa at Plaza Premium Group.

This partnership will be adding to the PPG's growing global portfolio of airport lounges, currently operating two other Plaza Premium Lounge own-branded lounges in Terminal 2 Departures, one in SkyCourt hall and another in Terminal 2B of Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport.

"It is great to see Plaza Premium Group operating the newly refurbished Mastercard Lounge at Budapest Airport. We trust that Premium Mastercard cardholders travelling from Budapest Airport will now have access to the highest level of service with this proven International Lounge operating partner." said Manel Moreno, Mobility and Commercial Passenger Services Director at Budapest Airport.

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Images:



Mastercard Lounge – With a backdrop of abstraction of the Danube River throughout



Mastercard Lounge - Bar and dining area demonstrates the perfect place to relax and unwind before your flight

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About Plaza Premium Group

With a mission to *Make Travel Better*, Plaza Premium Group is the pioneer and industry leader in innovating global airport hospitality services and facilities in over 250 locations of more than 70 international airports across the world. Established in 1998 and headquartered in Hong Kong, the group comprises four core business segments — airport lounges Plaza Premium First and Plaza Premium Lounge; airport terminal hotels Aerotel; Airport meet & greet services ALLWAYS and a range of Airport Dining concepts. The Group has also developed Smart Traveller, a mobile-app based global airport membership programme that is designed for air travellers, offering uniquely-curated perks, benefits and rewards experience through points earning and redemption. In addition to its own brands,

Plaza Premium Group provides airport hospitality solutions to leading airlines, alliances, and corporates around the world, including but not limited to Cathay Pacific Airways, Singapore Airlines, China Southern Airlines, Virgin Atlantic, Air France, Star Alliance, SkyTeam, American Express, Capital One and many more.

The Group has won more than 60 accolades in the last five years, including "World's Best Independent Airport Lounge" for five consecutive years from 2016 to 2022 at the Skytrax World Airline Awards, the global benchmark of aviation excellence, and "Best Airport Lounge Operator" for 2018 & 2019 by *TTG Asia* magazine. In 2020, the Group has successfully been awarded ISO 9001:2015 for Hong Kong Headquarters, proving the quality management in providing airport lounge services. In addition, the group's Founder and CEO Mr. Song Hoi-see was named Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year and Master Entrepreneur of the Year 2018 Malaysia. Plaza Premium Group currently employs over 5,000 staff and serves more than 20 million global passengers annually. By continuously innovating and striving to surpass travellers' expectations of airport experiences, the group is growing exponentially across major international airports globally.

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