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## Capacity increase on Lufthansa flights between Munich and Debrecen

As a result of a cooperation between BMW Group Plant Debrecen and Lufthansa, the capacity of the flights between Debrecen and Munich have been increased. On Mondays and Fridays, the route will be operated with an Airbus A321neo, which is the airline's largest aircraft in service on short- and medium-haul flights. In order to accommodate the 215-seat aircraft, a number of infrastructure improvements have been implemented at the airport of Debrecen, which will contribute to increasing the economic competitiveness of the region.

Since 1 April, Debrecen International Airport has been able to receive the Airbus A321neo, one of the widest-bodied single-aisle aircraft, equipped with 215 seats.

In 2025, the BMW Group's most recent production facility in Debrecen will start manufacturing the all-electric Neue Klasse, which constitutes a milestone in the history of the company. As the start of production nears, many associates of the BMW Group will travel regularly between Debrecen and the Bavarian capital, mainly on business visits and for training courses, in order to ensure that the production of the revolutionary Neue Klasse generation can start as smoothly as possible. For this reason, the expansion of the capacities on the Lufthansa flights is also a welcome development for the company, said Liv Eske Herrström, CFO and Managing Director.

"With the long-term agreement we have just concluded, we are also creating the opportunity for BMW's innovators and engineers to work more efficiently in two key European locations for e-mobility," said Johannes Walter, Vice President Area Management Home Markets and Global B2B Servicing at Lufthansa Group Airlines. "We are proud that BMW chose our existing 90-minute scheduled flight, and that we were able to offer additional capacities on this route. This is a more efficient and effective arrangement for all parties. The capacity increase made available on the



Debrecen route is an important development for Eastern Hungary: our airline, which offers destinations worldwide, creates further business development opportunities," he added.

László Papp, mayor of Debrecen, highlighted that the Debrecen International Airport has been enabled to accommodate aircraft with higher capacity than before by way of a number of infrastructure improvements, which will also continue in the future.

The increased capacity scheduled flights between Debrecen and Munich on Mondays and Fridays are available to all passengers.

Lufthansa, which has been flying on this route since 2016, operates two additional weekly flights between the county seat and the Bavarian capital.

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## **BMW** Group Plant Debrecen

On an area of more than 400 hectares in Debrecen, located in the north-eastern part of Hungary, the BMW Group is building a complete vehicle factory with a press shop, body shop, paint shop, assembly and battery module assembly. The company is investing more than  $\in$ 2 billion (HUF 820 billion) in the site, which will manufacture all-electric vehicles only, starting from 2025. The plant will produce approximately 150,000 cars per year. The model manufactured in Debrecen will form the basis of the NEUE KLASSE, a new vehicle architecture for all-electric vehicles.

## The BMW Group

With its four brands BMW, MINI, Rolls-Royce and BMW Motorrad, the BMW Group is the world's leading premium manufacturer of automobiles and motorcycles and also provides premium financial and mobility services. The BMW Group production network comprises 30 production and assembly facilities around the world, and the company has a global sales network in more than 140 countries.



Plant Debrecen



In 2023, the BMW Group sold over 2.55 million passenger vehicles and more than 209,000 motorcycles worldwide. The profit before tax in financial year 2023 was € 17.1 billion on revenues amounting to € 155.5 billion. As of 31 December 2023, the BMW Group had a workforce of 154,950 employees.

The success of the BMW Group has always been based on long-term thinking and responsible action. The company has therefore established ecological and social sustainability throughout the value chain, comprehensive product responsibility and a clear commitment to conserving resources as an integral part of its strategy.

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