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## **New Flights from Debrecen to Leipzig and Malta starting late March**

Universal Airlines will launch two round-trip flights a week on the Debrecen-Leipzig route from March 30, creating a direct connection between the two cities home to the automotive factories of the BMW Group.

From March 30, Maltese Universal Airlines will launch a direct flight on Thursdays and Sundays on the Debrecen-Leipzig route. In recent years, a strong working relationship has developed between employees of BMW Group Plant Leipzig—celebrating 20 years of operations this year with 3.75 million BMW and MINI vehicles manufactured—and BMW Group Plant Debrecen, where the first model of the revolutionary Neue Klasse generation will start rolling off the production line at the end of this year. This connection will be further strengthened by the direct flight between the two cities.

Universal Airlines will operate the Debrecen–Leipzig route using a De Havilland Canada Dash 8 aircraft with 78 seats. The first flight to Leipzig will depart from Debrecen International Airport on 30 March.

In addition to Leipzig, Universal Airlines will also operate round-trip flights from Debrecen to Luqa, Malta, on Thursdays and Sundays.

“The new Universal Air flights build a bridge between Debrecen and Leipzig, facilitating travel not only for our regularly commuting employees but also creating new opportunities for businesses and residents of both cities to explore each other’s regions. As a Maltese airline, we are especially pleased that Universal Air is also launching a direct flight to its home country, making one of Europe’s most popular holiday destinations easily accessible to residents around Debrecen,” said Réka Jenei, Head of Communications at BMW Group Plant Debrecen.

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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 €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 services. The BMW Group production network comprises over 30 production sites worldwide; the company has a global sales network in more than 140 countries.

In 2024, the BMW Group sold over 2.45 million passenger vehicles and more than 210,000 motorcycles worldwide. The profit before tax in the financial year 2024 was € 11.0 billion on revenues amounting to € 142.4 billion. As of 31 December 2024, the BMW Group had a workforce of 159,104 employees.

The economic success of the BMW Group has always been based on long-term thinking and responsible action. Sustainability is a key element of the BMW Group's corporate strategy and covers all products from the supply chain and production to the end of their useful life.

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