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Leeds city centre celebration marks 20th anniversary of Ryanair at Leeds Bradford Airport

Wednesday 3rd August: Ryanair's 20th anniversary of flying at Leeds Bradford Airport has today been marked by a soaring flight giveaway in Leeds City Centre.

The three fastest people to successfully complete the loop of a Ryanair plane shaped buzzwire have each won a pair of return flights to one of Ryanair's newest destinations from Leeds Bradford Airport - Warsaw.

Europe's largest airline, which flies to 25 destinations from Leeds Bradford Airport, first started operating from Yorkshire's gateway airport to Dublin in 1996 and now operates three based aircraft year round. In 2010, Leeds Bradford Airport became Ryanair's 34th base in Europe and its network of routes from LBA has grown to provide a wide choice of low cost services for Yorkshire passengers travelling to nine countries across Europe.

Tony Hallwood, Aviation Development Director at Leeds Bradford Airport, said: "It's brilliant to be able to mark the 20th anniversary of Ryanair at Leeds Bradford Airport in this way. It has been a great day in the centre of Leeds - creating a real 'buzz' of excitement around the 20th anniversary. Congratulations to all winners!

"Whether you are travelling for leisure or on business there is a real appetite for Ryanair's growing number of year-round destinations at Leeds Bradford Airport, offering a fantastic range of city breaks, summer and winter sun destinations alongside flying an increasing number of overseas visitors to Yorkshire.

"We now look forward to working closely with Ryanair to increase the range of services to meet customer demand for air travel across Yorkshire. Here's to the next 20 years of Ryanair flying at Leeds Bradford Airport!"

Ryanair's Chief Marketing Officer, Kenny Jacobs, said: "Ryanair is delighted to celebrate 20 years of low fares at Leeds Bradford Airport. Over the past two decades, we have seen increased demand from both Yorkshire consumers and visitors for Ryanair's low fares, with our routes to and from Dublin, Gdansk, Venice Treviso and Ibiza proving particularly popular.

"We're continuing to grow our Leeds Bradford Airport route network, with four new routes to Bratislava, Gran Canaria, Vilnius and Warsaw this winter, which will continue for summer 2017, as well as a new route to Girona; as we grow our Leeds traffic by 20% for Summer 2017. This will help deliver 1.3m customers p.a. and support 975* jobs at Leeds Bradford Airport – and we look forward to the next 20 years and beyond."

To find out more information and book Ryanair flights from Leeds Bradford Airport, visit www.ryanair.com

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*ACI research confirms up to 750 'on-site' jobs are sustained at international airports for every 1m passengers

Image caption: (L-R) Tony Hallwood of Leeds Bradford Airport and Kenny Jacobs of Ryanair celebrate the 20th anniversary of Ryanair at Leeds Bradford.



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