

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC  
Form 6-K  
February 09, 2010

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 6-K**

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of February, 2010

**RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC**  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**c/o Ryanair Ltd Corporate Head Office**  
**Dublin Airport**  
**County Dublin Ireland**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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**Ryanair ANNOUNCES 40<sup>th</sup> BASE AT KAUNAS (Lithuania)**

18 routes & UP TO 1M paX P.A. AT RYANAIR'S FIRST CENTRAL EUROPEAN BASE

Ryanair, the world's favourite airline, today (9<sup>th</sup> Feb 10) announced it would open its 40<sup>th</sup> (and first Central European) base at Kaunas (Lithuania's second largest city) in May with 2 based aircraft and 18 routes (9 new). Ryanair's new base will deliver up to 1m passengers p.a. and sustain 1,000 jobs at Kaunas with over 120 weekly flights as Ryanair invests over \$140 million at Kaunas Airport.

Ryanair also confirmed that it is in continuous negotiation with four other Central European airports to open bases and give consumers a choice and much lower fares than the high fares being charged by Air Baltic, WizzAir and other Central European airlines.

Ryanair celebrated its new Kaunas base by releasing 1 million €5 seats for travel on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays on over 500 routes across its European network, in March. These €5 seats are available for booking on [www.ryanair.com](http://www.ryanair.com) until midnight Thursday (11<sup>th</sup> Feb).

**In Kaunas today, Ryanair's Michael O'Leary said:**

*"Ryanair is delighted to announce Kaunas as our 40<sup>th</sup> base with 18 routes from May 2010 which go on sale on [www.ryanair.com](http://www.ryanair.com) tomorrow. Lithuanian consumers/visitors can beat the recession and escape Air Baltic's high fares by choosing Ryanair's lowest fares and our no fuel surcharge guarantee to 18 exciting destinations all over Europe including Germany, Italy and Spain among others. Ryanair's 1m passengers p.a. will sustain up to 1,000 jobs at Kaunas Airport".*

**Ryanair's Kaunas routes from May 2010**

<b>New</b>	<b>Existing</b>
Barcelona	Birmingham
Berlin	Bremen
Dusseldorf	Bristol
Edinburgh	Brussels
London (Gat)	Dublin
Milan	Frankfurt
Oslo	Liverpool
Paris	London (Lut)
Tampere	London (Stan)

Ends.

Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC

Date: 9 February, 2010

By: \_\_\_/s/ Juliusz Komorek\_\_\_

Juliusz Komorek

Company Secretary