

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC
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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 May, 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 42nd BASE AT BARCELONA EL PRAT WHICH WILL REVERSE AIRPORT'S COLLAPSING TRAFFIC figures

5 aircraft, 20 routes and 2M passengerS P.A. from SEPT

1MILLION SUMMER SEATS FROM €5

Ryanair, the world's favourite airline, today (26th May) announced it would open its 42nd base at Barcelona El Prat in September 2010 with 5 based aircraft and 20 low fare routes, which will help reverse declining traffic numbers at El Prat airport which fell by 3m passengers in 2009. Ryanair's El Prat routes will sustain over 2,000 local jobs as well as 250 direct Ryanair jobs among pilots, cabin crew and engineers.

Ryanair will operate 270 weekly low fare flights to/from Barcelona El Prat in an investment of over \$350 million in the airport. Ryanair's 20 new routes will be the first low fares routes to/from Barcelona El Prat and will allow the airport to tap into the low fares market, which continues to grow, and which has so far been absent from the airport.

Ryanair celebrated its new Barcelona El Prat base by releasing 1million summer seats from €5 for travel on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays on over 500 routes across its European network in June. These summer sale seats are available for booking on www.ryanair.com until midnight Thursday (27th May).

In Barcelona today, Ryanair's Michael Cawley said:

"Ryanair is delighted to announce Barcelona El Prat as our 42nd base with 20 new routes from September 2010 which go on sale on www.ryanair.com tomorrow. Ryanair's guaranteed lowest fare routes from Barcelona El Prat will allow the airport to tap into the low fares market, which is the only market which continues to grow - thanks to Ryanair's low fares.

Barcelona consumers and visitors can beat the recession by choosing Ryanair's low fares on 20 exciting routes from El Prat to destinations all over Europe including France, Italy and Germany among others. Ryanair's 2m passengers p.a. will sustain 2,000 jobs locally at Barcelona El Prat Airport".

20 New Barcelona El Prat routes in 2010 to

| To | Freq To | Freq |
|----------------------|----------------------|------|
| Brussels (Charleroi) | 7pw Oslo (Rygge) | 3pw |
| Cagliari | 3pw Palma | 14pw |
| Dublin | 7pw Paris (Beauvais) | 7pw |
| Dusseldorf (Weeze) | 4pw Rome (Ciampino) | 7pw |
| Edinburgh | 3pw Santander | 7pw |
| Gran Canaria | 2pw Santiago | 11pw |
| Ibiza | 7pw Seville | 14pw |
| Lanzarote | 3pw Tenerife | 2pw |
| Malaga | 14pw Valencia | 7pw |
| Milan (Bergamo) | 7pw Venice (Treviso) | 6pw |

Ends.

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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: 26 May 2010

By: ___/s/ Juliusz Komorek___

Juliusz Komorek
Company Secretary