

## PRESS RELEASE

**Sixt, a member of the AutoWallis Group, has opened its new technical base near Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport**

**Budapest, June 28, 2022 – Sixt, a member of the AutoWallis Group, has built its new technical base in Vecsés, near Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport. Of the HUF 705 million investment project, HUF 282 million was provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade as part of a grant. AutoWallis classified the construction of the new base a green project, devoting special attention in the course of project implementation to sustainability and to ensuring that the new location is suitable for servicing the electric vehicles of car sharing programs and fleet providers.**



Wallis Autókölcsönző, representing the Sixt brand, a subsidiary of the AutoWallis Group, completed an important development project involving the development of mobility services. Sixt rent-a-car, which provides rental services, opened its new technical base in Vecsés, near Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport. The technical base of 1,349 square meters, with a total of 210 parking spaces, was created on a site of almost 6,000 square meters by renovating and converting existing structures.

The total investment project budget amounted to HUF 705 million, for which the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade provided a grant of HUF 282 million to increase competitiveness. **With this investment project, AutoWallis has prepared for the increase in tourism following the end of the pandemic, for the more cost-effective operation of Sixt, and for the quick support to be provided to any mobility services the Group may launch in the future (such as car sharing and fleet management). An important factor for the investment project was to increase the effectiveness of car rental services and the connected logistics, operations, technical, and vehicle preparation tasks. The development project took place as part of the AutoWallis Green Finance Framework, with the part required in addition to the state aid funded by AutoWallis using the proceeds of the green bonds issued last year. The green investment of Sixt's new technical base was performed by ALTEO based on a cooperation agreement concluded by the two companies last year.**

In line with AutoWallis' green commitments, ALTEO has installed a 50 kW solar panel system on the property and 13 electric charging points, and has prepared the system for future connection to an energy storage facility. The technical base operates using heat exchangers for heating and cooling and uses only LED lighting, and vehicles are cleaned with both dry and wet handwashing methods. The fact that rental cars will no longer have to be moved between Sixt's service points results in significant fuel savings, in addition to which the increasing proportion of hybrid or fully electric vehicles in the fleet can also be charged using electricity obtained with solar energy.

**Gábor Dévai, Managing Director of Wallis Autókölcsönző and member of the AutoWallis Board of Directors, explained that the new site will operate at full capacity after its opening, as the increase in tourism has already seen a significant rise in demand for car rental services in the first half of the year. In the first quarter, traffic at the Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport grew by**

987 percent compared to 2021 Q1, with Sixt more than doubling (+123.1%) the number of rental events and seeing an increase of 29.2 percent in the number of rental days to 39,185. The numbers of the first quarter show dynamic growth in short-term rentals for tourism purposes.

## AutoWallis Group

AutoWallis Plc., a company listed in the Premium category of the Budapest Stock Exchange, as well as in the BUX and BUMIX indices, aims to become a major vehicle trading company and mobility service provider in the Central and Eastern European region by the end of the decade and to expand its automotive investment-focused investment portfolio through acquisitions. The AutoWallis Group is present in 14 countries of the Central and Eastern European region (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia), where it is engaged in the retail and wholesale of vehicles, parts, and accessories, in repair and maintenance services, as well as in short- and long-term vehicle rentals. The brands represented by the group include BMW cars and motorbikes, Dacia, Isuzu, Jaguar, Land Rover, Maserati, MINI, Nissan, Opel, Peugeot, Renault, SsangYong, Suzuki, and Toyota, as well as Saab spare vehicle parts, and Sixt rent-a-car. AutoWallis is the two-time recipient of the "The Share Capital Increase of the Year" award at Best of BSE Award Galas (2020, 2021). [www.autowallis.hu](http://www.autowallis.hu) [www.facebook.com/AutoWallis](https://www.facebook.com/AutoWallis)



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