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TOP AIRLINE SEES AIR FARES RISING

London.—Ryanair has experienced a “sea change” in its confidence in recent weeks, a senior executive said, on perceptions that the threat from the Omicron COVID-19 variant is easing and public attitudes to travel are improving. Fares are also likely to rise across the European short-haul sector this summer due to lower available capacity, said Eddie Wilson, chief executive at Ryanair DAC, the largest airline in the Ryanair Group.

Wilson did not give specific guidance about Ryanair’s prospects, citing reporting restrictions ahead of the company’s third-quarter financial results on Jan. 31, but he did say the airline’s focus was “all about next summer”.

“There is a sea change, based on what we believe will be customer confidence and the timing of the peaking of Omicron,” Wilson told Reuters in an interview when asked if the airline was a lot more confident than a few weeks ago.

“I think people’s mindset has moved as well in terms of ‘I’m traveling’, ‘I’m going’,” Wilson said. “They can see the summer. They are not in the darkest days of where we were the previous year.”

Ryanair expects a 10-15% fall in available short-haul seats across Europe next summer.

Police arrest one of Britain's most wanted fugitives in Spain

● Joshua Hendry, 30, has an international arrest warrant against him for his extradition to Britain on charges of drugs trafficking.

Madrid.—Spanish police said yesterday they had arrested one of Britain's most wanted fugitives, just 24 hours after a campaign was launched to find British criminals who might have fled to Spain.

Joshua Hendry, 30, has an international arrest warrant against him for his extradition to Britain

on charges of drugs trafficking and belonging to a criminal gang in Liverpool. Police said in a statement that Hendry was arrested in the town of San Pedro de Alcantara in Marbella, southern Spain, on Thursday after police noticed a man with his physical characteristics out walking a

dog. He is one of 12 fugitives on Britain's most-wanted list. His arrest comes just a day after the UK National Crime Agency and the Charity Crimestoppers, in conjunction with Spanish police, launched a campaign in Madrid to find Britain's most wanted fugitives.



The 12 most wanted men by British police in Spain. Eleven are still on the run.

BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY TO VISIT RUSSIA NEXT MONTH

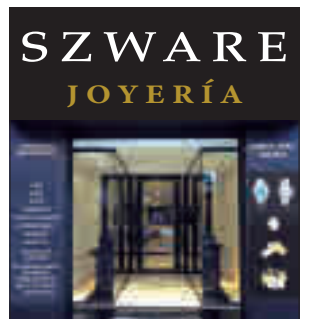
London.— British foreign minister Liz Truss is expected to visit Moscow in February for talks with her Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov, the RIA news agency reported yesterday, citing a diplomatic source.

The planned visit comes amid elevated tensions between Russia and the West over Ukraine. Lavrov and U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken made no breakthrough in talks on the issue this week

but agreed to keep talking to try to resolve a crisis that has stoked fears of a military conflict.

“The British foreign minister has asked for the opportunity to travel to Moscow for talks with Lavrov. Moscow has agreed for the visit in February,” RIA quoted its source as saying.

Russia's foreign ministry did not immediately respond to a Reuters' request for comment.



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