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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 September 2004

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)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No ..X..

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RYANAIR EXPANDS TO 16 ROUTES FROM MILAN
\$120M INVESTMENT - 2 NEW AIRCRAFT

7 NEW EUROPEAN ROUTES TO HOLLAND - NORWAY - SPAIN - UK

Ryanair, Europe's No.1 low fares airline, today (Wednesday, 29th September 2004) announced it is to expand its base at Milan Orio al Serio airport from 3 to 5 based aircraft, representing a further investment of \$120M, and also announced 7 new European routes from Milan to: Oslo (Norway), Eindhoven (Holland), Valencia, Seville & Zaragoza (Spain) and Liverpool & Newcastle (UK). In addition, Ryanair also announced its 22nd route from its Frankfurt (Hahn) base to Klagenfurt in Austria.

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Ryanair, which is already Italy's favourite airline for Europe, began flying from Milan Orio al Serio in April 2002, and already operates 9 low fare international routes from Milan. This year Milan Orio al Serio will have almost 2.0M Ryanair passengers, saving EUR200M over the high fares charged by Alitalia.

Announcing the new routes in Milan today, Ryanair's Head of Marketing for Europe, Sinead Finn said:

"We opened our first Italian base in Milan Orio al Serio in February 03, and today we are significantly increasing the size of our base with 2 brand new Boeing 737-800 aircraft and 7 new routes, bringing a total investment by Ryanair at Milan to over \$300M.

"These fantastic new destinations, which are on sale right now at www.ryanair.com from an incredible EUR5.99! (excl. taxes) will start in January and February 2005. We would urge passengers wishing to grab a bargain to these great destinations to book now, as demand will be huge!"

MILAN ORIO AL SERIO TO:

| | FARE (from) | FREQUENCY | START DATE |
|----------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| OSLO (Torp) | EUR5.99 | DAILY | 25th FEB 05 |
| LIVERPOOL | EUR5.99 | DAILY | 25th FEB 05 |
| NEWCASTLE | EUR5.99 | DAILY | 25th FEB 05 |
| SEVILLE | EUR5.99 | DAILY | 25th FEB 05 |
| VALENCIA | EUR5.99 | DAILY | 19th JAN 05 |
| ZARAGOZA | EUR5.99 | DAILY | 25th FEB 05 |
| EINDHOVEN | EUR5.99 | DAILY | 25th FEB 05 |

Ends.

Wednesday, 29th September 2004

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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: 29 September 2004

By:___/s/ Howard Millar___

H Millar
Company Secretary & Finance Director