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Invest in the Czech Republic – Your Gateway to Europe Tuesday, May 27th, 2014

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Greenfield versus Merger and Acquisition – Build or Buy Decision Event of The World Trade Week 2014



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Czechlnvest Agency in cooperation with Association for Foreign Investment, KPMG, Patria Finance and Kinstellar have the pleasure to invite you for the Seminar Invest in the Czech Republic – Your Gateway to Europe.

PROGRAM

17:45	Registration
18:00	Opening remarks STANISLAV BENES, Head of the Economic Section at Consulate General of the Czech Republic in New York
18:05	Governmental Support for Investors in the Czech Republic/Incentives and CzechLink – Mergers and Acquisitions supportive platform MARCELA KOLVEKOVA, Head of Investment Incentives Section/CzechInvest PAVEL CHOVANEC, Head of Sourcing Section/CzechInvest
18:35	Taxation System in the Czech Republic Jan Linhart, Partner, KPMG Czech Republic Member of Association for Foreign Investments
19:00	The Legal Framework for US Investments in the Czech Republic Каміц Вьаzек, Partner, Kinstellar, Czech Republic Member of Association for Foreign Investments
19:25	The Mergers and Acquisitions Opportunities in the Czech Republic Tomas KLAPSTE, Managing Director, Patria, Czech Republic Honorable Guest
19:50	Refreshment
	Glass of wine or beer
	Buffet dinner

All speakers are available for bilateral discussion upon confirmation on Tuesday 05/27 and Wednesday 05/28.

Please RSVP by May 16, 2014 to Zdenka Hrabicova, Executive Assistant, CzechInvest NYC: newyork@czechinvest.org

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TOMAS KLAPSTE



Tomáš Klápště, Managing Director of Patria Finance and Head of Corporate Finance, is responsible for management of Patria's Corporate Finance services and major projects in the field of M&A, IPO and valuations. He has 20 years of corporate finance & capital markets experience during which he worked on many benchmark deals, including: divestitures of Prague Stock Exchange, Žabka, GTS Group, Techniline, Fortuna Group, Hasil, Gumotex' subsidiary, Czech International, Strojírny Poldi, PVT, MSA, ZPS Energetika, Zenitel Colsys, advisory to ČEZ on sale of many non-core assets (ECKG, ECK, TDK, EOP), acquisition of Seznam and PSE for Tiger Global Management, ERSTE Bank

on acquisition of Česká spořitelna, Skanska on acquisition of IPS, or ČSA's Duty Free for Aelia/Lagardere. Among his important clients are also KMV, PKN Orlen, SUEZ Environment, Telefonica O2, MOL, GZ Digital Media and Metrostav.

Prior to joining Patria in 1999, Tomáš worked in Expandia Finance. His execution mandates include the Leveraged Buy Out of Later Chrudim and the privatizations of metallurgical companies KCM, Alumina, and Preskov in Bulgaria. In 1994–1996 he worked in a mutual fund as Equity Analyst focused on voucher privatisation.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of Patria Finance, a. s.

Tomáš holds a Masters degree from the University of Economics, Prague and an MBA degree from Rochester Institute of Technology in the US Business School program.

KAMIL BLAZEK



Kamil Blažek is a partner at the international law firm Kinstellar in Prague. He has close to 20 years' experience in the area of commercial law, transaction consulting, financing and international investments, not only in the Czech Republic but in also in Central and Eastern Europe, countries of the former Soviet Union and China. Prior to the establishment of Kinstellar, Mr. Blažek worked for the global law firm Linklaters.

He has provided consulting to numerous major clients – financial institutions, firms in the fields of investment banking, development and construction, governmental institutions and foreign investors including Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan,

Jefferies, Barclays, GdF Suez, RWE, Allianz or Hyundai. Kamil Blažek has been chairman of the Association for Foreign Investment since 2010.

JAN LINHART



Jan Linhart joined tax department of KPMG Czech Republic in 1998. In 2008 he was promoted to partner. Jan specializes in providing corporate income tax advisory services to industrial and trading companies. He has extensive experience in the area of investment incentives and was involved in a number of greenfield investment projects.





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PAVEL CHOVANEC



Head of Sourcing Section of Czechlnvest, governmental investment promotion agency Czechlnvest, facilitates cooperation between Czech companies and foreign investors including local mergers and acquisition issues.

He has more than 8 years of investment promotion and strategic investment project assistance experience. On previous posts, he was responsible for savings search in former Siemens VDO Automotive.

He graduated from the University of Economics, Prague, specializing in Economic Policy.

MARCELA KOLVEKOVA



Ms. Marcela Kolvekova is head of the Investment Incentives Section, CzechInvest Agency. She has worked at CzechInvest for 12 years now. At present she is participating in preparation of the bill of the Investment Incentive Act.

She has participated in preparation and administration of financial support programs for investment projects, which have been financed from national and European funds. She has also participated in strategic projects by the Czechlnvest Agency from the aspect of financial support. Master in International Relations from the University of Economics in Prague.

JAN FRIED



Since 2011 - Director of East Coast Operations at Czechlnvest. The primary aim of Czechlnvest foreign representation is to attract FDI (with particular focus on high added value projects in hi-tech, ICT, biotechnology, clean tech and new materials) to the Czech Republic. Jan provides all information a potential investor may need to consider the Czech Republic as a suitable investment location and serves as a link between the USA and the Czech Republic.

He is currently also looking into ways of how to foster connections between Czech R&D and Czech innovation/technology companies and their counterparts and VCs in the USA. Previously served three years at CzechInvest HQ as ICT

Sector Specialist, setting up investment promotion strategy of the field, analyzing trends and advising to large multinational companies entering the Czech Republic. Master (2009) in Corporate Economics, Marketing and Management from the University of Economics in Prague, visiting student at The Management School of the University of Edinburgh (2007-2008)