



## Investor and Business Property of the Year 2015

### Investor of the Year 2015 – Manufacturing

1<sup>st</sup> place

#### **INA Lanškroun, s.r.o.**

INA Lanškroun intends to increase its production of heat-control modules. By 2019, the company plans to invest CZK 2.5 billion, of which it will spend the smaller part on its existing factory in Lanškroun followed by a larger investment in a new factory in Svitavy, where it should create up to 900 new jobs.

2<sup>nd</sup> place

#### **Kiswire Cord Czech s.r.o.**

The South Korean company Kiswire plans to build a factory for production of wire beads and tires, which the company will deliver to Nexen Tire, among others. The company is investing CZK 2.4 billion in the Czech Republic and will create up to 330 new jobs.

3<sup>rd</sup> place

#### **Yankee Candle s.r.o.**

This American producer of aromatic candles is building its first European factory in the Czech Republic, specifically in the Most-Joseph Industrial Zone. The company plans to invest more than CZK 1 billion and to eventually create nearly 400 new jobs. Trial production is scheduled to start in January 2017.

### Investor of the Year 2015 – IT and Shared Services

1<sup>st</sup> place

#### **FNZ (Czechia) s.r.o.**

The New Zealand firm FNZ set up operations in the city of Brno, where it employs approximately 400 people and from which it currently serves all of its customers in Australia, Spain and Great Britain. The company intends to also acquire customers in Switzerland, Italy and the Nordic countries in the future. In Brno, FNZ wants to invest CZK 110 million in new facilities in which up to 250 more developers may find work.

2<sup>nd</sup> place

#### **EPAM Systems (Czech Republic) s.r.o.**

A year ago, EPAM Systems, a leading global provider of IT product solutions and exponent of software engineering, opened an important delivery centre for supporting customers around the world. The company has roughly one hundred employees in Prague. In the coming years, it expects that number to grow significantly as it doubles its initial investment.

3<sup>rd</sup> place

#### **JNJ Global Business Services s.r.o.**

Johnson & Johnson established its shared-services centre in Prague in 2006. The centre supports the company's processes for partner organisations in Europe, the Middle East and Africa, providing services primarily in the fields of finance, HR, purchasing and IT. The company currently employs roughly 450 specialists at the centre and plans to recruit an additional 300 people by the end of 2018.





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### Investor of the Year 2015 – Research and Development

1<sup>st</sup> place

#### **Honeywell, spol. s.r.o.**

Honeywell's research and development centre focused on aerospace, automation and control opened about two dozen laboratories for almost CZK 250 million in Brno. The company ranked 300 new jobs, and created the largest research and development center for Honeywell in Europe.

2<sup>nd</sup> place

#### **TOMS – Technology s.r.o.**

The technology centre of TOMS – Technology in Liberec is focused on development of precision optical systems. The company is investing CZK 111 million in the centre and will create 27 new jobs.

3<sup>rd</sup> place

#### **TÜV SÜD Czech s.r.o.**

TÜV SÜD Czech is planning to open a technology laboratory in Mladá Boleslav for non-destructive testing of vehicle safety. The total amount of the investment in the centre is more than CZK 72 billion. The centre will employ up to twenty highly skilled workers.

### Business Property of the Year 2015 – Industrial Zone

#### **Svitavy – Paprsek Industrial Zone**

The Svitavy – Paprsek Industrial Zone is located in the northern part of the city of Svitavy, near an international railway on the Berlin-Vienna axis and a future expressway connecting eastern Bohemia with Moravia. The industrial zone, which is owned by the city of Svitavy, was built in 2002-2003 and covers a total area of 40 ha. An investment in the amount of CZK 2.5 billion was implemented in the zone in 2015 and nearly 900 jobs will thus be created on an area of 4.5 ha. Due to this investment, the industrial zone is now fully occupied.

### Business Property of the Year 2015 – Property for Technology Centres and Services

#### **Waltrovka (Penta Investments, s.r.o.)**

The Waltrovka complex is located on the site of the former Walter Motors factory established by Josef Walter in 1911. The factory experienced its greatest boom between the First and Second World Wars, when various types of aircraft engines were manufactured there. In 2012, the Waltrovka complex was acquired by Penta Investments with the goal of revitalising the site. The company pledged to create 600 jobs during the past year. The first structure on the expansive Waltrovka site is the Aviatika administrative building, construction of which began in December 2013. The building offers a total of 27,000 m<sup>2</sup> of leasable space and, in addition to modern class-A office spaces, it also offers basic services such as a supermarket and drugstore.

### AFI Prize for Significant Achievement in the Field of Investments

#### **Konica Minolta Business Solutions Czech, spol. s r.o.**

The Konica Minolta Innovation Centre is focused on modern information and communication technologies serving the whole of Europe and employing dozens of highly qualified IT specialists and scientists. The technologies created at the centre include, for example, a new generation of holographic glasses for augmented reality, a device for digitalisation of handwritten text and semantic comprehension of documents. The centre, whose activities cover all phases of the development process from research to testing, collaborates with universities in Brno, the South Moravian Innovation Centre and local partners. Its





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investment in research and development amounted to more than CZK 38 million in 2015. An additional investment of CZK 91 million is planned for 2016.

### **AFI Prize for Long-Term Benefit to the Investment Environment of the Czech Republic**

#### **Jan Amos Havelka**

Jan Amos Havelka is a graduate of the Slovak University of Technology, where he studied urban planning and architecture. He worked for years as an architect in Kuwait. In 1991-1992, we served in the Slovak government as deputy minister for international relations. In the following years, he worked as an advisor to Vladimír Dlouhý, Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic. Jan Amos Havelka played a key role in the establishment and development of CzechInvest, which he successfully led for seven years, and contributed to the establishment of the Association for Foreign Investment. He is currently an advisor to the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

The specialist partner of the Investor and Business Property of the Year 2015 competition is the Association for Foreign Investment; the main partners are CTP and Česká spořitelna – provider of Erste Corporate Banking services. Other partners of the event are Asestal Group, KPMG Česká republika, PANATTONI EUROPE, Randstad and Nexen Tire Czech. Supporting partners are AC&C Public Relations and Zátíší Catering. The media partners are the weekly Ekonom, Hospodářské noviny and Forbes magazine.

