

INVESTOR AND BUSINESS PROPERTY OF THE YEAR 2013

WINNERS

Investor of the Year 2013 – Manufacturing

1st place

LEGO Production s.r.o. **Central Bohemia region**

LEGO Production s.r.o. is implementing an expansive investment in its production and packaging of LEGO toys in the Czech Republic. The investment will create at least 600 new jobs in the Kladno district.

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2nd place

Lohmann & Rauscher, s.r.o. **South Moravia and Hradec Králove regions**

Lohmann & Rauscher, s.r.o. intends to implement an investment in the value of CZK 1.278 billion in the Czech Republic over the next four years. The investment involves expansion of the company's existing production of textile products for medical purposes and will create a total of 200 new jobs in the Vyškov and Jičín districts.

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3rd place

KYB Manufacturing Czech s.r.o. **Pardubice region**

Over the next three years, KYB Manufacturing Czech s.r.o. will invest a total of CZK 1,319.65 million in the expansion of its existing production of shock absorbers for passenger cars. Thanks to this investment, a total of 250 new jobs will be created in the Pardubice district.

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Investor of the Year 2013 – IT and Shared Services

1st place

Y Soft Corporation, a.s. **South Moravia region**

The objective of this project is to create new functionalities and modules within the company's flagship product, YSoft SafeQ. The company plans to invest CZK 70.3 million and to create 40 new jobs at its centre in Brno.

Contact: www.ysoft.cz

2nd place

Panalpina Business Services (Prague), s.r.o. **Prague**

The company's new centre in Prague is part of Panalpina's global service centre, which means for the company that it will be affected less by fluctuations of local markets when providing its services

focused on internal customers. The company, which provides comprehensive services in the area of air, maritime and road transport including logistics on all continents, plans to employ 200 people in Prague's Karlín district.

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3rd place

WBI Services s.r.o. Central Bohemia region

This company's project in Říčany is focused on building a top-quality shared-services centre whose acceleration was spurred by a major client's demand for the creation of IS/ICT solutions for its European branches.

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Investor of the Year 2013 – Research and Development

1st place

Honeywell, spol. s r.o. South Moravia region

The Czech Republic is Honeywell's European base for implementing the company's global technology strategy. Honeywell's Prague laboratory opened in 1993, followed ten years later by its development centre in Brno. In 2006, the Brno centre became part of Honeywell Technology Solutions, the company's international network of research, development and technology centres operating in the United States, China, India and the Czech Republic. Since then, Honeywell has further expanded its investment activities in the Czech Republic. Honeywell won first place in the Research and Development category of the Investor of the Year 2013 competition for the expansion of its research and development centre in Brno. Thanks to its talented staff and state-of-the-art infrastructure, the centre is involved in work on current and next-generation products for Honeywell's Aerospace, Automation and Control Solutions and Transport Systems divisions.

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2nd place

SANS SOUCI, s.r.o. Liberec region

The Nový Bor Development Centre project is focused on establishing a development centre in Nový Bor for the purpose of research and innovation in the area of combining active and decorative nano coatings in applications for various types of surfaces (primarily glass, metal and plastic) used in architecture and design.

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3rd place

Výzkumný Ústav Železniční, a.s. Central Bohemia region

Implementation of this project comprises the third phase of the enhancement of a research and development centre for railway technology and equipment in Europe, particularly in EU countries. The

main objective of the project is to increase capacities and create competitive conditions from research and development of the products of customers who are manufacturers of rail vehicles and railway equipment. The company is investing CZK 119.687 million in the project, in connection with which it will create five new jobs.

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Business Property of the Year 2013 – Industrial Zone

Panattoni Park Stříbro Plzeň region

Panattoni Park Stříbro is in close proximity to exit 107 of the D5 motorway in the Plzeň region, fifteen minutes from the city of Plzeň and twenty minutes from the German border. Lear, Assa Abloy, Leoni, Ideal Automotive and Steelcase are among the companies doing business at the park. Thanks to its location and available skilled workers, Panattoni Park is ideal for suppliers providing components for the automotive industry in neighbouring Bavaria. If new investors need custom-built facilities, Panattoni will provide the required structures within six to eight months from the date of signing a contract. The zone currently comprises approximately 60,000 m² of industrial premises and is prepared for expansion to 155,000 m².

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Business Property of the Year 2013 – Property for Technology Centres and Services

Technologický Park Brno, a.s. South Moravia region

The Czech Technology Park Brno is located in the vicinity of Brno University of Technology in the Královo Pole district of Brno. This is a development project that in the final phase will provide 190,000 m² of miscellaneous spaces for offices, research and light industry, as well as for recreational activities and services. The project is a joint investment of the city of Brno and the British multinational firm P&O Estates. The project's developer is the joint-stock company Technologický Park Brno, a.s. To date, nearly 60,000 m² of the planned structures have been completed and 21 companies have already established their headquarters at the park. TPB's most significant clients include IBM Czech Republic, Vodafone, Y Soft, FEI Czech Republic, Motorola Solutions and Red Hat. TPB is growing and in the course of this year will begin operation of two newly constructed buildings in the Central Zone, which will provide a pleasant environment for work and recreation thanks to an artificial lake and the park's generously arranged layout.

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Business Property of the Year 2013 – Brownfield

Enterprise Zone Šternberk Olomouc region

Enterprise Zone Šternberk was built on the site of an expansive complex of former barracks on the southern outskirts of the city of Šternberk, in close proximity to first-class road no. 46. The complex contained numerous buildings which were mostly marked for demolition. At the city's initiative, the complex was regenerated into an enterprise zone covering approximately 14 hectares with strong

potential for business development. Thirteen entities in the fields of mechanical engineering, machinery maintenance, chemistry, transport, construction and telecommunications are currently doing business in the zone. These companies will eventually employ up to 300 people.

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

ON SEMICONDUCTOR Zlín and South Moravia Regions

Located in Rožnov pod Radhoštěm and in Brno, ON Semiconductor's business operations in the Czech Republic have strong innovation and science and research potential. The company's activities in the Czech Republic include development of technologies, design and development of integrated circuits, production of silicon wafers and semiconductor chips, development and administration of information systems and a shared-services centre. Key components in the company's production chain are manufactured in the Czech Republic. ON Semiconductor employs more than 1,500 people in a region with high unemployment while also paying heed to the principles of ecology and CSR.

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AFI Prize for Significant Achievement in the Field of Investments

MANN + HUMMEL Service s.r.o. Vysočina region

The shared-services centre of MANN + HUMMEL Service in Nový Ves in the Třebíč district opened a new development centre with a testing laboratory in autumn 2013. The research and development department's investment amounted to nearly CZK 90 million in 2013, thus building on the company's previous investments in production, business support services and other areas. Investment activities undertaken by MANN + HUMMEL Service on the local market are characterised by their complexity and high level of value added. The company thus demonstrates the importance that it attaches to creating research and innovation capacities while also supporting the development of the skilled workforce in a region with high unemployment. MANN + HUMMEL Service is currently developing a number of beneficial activities that will contribute to building up its good name in the region. The company employs more than 1,200 people in the Czech Republic.

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