

## Investor and Business Property of the Year 2016

### Investor of the Year 2016 – Manufacturing and Technology Centres [TR NOTE: AS IN THE PAST, I'M LEAVING OUT „CATEGORY“ TO MAKE THE TEXT CLEANER. IT SHOULD BE CLEAR ENOUGH]

1<sup>st</sup> place

**Robert Bosch, spol. s r.o.**

*South Bohemia region*

Robert Bosch, a German manufacturer of automotive components, is expanding its research and testing centre and manufacturing plant in České Budějovice. This high-tech investment in the value of CZK 2.2 billion will bring to the region 625 new jobs for both labourers and university-educated professionals.

2<sup>nd</sup> place

**Yanfeng Czechia Automotive Interior Systems s.r.o.**

*South Bohemia region*

By the beginning of 2018, this global supplier of automobile interior solutions will commence new operations involving production of instrument panels and door panels in Planá nad Lužnicí. The company anticipates that it will create 500 new jobs and invest CZK 1.45 billion by 2012. The new manufacturing plant is planned as a showcase for the global Industry 4.0 strategy within the company. Two hundred of the 500 new positions will be intended for highly qualified workers.

3<sup>rd</sup> place

**GE Aviation Czech s.r.o.**

*Central Bohemia region*

The American company GE Aviation plans to develop, test and manufacture turboprop engines in the Czech Republic. This investment with high value added will place the Czech Republic among the global elite of aerospace manufacturers and will create 500 high-skilled jobs.

### Investor of the Year 2016 – IT and Shared Services

1<sup>st</sup> place=

**Deutsche Telekom Services Europe Czech Republic s.r.o.**

*South Moravia region*

Deutsche Telekom, the largest German provider of telecommunication services, opened a shared-services centre in Brno. The centre serves European customers, particularly in the area of finance and accounting. The investment in the value of CZK 500 million should create 565 new jobs within three years, especially for workers with good language skills.

2<sup>nd</sup> place

**ConnectEU2Create CZ s.r.o.**

*Prague*

This Dutch company focused on designing the Europe-wide internet established its new centre in Prague, where it plans to employ up to 125 highly qualified engineers in the area of telecommunications.





## Tisková zpráva – výsledky

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3<sup>rd</sup> place

### **OKIN BPS, a.s.**

*Moravia-Silesia region*

OKIN Group, which focuses on network infrastructure administration, is expanding its existing Business Process Services Centre in Ostrava. In connection with the expansion, the company will offer 75 new jobs, primarily in the field of telecommunications network administration. Investment costs are estimated at CZK 108 million.

## **Business Property of the Year 2016 – Industrial Zone of the Year**

### **Joseph Strategic Industrial Zone, Most**

*Ústí region*

Covering a total area of 196 hectares, the Joseph Strategic Industrial Zone features high-quality infrastructure for investors. Four more investors decided to set up operations in the zone in 2016 with a combined total investment of CZK 2.3 billion.

## **Business Property of the Year 2016 – Property of the Year for Technology Centres and Services**

### **Spielberk Office Centre Brno**

*South Moravia region*

The Spielberk Office Centre complex is located in an attractive area of Brno. The centre is easily accessible from the D1 and D2 motorways and offers more than 80,000 m<sup>2</sup> of high-quality office spaces in five separate five-storey buildings. A major investor that pledged to create up to 500 jobs occupied premises in the centre in 2016.

## **AFI Prize for Significant Achievement in the Area of Investments**

### **Siemens, s.r.o.**

With nearly ten thousand employees, Siemens ranks among the most significant employees in the Czech Republic. The company's development and design centre, which currently employs nearly 300 highly qualified specialists, focuses on development activities in the areas of industrial automation, smart infrastructure and public transport. Siemens employs 600 people in research and development in the Czech Republic.

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

### **Seiji Nakagoshi**

A graduate of Kanazawa University, Seiji Nakagoshi long worked for the Japanese firm Denso and was present at the company's entry into the Czech Republic. He currently serves as an adviser to the CEO of CzechInvest and is a key intermediary between Japan and the Czech Republic in the area of investments. He is also the chairman of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the Czech Republic.

## **Special Prize for Long-Term Service to CzechInvest and the Association for Foreign Investment**

### **Otakar Dobiáš**

Otakar Dobiáš has focused on accounting and economic services throughout his life. He was present at the inception of both CzechInvest and the Association for Foreign Investment, and also worked for the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic, for example. He currently works for the Office of the Government of the Czech Republic.



### City for Business award: Region Attractive for Investments

1<sup>st</sup> place

#### **STAR Region**

*Central Bohemia region*

STAR Region unites the municipalities of Dolní Břežany, Zlatníky-Hodkovice and Vestec, which are strategically investing in the development of infrastructure and creation of a favourable business environment. Representatives of the towns collaborate with each other and regularly meet with investors.

2<sup>nd</sup> place

#### **City of Kunovice**

*Zlín region*

The city of Kunovice is effectively investing in development of the business environment. The city government is open to the opinions of investors and operates its own business incubator.

3<sup>rd</sup> place

#### **City of Třinec**

*Moravia-Silesia region*

The city of Třinec has long supported cooperation between local firms and educational institutions, while also investing in business development and focusing on regeneration of brownfields. The city also achieved success in building the Baliny industrial zone, which has attracted a number of remarkable investors.

