

## Investor and Business Property of the Year 2014

### Results

#### Investor of the Year 2014 – Manufacturing

1<sup>ST</sup> place

##### **Nexen Tire Corporation Czech s.r.o.**

NEXEN TIRE CORPORATION is constructing a manufacturing facility in the Czech Republic at a cost of CZK 22.8 billion. At the Triangle Strategic Industrial Zone near Žatec, the company will employ 1,384 people in the production of radial tires for passenger cars and light freight vehicles. The start of production is planned for the beginning of 2018.

2<sup>nd</sup> place

##### **Mobis Automotive Czech s.r.o.**

HYUNDAI MOBIS Co., Ltd. will start manufacturing lighting systems for the automotive industry in the Czech Republic in 2017. Its investment of CZK 2.6 billion in the strategic industrial zone in Mošnov will create 935 jobs.

3<sup>rd</sup> place

##### **Brose CZ spol. s r.o.**

Brose CZ spol. s r.o. intends to invest CZK 2, 65 billion in the expansion of its existing production of parts and accessories for motor vehicles. The company will create 151 jobs in the Vsetín district and 659 jobs in the Nový Jičín district.

#### Investor of the Year 2014 – Research and Development

1<sup>st</sup> place

##### **VALEO AUTOKLIMATIZACE k.s.**

VALEO AUTOKLIMATIZACE k.s. is investing CZK 10 million in the expansion of its technology centre for the development of automobile components, particularly intelligent assistance systems. The company will create 135 jobs in the Nymburk and Prague-East districts.

2<sup>nd</sup> place

##### **Continental Automotive Czech Republic s.r.o.**

Continental Automotive Czech Republic s.r.o. transferred its development centre from Frenštát to Ostrava and significantly expanded it. The company invested CZK 50 million in the powertrain area and created 55 jobs.

3<sup>rd</sup> place

**CNR (Czech) Science and Technology Development Corporation Limited s.r.o.**

China CNR Corporation is one of the biggest manufacturers of rail vehicles in China. In the Czech Republic, the company is investing CZK 27.4 million in the construction of a research and development centre which will be focused on new products and technologies and will employ 26 highly skilled workers.

Investor of the Year 2014 – IT and Shared Services

1<sup>st</sup> place

**MSD IT Global Innovation Centre s.r.o.**

Merck Sharp & Dohme s.r.o. is investing in a new technology and IT centre in the Czech Republic. In the coming years, MSD IT Global Innovation Centre s.r.o. will employ more than 250 people in Prague. The centre will serve all of the company's branches around the world. The MSD IT Global Innovation Centre project was the biggest IT investment mediated by CzechInvest in 2014.

2<sup>nd</sup> place

**NNIT Czech Republic s.r.o.**

NNIT Czech Republic s.r.o. invested in a new IT centre in Prague, where the company plans to employ up to 150 people. The new facility will be part of NNIT's 24/7 global service operation and is therefore closely linked with the company's branches in Denmark, China and the Philippines. Thanks to the Prague branch, NNIT can fully satisfy customers who do not want their data to be sent out of Europe.

3<sup>rd</sup> place

**SolarWinds Czech s.r.o.**

SolarWinds Czech s.r.o. is investing CZK 7.2 million in the expansion of its software centre focused on creating and developing software and applications in the area of IT management. The company will create a total of ninety jobs in the Brno-City district.

Business Property of the Year 2014 – Industrial Zone of the Year

**Triangle Strategic Industrial Zone**

The Triangle Strategic Industrial Zone lies between the cities of Most, Chomutov, Louny and Žatec. Three new investments in the combined value of CZK 23.6 billion entered the zone in 2014. Thanks to those investments, 1,579 new jobs will be created. Triangle is one of five available strategic industrial zones in the Czech Republic. Of the zone's total usable area of 364 hectares, currently 131 hectares of land plots are available for the projects of large and medium-sized enterprises, especially in the areas of manufacturing, technology centres and research and development.

## Business Property of the Year 2014 – Property for Technology Centres and Services

### **Riverview**

Riverview, a seven-storey administration building developed by Skansa, offers a total of 7,000 m<sup>2</sup> of leasable office spaces. Riverview is located on the bank of the Vltava River in the developing commercial district of Prague-Smíchov. The project is within walking distance of the Anděl metro station and the Na Knížecí bus station, and is also easily accessible from the D5 motorway, the Prague ring road and the airport. More than 90% of the building's spaces were leased in 2014. A company in the field of healthcare set up its global IT innovation centre here. The total investment amounted to CZK 1 billion. More than 250 jobs will be created in Riverview.

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

#### **UniCRE Centre of Research and Education**

The UniCRE Centre of Research and Education is a new regional entity founded by the Research Institute of Anorganic Chemistry in the CHEMPARK complex in the town of Záluží near Most, where the most promising fields of research are the focus of activity. The basic objective of UniCRE is to intensify and improve research and development in the area of industrial chemistry and environmental technologies. More than CZK 200 million has been invested in the new institute. Top-quality research and analytical equipment was installed in the centre's main building in 2014. The centre's total number of research workers rose to 45 last year.

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

#### **Prof. Ing. Armin Delong, DrSc.**

Prof. Ing. Armin Delong, DrSc. is a globally recognised physicist and founder of electron microscopy in Czechoslovakia. Professor Delong had a hand in the establishment of three Brno-based enterprises that are involved in electron microscopy and today account for one-third of global production of electron microscopes. During his time at Brno University of Technology and Masaryk University in Brno, Professor Delong trained a number of new specialists in the field. He has published more than 120 studies, a number of conference contributions and two monographs on electron microscopy. He has also won several national awards and was selected as a member of the International Scientific Advisory Board.

Investment Week is being held under the auspices of Minister of Industry and Trade Jan Mládek and Minister of Education, Youth and Sport Marcel Chládek. The professional partner of the event is the Association for Foreign Investment and the main partners are the Confederation of Industry of the Czech Republic and Erste Corporate Banking. Other partners are the Association of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises and Crafts of the Czech Republic, Huawei, the Regional Development Agency, Nupharo, Asental Group, CBRE, CPI Property Group, CTP, Immofinanz and KPMG Česká republika. The supporting partners are Zátíší Group and AC&C Public Relations. The media partners are the weekly Ekonom, Hospodářské noviny, TradeNews, The Prague Post, Prager Zeitung and finance.cz.