
INVESTOR OF THE YEAR 2012 BUSINESS PROPERTY OF THE YEAR 2012

WINNERS

INVESTOR OF THE YEAR 2012 – MANUFACTURING CATEGORY

1st place

Automotive Lighting s.r.o. **Vysočina region**

Automotive Lighting, a manufacturer of headlights for the automotive industry, is investing a total of CZK 2.36 billion in the expansion of its production capacities in Vysočina over the next seven years and will thus be able to hire 200 new employees in addition to its current staff of 1,712.

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2nd place

AGROSTROJ Pelhřimov, a.s. **Vysočina region**

AGROSTROJ Pelhřimov is the biggest manufacturer of agricultural machines and equipment in the Czech Republic. In 2012 the company, which currently employs 1,700 people, announced an investment in the amount of CZK 1.46 billion in the construction of a new factory for production of agricultural machinery in particular. Thanks to this investment, 420 new jobs will be created in the Pelhřimov district.

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3rd place

Faurecia Plzeň, s.r.o. **Plzeň region**

Faurecia, the world's sixth-biggest supplier for the automotive industry, is continuing in the development of its industrial activities in the Czech Republic with the construction of a new production facility in the Plzeň region. In the coming years, the company will invest CZK 244.16 million in vehicle-seat manufacturing. Thanks to this investment, a total of 848 new jobs will be created in Úherce u Nýřan. Faurecia will thus have a total of seven manufacturing plants in the Czech Republic and will employ more than 3,500 people here.

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INVESTOR OF THE YEAR 2012 – RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CATEGORY

1ST place

Eaton Elektrotechnika s.r.o. Central Bohemia region

Eaton Elektrotechnika, a manufacturer of equipment for residential and industrial electrical wiring, equipment for electricity distribution and backup sources, is investing in the Eaton concern's first European innovation centre in Roztoky u Prahy. Technologies aimed at reducing the carbon emissions and operating costs of customers in energy-intensive industrial sectors will be developed at the centre. Up to 300 specialists will find employment here.

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2ND place

4MEDi – Centrum buněčné terapie a diagnostiky a.s. Moravia-Silesia region

This unique science and technology park uses the latest technology for development and clinical research of drug preparations and products from human cells for regenerative medicine. In 2012 the company announced an investment of CZK 250 million in the expansion of research capacities, with the resulting creation of several dozen new jobs. Thanks to 4MEDi – Centrum buněčné terapie a diagnostiky, the Czech Republic ranks among the global elite in the area of regenerative medicine.

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3RD place

Magna Exteriors & Interiors (Bohemia) s.r.o. Liberec region

Magna Exteriors & Interiors (Bohemia) is investing more than CZK 167 million in the expansion of its research and development centre and will create high-skilled jobs there. The company develops automotive components, which it subsequently manufactures, assembles and sells. Magna Exteriors & Interiors (Bohemia) is part of Magna International Inc., which is currently the world's third-biggest supplier to the automotive industry.

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INVESTOR OF THE YEAR 2012 – IT AND SHARED SERVICES CATEGORY

1ST place

Comdata Czech s.r.o. Moravia-Silesia region

Comdata Czech provides support for customers in the Czech Republic, especially in the area of processes in the telecommunications sector. The company's main customer is Vodafone Czech Republic. Comdata currently employs 120 people in Ostrava and another 190 in Chrudim, with a planned increase to a total of 400 employees in the coming year.

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2ND place

SolarWinds Czech s.r.o. South Moravia region

SolarWinds develops specialised software and applications in several areas of IT management (software for network administration, storage management, virtual environments, etc.) The company currently employs more than 200 people and is planning the further expansion of its Brno branch.

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3RD place

AT&T Global Network Services Czech Republic s.r.o. Prague

AT&T is investing in the expansion of its operations facility with the creation of 200 new positions for highly qualified workers. The local centre provides support at the highest level for managed and technological services to AT&T's clients not only in Europe, but literally around the world.

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INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OF THE YEAR 2012 – INDUSTRIAL ZONE

CTPark Mladá Boleslav **Central Bohemia region**

The award was won by a new building for the French company Faurecia with an area of 25,000 square metres, which was built here in the unbelievably short time of six months. Thanks to this investment in the total value of CZK 633 million, 587 new jobs have been created in the Central Bohemia region.

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INDUSTRIAL ZONE OF THE YEAR 2012 – PROPERTY FOR TECHNOLOGY CENTRES AND SERVICES

Roztoky Science and Technology Park Complex **Central Bohemia region**

In 2012 the complex of science and technology parks in Roztoky signed a lease contract with the Czech subsidiary of Eaton and thus essentially filled the existing capacity of the first park. The contract was the successful culmination of the initial phase of the project. The total investment in both parks in the amount of nearly CZK 800 million will bring an additional 350 jobs to South Bohemia. The complex's parent company is Trigema a.s.

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INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OF THE YEAR 2012 – BROWNFIELD

DIKRT spol. s r.o. **Karlovy Vary region**

Thanks to the operator of the DIKRT powder-coating facility, a dilapidated laundry in Svatava in the Karlovy Vary region received a facelift. The company invested more than CZK 35 million in structural modifications. Besides production spaces, sanitary facilities were also revitalised, internal communication was expanded and the heating source was replaced. At the same time, however, the company took into account the preservation of the historical form of the Ignaz Schmiger factory from 1856.

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AFI PRIZE FOR SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT IN THE AREA OF INVESTMENTS

Tex Trading Cavaliere s.r.o. Olomouc region

Tex Trading Cavaliere is the Czech branch of the Swedish company Cavaliere AB, a producer of top-quality, custom-made clothing. In August 2012 the company took over the former OP Prostějov factory in Jeseník and began production there in January 2013. Today the plant employs 52 seamstresses, the absolute majority of whom are former employees of OP Prostějov. With its investment, the company rescued dozens of jobs in a region with high unemployment and enabled the continuation of the local tailoring tradition.

AFI PRIZE FOR LONG-TERM CONTRIBUTION TO THE INVESTMENT ENVIRONMENT

Czech-German Chamber of Trade and Industry Prague

The Czech-German Chamber of Trade and Industry is the biggest bilateral business chamber in the Czech Republic. For twenty years the chamber has been providing to its members and other stakeholders consulting upon entry into the market and in seeking business partners, while representing German investors in relation to Czech political and governmental organisations. Since the beginning of the 1990s, investments of German companies in the Czech Republic have reached the total value of approximately EUR 25 billion. There are roughly four thousand German investors in the Czech Republic today, the largest of which have created approximately 200,000 jobs. The CGCTI was recognised for its indisputably positive impact on the business environment of the Czech Republic and on the deepening of economic relations between the Czech Republic and Germany.

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