

amcham board profiles



Michal Chour
General Manager
Alcron Hotel Prague

“The travel industry has a long trek to recovery. Tourism is an essential wealth creation industry for the country, and we need to keep as much of our existing infrastructure, such as hotel rooms, as we can so that we can start generating revenue quickly once the pandemic ends. The lull in travel is also an opportunity to increase how much money tourists spend by improving our offer.”

president

tourism

urban renewal

vice president

research

manufacturing

Milan Šlapák
President & CEO
GE

“We want to be an innovative economy. Innovation requires higher and more frequent risk-taking for companies, for universities, and for the government. We need to make smart big bets on what technologies can transform industries, and then also be flexible in how we execute. The path to progress often zigs where it is supposed to zag, and we need to be ready for that so that the inevitable unexpected does not derail us.”



vice president

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finance



Michal Nebeský
Managing Director
Citibank

“What changes caused by the pandemic will remain after it goes away? The increased debt and the expended reserves will change something. So will the forced move into digital commerce and digital offices. The EU is compounding change by pushing digitizing and climate change transformation. All this produces a big range of possible outcomes in the macro that need to be factored into business planning.”



Václav Novotný
General Manager
Biogen

“The importance of modern, transparent, and efficient health care has been made crystal clear over the last year. We should be proud of how well the system responded to the challenge, and prepared to move even faster to improve the quality of health outcomes.”

vice president

health care

vice president

Sanjiv Suri
President & CEO
Zátiší Group

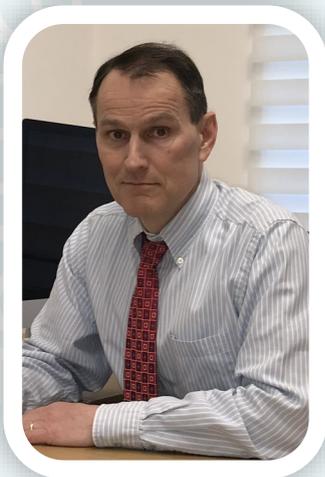
“The next year or so will be the greatest challenge of our business careers, and of our community. Many businesses will have to abandon much of their business structure built up over decades of success, and adopt the mindset of entrepreneur sitting in a garage willing his start-up to survive and thrive. The same goes for our downtown areas. It will be a test of our community.”



tourism

leadership

director



Erik Best
Publisher and Owner
Fleet Sheet

“We haven’t been living through a plague, to be sure, but some of the same rules, emotions and laws of nature apply as though we were. Regardless of whether a third wave comes or life gets back to something we soon come to call normal, we’ll need some common decency to get through it in one piece.”

geopolitics

media



Rainer Bogner
Lead Country Manager
ExxonMobil

“We need to work to assure Prague’s future as a hub of major corporate headquarters and business service hubs, and to engage the government and other key stakeholders on how to shape a secure energy future.”

director

Prague office

energy

director

Rebecca Grattan
Chief People and Culture Officer
Avast

“I will support the promotion of the technology sector and champion contemporary working practices and diversity within the country.”



human resources

leadership

director

good governance



Radek Halíček
Managing Director
KPMG

“We must continue to strongly support development of transparency and ethics in the Czech business and public environment. Government and the public sector in general remains far from efficient and operates below its potential.”

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Michal Klimeš
Manager Partner Sales EMEA, HPC and AI HPe

director

“AmCham should work to influence the development of an “innovative economy” – economy with advanced and high quality production. I also believe in even distribution of the economy, as well research activity to promote development of regions.”

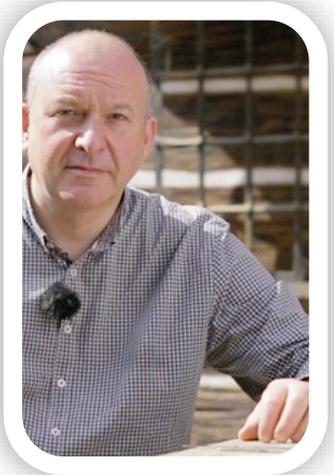
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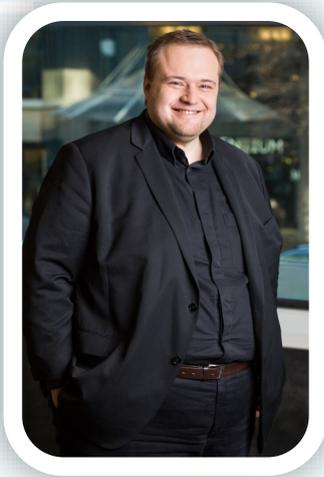
director

Josef Kotrba
Chairman
Deloitte

“We are going to come out of the crisis with more debt and radically altered economic behavior from the restrictions. We will see what impact that will have on currencies and investment.”



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Ondřej Krajíček
Managing Director
Y Soft North America

director

“Smart technology is one of the promising ways to tackle current and long running challenges, ranging from Covid-19 pandemics to reversing climate change and providing clean energy and water supply. That will ensure the well-being of the Czech and global society as a result.”

USA

smart tech



Michel Perret
General Manager
Carrier Commercial Refrigeration

“Manufacturing in the Czech Republic faces a major transition. As compensation spikes upward, production lines will need to become more efficient and more productive. Our facilities will have to become more attractive to employees and more economical.”

director

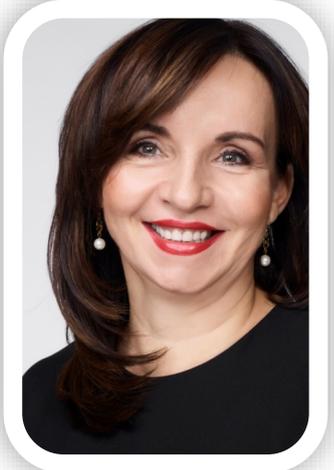
manufacturing

workforce

director

Jaroslava Rezlerová
General Director
ManpowerGroup

“Workforce is the major challenge and the major opportunity for the Czech Republic. We need utilize immigration to drive Czech income growth, and provide greater economic security.”



workforce

immigration



Magdalena Soucek
Country Managing Director
EY

“AmCham always has pursued policies and investments that will help the Czech Republic increase GDP per capita by 60% by 2025. The pandemic not only puts that goal in doubt, but may change some fundamental aspects of the global and Czech economy.”

director

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network



Michal Stachník
General Manager
Cisco

“The dynamic evolution of the business environment and technologies is driving major changes. This has been confirmed by a European Commission report which estimates that in the near future, 90% of jobs will require some level of digital skills.”

director

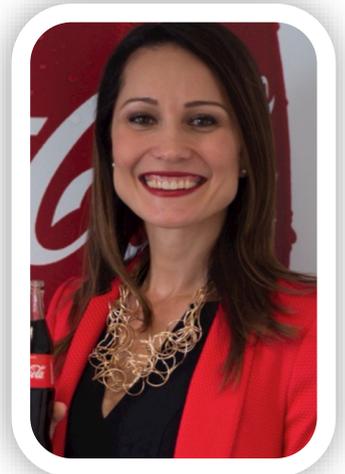
manufacturing

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Natalia Stroe
Country Manager
The Coca-Cola Company

“We have the ongoing challenge of converting our economy to sustainable practices, and now we also must help the hospitality industry recover from the pandemic and adapt to the changes to Czech consumer habits from the rapid shift to online shopping.”



marketing

sustainability