

2021 Board of Directors

Candidate Profiles

Nine candidates will be elected by a membership vote to serve a two-year term beginning on July 1, 2021.

Members can select up to nine candidates per ballot.

Ballots are due by 5 pm, May 28.

Results will be announced at the General Assembly on June 16, and confirmed by the current board.

Eight other board members will enter the second year of their term on the same date.

Rainer Bogner

F&L CS EAME MBU Manager
Exxon Mobil

**Board Mission**

My goal on the board would be 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.

Candidate's AmCham Priority:

- Advocacy– Human Resources in Prague.
- Advocacy– Energy Policy
- Best Office– Human Resources

Career Spent in the Czech Republic:

- 2 years

Career History:

· Joined ExxonMobil in 1986
· My career included assignments in Germany, UK and Belgium and span across all Downstream functions like Refining & Supply, Distribution, Retail, Commercial Sales, Marine Fuels and Global Planning. In February 2017 I was appointed to the position of Lead Country Manager in Czech Republic.

Personal Note:

- Love spending quality time with my wife Evelyne and three children
- Hobbies: running, hiking, reading and traveling
- Education: Master of Science degree in Industrial Engineering – University of Vienna

Previous AmCham Involvement:

- Lead Presenter– Future of Shared Services in Prague, 2018
- Lead Organizer– The Future of Energy Suppliers, 2017

Company Membership:

- Corporate since 2005. Corporate Patron since 2017.

Radek Halíček

Managing Partner

KPMG

**Board Mission**

As a Board member, I would like to build upon more than two decades of work of previous managing partners of KPMG in contributing to AmCham active role in enhancing the local business environment. AmCham has a strong record of achievement and KPMG is proud to have been an active member. Our contributions have included, in particular, the very active involvement of my predecessors, Jan Žůrek, František Dostálek and Charles Randolph in the area of tax policy, sustainable development, and good government. As a lawyer by background, I intend in particular to focus on the legal and tax reforms of the new government and their impact on the business environment. I would also like to 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. I am convinced that AmCham as an independent, reputable and respected representative of the business community can play a key role in promoting best practice in this area.

Candidate's AmCham Priority:

- Tax Policy
- Legal Reform
- Transparency
- Development of Prague

Career Spent in the Czech Republic:

- entire career

Career History:

- Managing Partner, KPMG in the Czech Republic, 2016-present
- Lead Director of KPMG in the Central and Eastern Europe, 2019-present
- Member of the Board of KPMG in the Central and Eastern Europe, 2016-present
- Head of Tax and Legal Services, KPMG in the Czech Republic, 2012-present
- Partner in charge, Attorney at Law, KPMG Legal, 2010-present
- Partner, KPMG, 2007-present
- Associate, White & Case LLP, 2002-2006.

Previous AmCham Involvement:

- Board of Directors, 2016-18
- Participating in preparation of Tax policy papers and position documents.

Company Membership:

- Corporate Patron since 1993.

Personal Note:

- Charles University, Law
- University of Pardubice, Management
- Member of the Czech Bar, the Chamber of Tax Advisors, and Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
- Aviation and sport enthusiast

Violeta Luca

Country General Manager
Microsoft Czech Republic and Slovakia

**Board Mission**

We have been living in times that will try and define us. In Camus' The Plague, a character declares that the only good response to the disease is decency.

We haven't been living through a plague fortunately, but some of the implications, emotions and laws of nature apply as though we were.

Regardless of whether we will be facing more adversity from current pandemic till our life gets back to a new normal, what is certain is that we will benefit from having a shared purpose and joint work to get through it with minimum negative impact. Since its start in 1992, AmCham has been providing a great platform to drive positive impact in the market, and I would be proud to contribute in this endeavor as a member of the board of directors.

Candidate's AmCham Priority:

- Digital economy
- Workforce capabilities building

Career Spent in the Czech Republic:

- Less than a year

Career History:

- Jan'21 - Present: Country General Manager Microsoft Czech Republic and Slovakia
- Nov'18 - Dec'20: Country General Manager Microsoft Romania
- Feb'17—Oct'18: Retail Director, Board member Metro C&C Romania

Volunteering:

- Member of Board of Directors, Eidos Foundation 2017—Present

Previous AmCham Involvement:

- Board of directors: 2018, 2020-February 2021.
- 2020—Feb'21: I was leading Digital Economy Committee and Corporate Governance Committee enabling relevant advocacy initiatives, best practices and knowledge sharing in one of the most disruptive periods for all society stakeholders.

Company Membership:

- Corporate Patron since 1992.

Michal Nebeský

Country Manager
Citibank Czech Republic



Board Mission

Having served on the AmCham board and as its President, I have direct experience on how business associations can serve as a voice of economic reason and how important that voice is in a world increasingly nervous about the future. I would like to continue to make attracting value-added investments my priority, as well as engaging with political decision-makers and social influencers about the country's direction.

Candidate's AmCham Priority:

- Strategy – debating the economic direction of the country with other stakeholders.
- Advocacy – implementing action plan of AmCham-US Embassy investment program.

Career Spent in the Czech Republic:

- 26 years

Career History:

- Citigroup- 1991-2008, with last position held as Citigroup's Risk Manager for Central Europe.
- Czech railways 2008—2012, CFO and Board Member.
- Elected CFO of the year in 2011
- Rejoined Citigroup as Managing Director and Country Head for the Czech republic and CZ/SK Cluster Head in November 2012

Personal Note:

- I am slow, but enthusiastic cyclist, like baroque music and good books.

Previous AmCham Involvement:

- President, Executive Committee of the Board of Directors (2016-2020)
- Member, Board of Directors (2014–2020)

Company Membership:

- Corporate Patron since 1994

Václav Novotný

Regional Executive Director,
Central and Eastern Europe
Biogen

**Board Mission**

The American Chamber of Commerce has a unique position in the Czech business environment. If elected again as a Board member I would be honoured to serve for the continuous success of AmCham and I am again ready to dedicate my experience and energy to further enhance AmCham's position as trusted and respected partner to both business community and state authorities. I would like to focus on AmCham priorities, especially Competitiveness, Healthcare and Transparency.

Candidate's AmCham Priority:

- Strategy – debating the economic direction of the country with other stakeholders.
- Advocacy – implementing action plan of AmCham-US Embassy investment program.

Career Spent in the Czech Republic:

- 26 years

Career History:

- Regional Executive Director Central and Eastern Europe, Biogen, 2017–current.
- Managing Director MSD Czech Republic (Merck & Co) 2008-2015
- Managing Director, MSD Slovakia (Merck&Co) 2004–2008
- Marketing and Business functions in MSD – since 1996

Personal Note:

- M.D., 1st Medical Faculty of Charles University, Prague
- MBA, Rochester Institute of Technology, New York
- Interests – Sports, Travelling

Previous AmCham Involvement:

- Vice-President, Executive Committee of the Board of Directors (2015-present)
- Member, Board of Directors (2013–present)

Company Membership:

- Corporate since 2017

Michel Perret

Director Carrier Excellence Europe-
Carrier Refrigeration Czech Operations

**Board Mission:**

Manufacturing in the Czech Republic faces a major transition. As compensation climbs, production lines will need to become more efficient and more productive. Global commodity prices will disrupt supply chains, and an increased political volatility may disrupt it even more. New technologies, such as additive manufacturing, can enable producers to innovate their way around some obstacles. As a board member, I will continue to help identify trends, and promote solutions that will keep the Czech manufacturing globally competitive.

Candidate's AmCham Priority:

- Country Manufacturing strategy
- CNB Monetary policy.
- Cooperation with other countries Chambers of Commerce

Career Spent in the Czech Republic:

- 4 years

Career History:

- Director Carrier Excellence Europe-Carrier Refrigeration Czech Operations. 2020-now
- General Manager Europe – Carrier Refrigeration Czech Operations. 2015-2020.
- Managing Director – Carrier Transcold. 2013- 2015.
- Chief Operating Officer –Zargès Tubesca Group 2007- 2012

Previous AmCham Involvement:

- Board of Directors, 2018.
- Wage inflation monitoring and trend forecasting.
- Discussion on immigration policies in CEE
- Education and IT development in the country

Company Membership:

- Corporate since 2012

Jaroslava Rezlerová

Country Manager
Manpower



Board Mission

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. At the same time, our education system needs to adjust to the reality that automation will completely change the type of jobs in the market. I would like AmCham to help the government put the country ahead of the curve of technological change.

Candidate's AmCham Priority:

- Workforce
- Cooperation with other countries Chambers of Commerce

Career Spent in the Czech Republic:

- 24 years

Career History:

- French Chamber of Commerce: Commercial director 1996 – 2001
- French Chamber of Commerce: Vice president of the chamber's board of directors 2002 - 2006
- Manpower: Sales & Key Account director 2001 – 2003
- Manpower: Managing Director 2003 – 2007
- ManpowerGroup: Managing Director Czech Republic and Slovakia 2007 – now

Personal Note:

- Founding member and the president of the Association of providers of personnel services – APPS.
- Member of the Board of People Management Forum - a non-profit organization for HR professionals, which brings together the largest team of professionals in the field of human resources in the Czech Republic.

Previous AmCham Involvement:

- Board of Directors, 2018.

Company Membership:

- Founding Corporate Patron since 1992

Michal Stachník

General Manager, Cisco Systems
Czech Republic and Slovakia



Board Mission

AmCham aims to continuously improve competitiveness of the Czech Republic. However, dynamic evolution of the business environment and technologies drive 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. I participated in the presentation of the new innovation strategy at the US Chamber in Washington. If I am elected to the Board of Directors, its implementation will be one of my priorities. My focus will be on attracting strategic research investments, assisting Czech tech start-ups to succeed on the US market, and ensuring we digitize our society securely. I believe that AmCham is the right platform to support improvements in education and security – two key drivers of business growth.

Candidate's AmCham Priority:

- Ensure security of the Czech cyberspace
- Establish a strong partnership with academia and businesses
- Improve the level of Czech digitization

Career Spent in the Czech Republic:

- 24 years

Career History:

- General Manager, Czech & Slovak Republic, Cisco Systems: 2016–now
- General Manager, Czech Republic, Cisco Systems: 2015–2016
- Country Manager, Czech & Slovak Republic, VMware Inc.: 2011-2015
- Country Manager, Czech Republic, VMware Inc.: 2011
- Senior Regional Channel Manager, Eastern Europe & Baltics, VMware Inc.: 2009-2010

Over 25 years of experience in the local and international IT business. Proven success in the area of international corporate sales, multi-national team management and multichannel business. Extensive technology expertise. Excellent communication and presentation skills coupled with drive, enthusiasm and understanding of business principles as well as strong leadership skills. Ability to effectively operate under pressure in corporate environments.

Company Membership:

- Corporate since 2007

Oliver Stucky

Vice President & General Manager,
Honeywell Technology Solutions
Czech Republic



Board Mission

For several years I participate in the AmCham activities, supporting initiatives and events. As a Board member, I would be honored to serve the continuous success of AmCham and its members.

I would like to engage in topics of Technology Development and Innovation. I am also interested in the Prague-Brno economic development as tech hubs. A further interest is the growth of Aerospace, Warehouse and Health Care Industry. Another focus of mine is growing the regional/HGR development from a global corporate perspective.

With my experience, I am ready to support AmCham's position as a valuable partner to regional businesses and state authorities.

Candidate's AmCham Priority:

Technology Development and Innovation
Prague-Brno economic development (as tech hubs)
Healthcare and Warehouse Technologies

Career Spent in the Czech Republic:

•6 years

Career History:

Vice-President & General Manager, Honeywell Technology Solutions, Czechia: 2018–now

Vice-President Aerospace Engineering EMEA, Czechia 2015–2018

Business Director, Rockwell Collins Aerospace, Germany 2006-2015

Director Engineering, Northrop Grumman Teldix, Germany 1997-2006

More than 25 years of experience in the European Industrial Software and Aerospace industry, where I worked for Litton Industry, Daimler Benz Aerospace (now Airbus), Northrop Grumman, Rockwell Collins and Honeywell International s.r.o.

I have extended experience in growing new business portfolios for the European and International market plus innovating and developing such portfolios with key accounts/customers in EMEA region

Company Membership:

Corporate since 2002

Sanjiv Suri

President & CEO

Zátiší Group



Board Mission

Over the next two years I would like to devote my energy to three areas :

1. Contribute to revive Prague's hospitality, convention event & food & beverage industries in the "new normal"
2. Help to increase the level of Czech Republic's attractiveness for retaining the best brains in service excellence, innovation & digitalisation as the foundation for the future.
3. Hold discussions among AmCham leaders about the responsibility of business to lead in solving some of the challenges threatening our path to a better society.

Candidate's AmCham Priority:

- Economic Development—Czech Competitiveness 2030/2040
- Economic Development—Meetings, Incentives, Congres-

Career Spent in the Czech Republic:

- 28 years

Career History:

- President of "Prague Convention Bureau" (2011–2015)
- Member of the Board of Directors of UNICEF (2005 -2014)
- Member of Young President's Organisation (since 2003)
- Alumnus of London Business School
- MBA 1986 - Cornell ESSEC (hospitality)
- MBA 2012 - LBS
- MBA 2018 - HBS

Personal:

- Interests: Golf, Walking, Travelling, Spirituality

Past AmCham Involvement:

- Member of the Board of Directors of Amcham since 2003
- Vice President of the Board of Directors of Amcham 2015 - 2021

Company Membership:

- Corporate Patron since 2002