

Czech Trade Focus

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ECONOMIC BRIEFS

The Czech crown has been the fastly appreciating, hitting record highs against the U.S. dollar.

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) forecasts a GDP growth in the Czech Republic of around 4.5 percent this year. In 2009, the Czech economy should grow by around 5 percent. The Finance Ministry raised its estimate of this year's GDP growth in the Czech Republic to 4.9 percent. In 2009, the Czech economy should grow by 5.1 percent. Last year, Czech GDP grew by a record 6.5 percent.

The Czech Republic is the country most successfully transforming itself into a democratic market economy, Germany's Bertelsmann Foundation reported in a study. The study's remaining top five was composed of Slovenia, Estonia, Taiwan and Hungary. Like the European Commission, the study stressed the need for pension and healthcare reform.

The expansion of hypermarket retail stores cooled off last year thanks to saturation of the market. The number of hypermarkets increased only 16 year on year, to 231 in total; analysts expect some 20 new stores to open this year. Kaufland operates the largest number of hypermarkets (84), followed by Ahold (56) and Tesco (52).

Czech industry again emitted less carbon dioxide than allocated to it by the EU. Companies emitted a total of 77.7 million tons of the pollutant into the air last year, while the EU had allocated the country 84.8 million tons of carbon credits. In 2006, the country also fell short of its EU limits, emitting 83.7 million tons of carbon.

The Czech Republic's state debt fell by 32.2 billion CZK (\$2 billion) to 860.1 billion CZK (\$53.4 billion) in the first quarter of this year. This makes a debt of 84,000 CZK (\$5,212) per capita.

Profit in Czech agriculture nearly doubled year-on-year to a preliminary 13.7 billion CZK (\$850.1 million) in 2007. Czech farmers made profit mainly thanks to subsidies from national resources and the EU.

Thanks to the crown's rise, more Czechs are returning home from working in Western Europe. Living standards are also growing in the Czech Republic and, in some sectors, like IT, wages are close to those in Western Europe.

The Cabinet has approved an amendment removing tax breaks on meal vouchers (stravenky) for employers. Companies will no longer be able to write off 55 percent of the vouchers' cost. The bill will not remove all the tax benefits of the meal tickets, as neither employer nor employee would have to pay social taxes on the vouchers.

Food prices have stabilized after several months of rapid increase. Milk and butter prices have fallen since December, while margarine, oil and rice are expected to rise, following worldwide trends.

Czech beer production grew by 0.5 percent to 19.9 million hectolitres in 2007, and beer exports rose by 1.6 percent to 3.6 million hectolitres. Czech beer consumption remains more or less the same at slightly under 160 litres per capita annually.

The world's largest software producer Microsoft is in talks to buy the biggest Czech Internet portal Seznam.cz.

The Czech unemployment rate fell to 5.6 percent in March from 5.9 percent in February.

Prague is the 12th-richest region in all of the European Union, according to Eurostat. The per capita gross domestic product in Prague is 60 percentage points higher than the EU average; it is the richest region of all the EU's new member states. Meanwhile, the Czech Republic's other regions sit below 75 percent of the EU average.

The Institute of Chemical Technology in Prague shall offer a new study programme- automotive Materials Chemistry. It is responding to a growing demand for specialists educated in both chemistry and materials.

Czechs went on a record 9.2 million tours abroad in 2007, a growth of nearly 10 percent year-on-year.

The next high-profile Hollywood film to be shot at Prague's Barrandov Studios will be a live-action adaptation of G.I. Joe, a comic strip and children's cartoon. The film, with a budget of \$170 million, will be directed by Stephen Sommers, best known for The Mummy. Production begins in May.

Czech consumer prices grew by 7.1 percent in March 2008, compared with a 7.5 percent growth in the two previous months.

Roughly 200,000 to 300,000 vehicles on Czech roads and motorways lack **third-party motor insurance** according to the Czech Insurers' Office (CKP).

Last year, apartment prices in the country grew fastest in Ostrava, north Moravia. Prices rose more than 50 percent in Ostrava; in second place was Hradec Kralove, east Bohemia, where prices rose 41 percent. The price of a new apartment is still highest in Prague, costing some CZK 58,000 (\$3,600) per square meter on average.

The Czech financier Petr Kellner has become one of the wealthiest 100 people in the world, according to the annual rankings of the U.S. magazine Forbes. With assets totaling \$9.3 billion, Kellner is placed 91st, up almost 30 places from last year, when he was ranked 119th. Kellner controls the finance group PPF.

The January foreign trade surplus surpassed expectations, rising to 12.2 billion CZK (\$757.3 million). The surplus was bolstered by growing sales of Czech-made automobiles and machinery. Analysts expect foreign trade to slow in 2008, dragged down by the rising crown. The Czech Republic recorded a surplus of 85 billion CZK (\$5.3 billion) in 2007.

Gasoline sales at fuel stations in the border regions with Germany have increased by up to 30 percent since the Czech Republic joined the Schengen zone. Sales are three times higher than in the country's interior and are largely attributed to German gasoline tourists.

Some 184 kilometers of motorways will open in the Czech Republic between now and 2010. The Road and Motorway Directorate will spend 98 billion CZK (\$6.1 billion) on motorway construction during this time, out of its total budget of 150 billion CZK (\$9.3 billion).

The Czech Republic is a very popular location for business support services. Accenture, Honeywell, ExxonMobil, SAP, and DHL are just some companies that have operations in Prague. IBM, Motorola, Lufthansa and Infosys are present in Brno and TietoEnator and HSBC are present in Ostrava.

The country's banks earned 47.1 billion CZK (\$2.9 billion) last year, an increase of 24 percent compared with 2006. A total of 37 banks operated on the market, with the largest three — Ceska sporitelna, CSOB and Komerční banka — taking home some 72 percent of all the profits earned.

Uranium will not be mined near Osecna, north Bohemia. The state-owned uranium miner, Diamo, applied for permission to excavate some 20,000 metric tons of ore located at the site, which would be worth approximately 120 billion CZK (\$7.4 billion) at current price levels. Local residents strongly opposed the proposal.

Prague is the world's 12th most popular city for tourists according to a survey by tripadvisor.com.

Some 86 percent of Czechs older than 16 years had a mobile phone in 2007, a growth of 2.4 percentage points against a year earlier.

The number of foreigners working in the Czech Republic is growing constantly, and they are arriving from remoter countries such as Vietnam and Mongolia.

The number of self-employed in the Czech Republic increased by just 1,000 to 919,000 in the first quarter of this year. The category includes entrepreneurs, private doctors, artists and farmers.

The growth of the Czech mortgage market slowed down in the first quarter of this year, however, the first quarter is always weaker thanks to the absence of many promotion events and incentives.

Czech meat production totalled 152,238 tonnes (slaughter weight) in the first quarter, 0.5 percent less on the year, and milk purchases reached 600.2 million litres, up 2 percent year-on-year.

Czech households' spending on food is rising steeply. In 2007, the average annual expenditures on food and soft drinks per household member increased by 1,270 CZK (\$79) to a record 20,868 CZK (\$1,295), one of the reasons being growing prices.

Foodstuffs accounted for roughly a fifth of households' total spending on consumer goods last year.

Prague is the third most attractive city for retailers in Europe.

New passenger car sales on the Czech market rose by 9.7 percent to 33,026 units in the first quarter of 2008, with unit sales of light utility vehicles up 18.6 percent at 15,208.

The Administration of State Reserves (SHR) plans to sell part of its supply of food, cotton and other commodities to buy 200,000 metric tons of crude oil and gasoline. The SHR, designed to reinforce reserves in case of war, cited the low risk of "massive military conflict." Instead, the SHR must prepare for natural disasters.

Almost 9.4 million foreign tourists visited the Czech Republic in 2007, seven percent more than in 2006, according to a survey carried out by STEM/MARK for the Local Development Ministry. The figure is roughly 2.7 million higher than data from the Czech Statistical Office (CSU) which include guests in mass accommodation facilities only.

Medicines sale in the Czech Republic decreased by eight percent to 77.3 million packets in the first quarter of this year, while distributors saw their sales revenues rise 2.3 percent on the year to 11.2 billion CZK (\$695.2 million).

Czech universities are now offering study programmes in the modern field of nanofibers. The Technical University in Ostrava and the Technical University in Liberec, which developed the world's first machine for industrial production of nanofibres, are introducing classes on nanotechnologies. The Liberec-based company Elmarco is seeking graduates educated in the field. It is working with the university and is preparing a new development center.

Czech production of passenger cars and light utility vehicles grew by 9 percent year-on-year to 266,735 units in the first quarter of 2008.

AERO L-29 DELFIN

The Aero L-29 Delfin aircraft has been the focus of the alternative fuels industry since its debut in October 2007 as the first jet to run on 100 per cent bio-diesel fuel. Dubbed the "Bio-Jet," it is under ownership of Green Flight International, which was founded by Doug Rodante in 2006 to create a platform for exploring sustainable alternatives to fossil fuels and energy dependence.

The L-29 is a Czech-built aircraft designed in the late 1950's as a military jet trainer for the air forces of Warsaw Pact countries, of which all countries but Poland adopted. Its first flight was in 1959 and production of the aircraft began in 1963. Green Flight International used this aircraft because of its ability to fly on a variety of fuels. It is an ideal platform for testing biodiesel in jet engines.

On October 2, 2007, the 39 year-old aircraft made the world's first vegetable oil powered flight, taking off at the Reno-Stead airport in Nevada and arriving 2,126 miles further at a base in Leesburg, Florida. Flown by pilots Doug Rodante and Carol Sugars, this groundbreaking flight marks a turning point for the aviation industry. The fuel was provided by Biodiesel Solutions, which produced it from restaurant waste oil. An eight-stop transcontinental flight is planned for this year, as well as a round-the-world trip in 2009.

Before the historic flight last October, several flight tests were performed up to altitudes of 17,000 feet. No significant difference was found between the performances of bio-diesel powered aircrafts and conventional jet fuel.

The aircraft will be featured at the EAA Airventure Oshkosh 2008 World's Greatest Aviation Celebration.

INVESTMENT BRIEFS

The Israeli company Teva Pharmaceutical Industrie, the largest global producer of generic drugs, shall invest \$100 million into its Czech division, Ivax Pharmaceuticals (formerly Opava-based Galeny). Though generic drugs are less expensive than their brand-name counterparts, they have the same or similar effects and thus their popularity and consumption is growing rapidly.

The new factory of the Danish manufacturer of plasticware for the food production industry, Faerch Plast, should create up to 350 new jobs in Liberec. The company is investing roughly EUR 26.8 million (\$1.7 million) in the factory's construction. The factory shall cover 13, 500m².

Czech developer Finep has launched construction of a huge residential and office project Zapadni mesto (West Town) in Prague, which the company describes as the largest urbanistic project in the Czech Republic since the 1989 fall of communism. The total investment in the locality will

definitely exceed 50 billion CZK (\$3.1 billion). At present, the company has 1.15 million square metres at its disposal in the locality.

Rexxam Czech, a subsidiary of the Japanese firm RyuSyo Industrial, will purchase land in the Kralovsky vrch industrial zone in Kadan. The company shall create 100 new jobs in the plant for producing printed circuits, which will be used in electronics and electrical engineering applications, in the first phase.

Taipei Electronic, a Taiwanese producer of LCD screens, is interested in land for a manufacturing facility in the Joseph industrial zone near Havran, in the Most region. The company's business plan involves the creation of 3, 000 new jobs. The Joseph industrial zone is Most's first green-field development site.

Foxconn, a Taiwanese computer manufacturer and one of the largest companies in the Czech Republic, is planning to set up a new residential

quarter near the industrial zone in Kutna Hora. The new city district shall contain apartments, a nursery school, healthcare centre, supermarket and a restaurant.

The PPF group of entrepreneur Petr Kellner is completing the acquisition of a Kazakh bank and the size of the investment ranges from \$10m to \$50m.

The city of Brno has obtained investments in applied research and business support services valued at over 1 billion CZK (\$62 million) in recent years. The latest such project is the development centre of IBA Group, which has invested more than 50 million CZK (\$3.1 million) in new office spaces and is planning to employ approximately 100 IT specialists by 2010.

Microsoft opened its first innovation centre in the Czech Republic. The centre will offer companies located in a so called technology incubator equipment for testing and development of the latest technologies.

AERO L-200 MORAVA

Pilots Petr Bold and Richard Samus of the Czech Republic reached the North Pole on April 5 after departing from the Aero Vodochody airport four days earlier in the legendary aircraft Aero L-200 Morava, which was designed in 1957 by Let Kunovice, a Czech civil aircraft manufacturer. They flew first to Oslo, Norway and from there to Tromsø, the northern-most airport in Norway. They landed on the Longyearbyen airstrip on the Norwegian island of Spitsbergen after waiting for favorable weather.

The second phase of the expedition involved covering over 1000 kilometers to arrive at Barneo, a Russian base located 100 kilometers from the North Pole. After a two-minute flyover of the pole, the pilots refueled at Barneo and then continued through extremely rigorous conditions. Temperatures reached as low as minus 25 degrees Celsius, making flying conditions especially adverse. Harsh temperatures and heavy wind gusts necessitated refueling with the engines running and caused the process to last nearly an hour.

The flight lasted a total of 10 hours and forty minutes. After returning to Longyearbyen, the pilots prepared for the flight home, which arrived in Prague on April 10. The expedition marked the 90th anniversary of the establishment of Czechoslovak aviation as well as the 50th anniversary of the production of L-200 Morava planes. The expedition's success displays the efficiency of the vintage aircraft.

COMPANIES AND BUSINESSES

Companies paid out a record 158 billion CZK (\$9.8 billion) in dividends last year, 108 billion CZK (\$9.6 billion) of which went to foreign owners. Analysts expect the trend to continue this year, with foreign shareholders receiving between 130 billion and 150 billion CZK (\$9.3 billion) in dividends.

More than 13 percent of Czech companies plan expansion abroad for 2008. One in three large companies want to open a branch in a foreign country. The most attractive country for Czech companies is Slovakia. Other attractive countries include Germany, Poland and Russia. This is evidence of Czech companies' self confidence and the boom of the Czech economy.

Car maker Skoda Auto wants to raise annual production to roughly 1.5 million cars in ten years.

The used-car giant AAA Auto is preparing a major restructuring that will include the sale of a large portion of its new car division. The company, which has been traded on the Prague bourse since September 2007, lost 120 million CZK (\$7.4 million) last year; its stock price has dropped 35 CZK (\$2.2) per share. AAA said it plans to be profitable again this year.

The state-controlled energy giant CEZ is nearing the end of its stock buyback. So far, the company has bought 9.61 percent of its shares on the Prague bourse at the cost of some 66 billion CZK (\$4.1 billion). CEZ plans to cancel most of the shares it has purchased, reducing its share capital and boosting the government's majority control of the company.

PSD Global and Czech Trade have signed an agreement, whereby together they will help Czech firms enter the US market.

The Australian company Uran Limited is wooing municipalities in the Vysocina region as it seeks to mine the nearby uranium deposits. Should

Uran win approval from the municipal authorities at Havlickuv Brod and Jihlava, it would then go to the Environmental Ministry. The uranium deposits in the region are expected to be worth some 40 billion CZK (\$2.5 billion).

The company Tanex Plasty of Jaromer in the Nachod region has begun production of plastic components for the British carmaker Jaguar. The company is producing door components, e.g. arm rests, for the Jaguar XF, which is already on the market. The annual value of the contract is over EUR 1.2 million (\$2 million). Tanex Plasty employs roughly 240 million people.

The soft drinks manufacturer Hoop-Kofola plans to make additional acquisitions in Poland, the Czech Republic and Russia. Kofola, the Czech Republic's second-largest soft drink company after Coca-Cola, and Hoop finalized their merger. The company is in talks to buy two Polish peers and plans to pull out of Hungary.

Czech car maker Skoda Auto raised sales by 15.7 percent year-on-year to 173,474 units in the first quarter of the year. Skoda launched sales of its new Fabia Combi model in the period. Skoda registered the biggest growth in sales in Eastern Europe where it sold 27,461 cars, up 38.6 percent on the year.

GE Money, a subsidiary of General Electric, has acquired the consulting firm AgroConsult Bohemia, which it hopes will reinforce its advisory services in the field of European Union and state subsidies. AgroConsult is a small firm specialized in agricultural subsidies, having assisted some 317 projects worth over 2.26 billion CZK.

The pharmaceutical company Biomedica will start producing drugs in Horatev in the Nymburk region. The company recently opened a production facility equipped with state of the art technology in the local Technology Park. Total construction

costs amounted to about 63 million CZK (\$3.9 million).

The largest Czech canned food maker Hame and Iceland's Nordic Partners confirmed officially the announced merger of both firms that has already been approved by the anti-monopoly office.

The brown-coaling mining company Mostecká uhelna (MUS) will soon be split into three parts. The most lucrative of the three divisions will be the Dul Vrsany mine, which has coal supplies to last until 2060. The remaining two divisions will be the Dul CSA mine and Mostecká uhelna, with the rest of the company's assets. The new divisions could enable further acquisition talks.

The large German dairy Mueller is planning to set up a local branch in the Czech Republic with an eye on becoming the country's dominant yoghurt producer. Mueller is the largest yoghurt producer in Germany and the United Kingdom and occupies the number 2 spot in the Czech Republic after Danone. The company said it has no plans to change its current policy of buying Czech milk and processing it in Germany.

The best-selling imported beer in Germany was Pilsner Urquell, the beer's brewer, Plzensky Prazdroj. Pilsner Urquell holds a 27 percent share of Germany's imported premium beer market. The brewery sold 230,000 hectoliters of the beer in Germany last year, up 3.3 percent from 2006.

The truck manufacturer Tatra has entered the U.S. market, opening an office in Washington, D.C. William Cabaniss, the former U.S. ambassador to the Czech Republic, is expected to help the firm become established there. Cabaniss, the chairman of Tatra's supervisory board, joined the company in December 2006.

Czech group Zetor, one of the largest tractor makers in Europe, said today it raised sales by almost 14 percent to 5.6 billion CZK (\$347 million) in 2007.

Electricity prices will likely rise 30 percent by 2013. With the cost of carbon emissions expected to rise, CEZ is planning to generate 20 percent of its

electricity with natural gas by 2013; currently, CEZ has no gas-fired plants.

DETOXY COLOR

Czech scientists have recently produced a new paint with ecological benefits. Detoxy Color, developed by the Institute of Inorganic Chemistry (IIC) at the Academy of Sciences, reduces the concentration of harmful substances in the air through a photocatalytic reaction. Titanium oxide in the paint breaks down organic pollution into simpler organic compounds, which are eventually reduced to carbon dioxide and water when exposed to direct or reflected sunlight.

Detoxy Color exists in two variants, to be applied indoors and on external surfaces. The paint is effective for up to ten years and can be used in a variety of public settings, including hospitals, restaurants, and highway barriers.

Rokospol, a Czech construction materials company, is the sole distributor of Detoxy Color. It aided the IIC in the costly research involved in the creation of the paint and has utilized the results in its products. Rokospol is in the process of launching an advertising campaign for Detoxy Color and is focusing consumers' attention on the ecological benefits of using the paint.

The effectiveness of Detoxy Color is influenced by the presence of inorganic pollution in the air. These substances can block sunlight, thus rendering the photocatalytic process inactive. Pavel Kaszonyi, CEO of Rokospol, asserts that "the only time limitation is the extent of dirtiness, which lowers the effectiveness." Limitations aside, the paint has been found to significantly decrease pollution, by as much as 10 percent in 10 hours and offers a viable option for environmentally conscious consumers.

CZECH MEDICAL, OPTICAL AND MEASURING DEVICES

The manufacture of medical, optical and measuring devices is growing at a high rate in the Czech Republic. The competitiveness and expertise of this sector continues to thrive due to the Czech Republic's excellent universities and research establishments. Just one example of success in the field of research and development is that of Professor Otto Wichterle, who invented the contact lenses.

It is a branch, which demands close co-operation between mechanical and electrical engineering and electronic professions, not only in the development of those instruments, but also in their practical use. Hence, it offers a wide range of products. The flow of foreign capital into the manufacturing industry has resulted in favourable structural changes, as organizations enlarge their existing enterprises.

Survey of Successful Companies of Czech Medical, Optical and Measuring Devices

BMT, a.s.: The company is a member of the German MMM Group, an important world manufacturer of medical and laboratory devices. It develops and manufactures steam and hot-air sterilisers, steriliser pressure vessels, steam generators, laboratory incubators, drying chests, and stainless furniture. The distribution and servicing of its products is ensured by the worldwide network of the group's affiliations and commercial and service representations. Owing to its comprehensive offer of products and services for hospitals, surgeries, scientific institutes, laboratories and the pharmaceutical industry, BMT has become an established company known for the high quality of its products and innovative strategy. www.bmt.cz.

Medin, a.s.: The company was established in 1992 as the legal successor of the former state corporation Chirana Nove Mesto na Morave. The object of its business is the manufacture, development, and sale of surgical and dental instruments and surgical implants. The largest share of the company's production and sale is accounted for by medical instruments for all main medical specializations, including bone surgery and implants. www.medin.cz.

Erilens, s.r.o.: It is a family based company established in 1992. It has been a pioneer in the manufacture and development of intraocular lenses and has held the leading position on the market. Keen competition forced the company management to start developing new activities on the ophthalmology market and enlarge its product portfolio. Its pride is a new range of high-quality and technologically advanced ophthalmic instruments made in Canada, Switzerland, US, etc. The company specializes in the distribution of surgical instruments for vitreo retinal, cataract, and refraction surgery of renowned companies, such as ASICO, Geuder and Synergetics. In 1997, the company opened two new divisions, REHA, which manufactures and sells locomotion aids, and ROOMER, which specializes in transport systems for immobile patients. www.erilens.com.

ZPA Smart Energy, s.r.o.: The company continues the activities of its predecessor, ZPA Trutnov, a traditional supplier of instruments for the industry, namely power engineering. Its long-term specialization is the development and manufacture of ripple control receivers and household and industrial electrometers. Its largest customers are the Prazska energeticka and Ceska energeticke zavody companies. Currently, ZPA makes deliveries of automated metre reading and automated metre management (AMR, AMM) systems. AMM systems make possible backward regulation and consumption control and they are the most up-to-date expression of efforts to control and regulate the take-off networks of different media. Its other successful products are street lighting systems and energy management systems. www.zpa.cz.

MESING, spol. s.r.o.: The company specializes in the construction and manufacture of customized measuring devices (meters, stations, automatic devices) and automatic control and technological lines. In the Czech Republic, the company is a leading supplier of calibrating meters and readers. A new programme introduced recently covers the development of straightening presses and surface defect measuring devices. www.mesing.cz.

Upcoming Exhibitions and Trade Fairs in the Sector of Medical, Optical, and Measuring Devices in the Czech Republic in 2008

AMONG US- DAYS OF THE HANDICAPPED

Sales exhibition of compensation, rehabilitation, prosthetic aids; offer of services for the handicapped
June 12-14, 2008
Olomouc- Flora Exhibition Grounds
Email: info@flora-ol.cz
www.flora-ol.cz

PRAGODENT

16th International Dental Apparatus, Instruments, Surgery Equipment and Service Fair
October 16-18, 2008
Prague- Exhibition Grounds
Email: m.benesova@incheba.cz
www.pragodent.eu

HOSPIMEDICA Brno 2008

International Fair of Medical Devices, Rehabilitation, and Health
October 21-24, 2008
Veletřhy Brno, a.s.
Email: hospimedica@bvv.cz
www.bvv.cz

Official Participation of the Czech Republic in International Fairs and Exhibitions Abroad

MEDICA

40th World Forum for Medicine International Fair with Congress
November 19-22, 2008
Dusseldorf, Germany
Email: mhorakova@bvv.cz
www.medica.de

MOSCOW- ZDRAVOKHRANENIE

International Fair of Medical Equipment
December 8-12, 2008
Association of Medical Device Manufacturers and Suppliers
Email: asociacebrno@iol.cz
www.medtechnik.cz

ECONOMIC POLICY BRIEF

The government is looking to set public-deficit goals of 1.7 percent of the gross domestic product next year 1.4 percent in 2010 and 1.2 percent in 2011. Currently, the deficit for these years is estimated at 2.9 percent, 2.6 percent and 2.3 percent, respectively.

The Czech Republic plans to promote world trade liberalisation during its EU presidency next Spring. It will also seek free movement of labour to all EU countries, as Czech citizens cannot work in five member EU states at present, namely Germany, Austria, France, Denmark, and Belgium.

The Cabinet approved a bill that would repeal the investment incentives law. Rather than subsidizing investments in manufacturing and assembly plants, the governing coalition wants to support high-tech development and service centers.

STYL

08.19. - 08.21. 2008

International Fashion and Textiles Fair

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KABO

08.19. - 08.21. 2008

International Fair of Footwear and Leatherware

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THE GREEN WORLD

09.05. - 09.06. 2008

Horticultural Fair

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Address: Dvorecka 31, 620 00 Brno – Turany, Czech Republic
Phone: +420 545 232 157
Mobil: +420 608 874 299
E-mail: info@green-world.info
Www: www.green-world.info/en/
Attn.: Mrs. KRISTINA DUDOVA,
Mrs. VERONIKA SIMONIKOVA
The Association of Horticulture Exhibition is a non-profit organization joining natural and legal persons involved in cultivation and trading in the horticulture field. The main objective of the Association is organizing a prestigious commercial horticulture trade-fair in the Czech Republic with the goal of establishing

a space to enable professionals of the Central-European region to meet and present the horticulture field among specialists from related fields as well as the general public. The principal project of the Association is the promotion of the horticulture trade fair “The Green World“ in Brno, which is always held on the first Friday and Saturday of September.

MSV 2008

09.15. - 09.19. 2008

International Engineering Fair

Organizer: TRADE FAIRS Brno, a. s.
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IMT 2008

09.15. - 09.19. 2008

International Machine Tools Exhibition

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VETERAN MOTOR SHOW

07.13. - 07.16. 2008

Exhibition of equipment used in the aeromedical services

Organizer: INCHEBA EXPO Praha
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RETRO PRAGUE

07.13. - 07.16. 2008

9th Bohemia rally historic

Organizer: AUTO STANGL
Www: www.retroprague.cz
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MODA PRAHA

08.27. - 08.29. 2008

10th international fashion fair

Organizer: INCHEBA EXPO PRAHA
Www: www.modapraha.cz
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PRAGOINTERIER LIVING FAIR

09.04. - 09. 07. 2008

19th international fair of interiors and living

Organizer: INCHEBA EXPO PRAHA
Www: www.pragointerier.cz/living
Attn.: Mrs. MIROSLAVA HOLLANOVA
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COLLECTOR

09.12. – 09.14. 2008

11th international fair for stamps, coins, telephone cards, minerals and collecting Progres

Organizer: PARTNERS ADVERTISING
Www: www.ppa.cz
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