

Czech Trade Focus

News from the Czech Commercial Offices in the United States / Summer 2010

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ECONOMIC BRIEFS

The Czech Republic moved up one spot to number 15 on this year's World Economic Forum's competitiveness ranking for the European Union. The Czech Republic ranked best for social integration, at number 10, and worst for infrastructure, at number 20.

The Czech National Bank (CNB) has a good reputation among investors because of a stable monetary policy and oversight over the entire financial market, a poll of analysts by the Czech News Agency (CTK) found. Analysts commended the inflation targets that the CNB introduced into the region. The CNB is also frequently praised for its apolitical approach.

The economy will grow 1.7 percent this year, according to the quarterly forecast released by Ernst & Young. The eurozone's economy will grow 1 percent this year and 1.6 percent next year. Because of the country's close economic ties to the EU, the Czech economy will grow very slowly over the next few years, eventually reaching 4.5 percent growth in 2013.

A new CzechTourism campaign encourages Czechs to spend their vacations in their own country. The state tourism agency wants citizens to take shorter trips for longer stays, a trend already happening. The campaign is the agency's biggest ever, at a cost of 30 million

CZK (\$1.5 million), part of which is being funded by the European Union.

President Vaclav Klaus signed a **consumer-lending law** that will allow borrowers to withdraw from a contract within two weeks without giving a reason, and allow borrowers to pay off the loan early without paying a large fee.

Water utilities produced and sold less water in 2009 than in 2008. Water production dropped 2.3 percent to 653 million cubic meters, and water consumption dropped by the same percentage to 505 million cubic meters. Czechs began saving water after a price jump in the 1990s, and over the past 20 years, per capita water consumption has dropped more than one-third.

The government approved a plan that will grant **financial help to university students**, including monthly grants to cover study expenses and advantageous loans as a pre-condition for later introduction of tuition fees.

Foreign owners control 6 percent of total Czech farmland. That percentage includes 230,000 million hectares split among 378 farms that are either completely or partly owned by foreign companies. Foreign companies acquired the land during a seven-year moratorium the Czech

Republic negotiated before it entered the European Union, set to expire May 1, 2011.

Agricultural subsidies grew more than 6 billion CZK (\$288 million) year on year to 43.8 billion CZK (\$2 billion) in the Czech Republic.

Czech cinemas posted record sales of 263.4 million CZK (\$13 million) in the first two months of 2010, a year-on-year growth of 51 million CZK (\$2.4 million). The number of cinema goers fell 6,000 in the same period, however. The growth in revenue was attributed mainly to James Cameron's Avatar, which earned 188.2 million CZK (\$9 million) in revenue during that time.

Beer output by members of the Czech Beer and Malt Association dropped 5.9 percent last year compared with 2008. Beer exports were down 10 percent, the first year-on-year drop in the history of the Czech Republic. Absolute figures, including breweries that are not members, will be available in July. Overall, the association noted a shift from weaker to stronger beers on both the domestic and export markets.

Credit and debit card use is on the rise in the Czech Republic, but consumers still use them much less than in other markets. There are 9 million bank cards in circulation out of just over 10 million people,

a growth of 1.37 percent over the previous year. Transactions using plastic were up 15 percent in 2009 over the previous year to more than 200 billion CZK (\$10 billion). These numbers, however, continue to trail usage statistics in Western Europe and the United States.

Sales of new mobile phones were down 9 percent in the Czech Republic to 2.6 million in 2009. The most popular models were by Nokia, Samsung and Sony Ericsson. Three Nokias and two Samsungs were among the top five cell phone models.

Czech exports to Iraq were worth a record 2.651 billion CZK (\$127 million) in 2009, nearly three and a half times more than the worth of exports in 2008. The exported goods were mostly heat exchangers and their component parts, generators, air turbines, steel constructions and pressure vessels, worth a total of 1 billion CZK (\$48 million). Clothing amounted to 855 million CZK (\$41 million).

The average wage grew 2 percent to 2.5 percent year on year in the first quarter of 2010. The lower than usual growth was due to companies trying to maintain wages. In the final quarter of 2009, the average monthly wage grew 5.2 percent year on year to 25,752 CZK (\$1,232). That higher growth was due to layoffs of employees with lower wages and payments of extra bonuses.

Banks in the Czech Republic collected 36.4 billion CZK (\$1.7 billion) in fees from clients in 2009, a growth of 275 million CZK (\$13 million) from 2008.

Consulting Company Novasoft won the 2009 prestigious Czech

Head Industry Prize. The Industry Prize is awarded each year by the Ministry of Industry and Trade for the most outstanding technological or product innovation. The company received the prize for the product named Nova Voice, appraised as clever software converting spoken words into written text with high precision. The company's core business is the development of software for company information systems. Since 2007, in co-operation with the University of West Bohemia in Plzen, it has been developing its Nova Voice software. The software is especially applied in the healthcare sector and judicial practice, i.e. branches involving large volumes of text requiring good-quality processing. Physicians in particular appreciate NovaVoice for its precision and especially its comprehensive specialised vocabulary. Many hospitals in the Czech Republic are already using the product.

The jobless rate continued its downward trend in May as the number of job seekers registered at employment offices dropped below 9 percent from 9.2 percent in April. Analysts said they expect the rate to fall again in June before worsening in July.

Domestic retail sales were down 4.5 percent year on year in April, a much worse than expected result for analysts who expected further growth after March's growth. Analysts said the result shows that domestic retail continues to struggle with the economic crisis and signals weak consumer demand.

The Czech banking sector is healthy and resistant to risks and its stability should not be

endangered even in the case of significantly unfavourable economic development, according to stress tests made by the Czech National Bank (CNB).

The 50 largest Czech exporters reported drops of 125 billion CZK (\$6 billion) on the year in 2009 to 640 billion CZK (\$31 billion) because of the economic crisis. The biggest exporter, Skoda Auto, saw exports drop from 176.3 billion CZK (\$8.4 billion) in 2008 to 166.5 billion CZK (\$8.5 billion) in 2009. The volume of exports for the top 50 exporters was down nearly to 2005 levels.

The Czech Republic as a golf destination has features that have no match in the rest of Central Europe, and that is namely the speed at which new courses and new facilities for players are being established. There are now over 80 full-fledged, 18 hole courses. This has no parallel among the countries of the former East bloc, nor in Central Europe. The Czech Republic won a prestigious award as the fastest developing golf destination, and the Czech Republic has thus become a country much sought-after by golf players. The Czech Republic does have some limits certainly but they are rather of the climatic nature, because golf is played in this country from April to October.

Czech President Vaclav Klaus named **Miroslav Singer**, the current vice-governor of the Czech National Bank (CNB), as governor of the central bank.

INVESTMENT BRIEFS

A 2 billion CZK (\$96 million) subsidy will be provided for

technology purchase for the development of small and medium

sized firms under the Development Programme of the Operational

Programme Enterprise and Innovation (OPEI). A further 4 billion CZK (\$191 million) will be provided under the Innovation-Innovative Project programme. Applications for the subsidy are accepted by the CzechInvest agency via the eAccount electronic system.

A group of investors headed by Noritus plans to build a data center in the attraction zone of the Prague-Letnany metro station. The center will be connected to at least four independent backbone fibre optic network of data connectivity providers. The total area of building is 10,500 square meters. The center will cost 1 billion CZK (\$48 million). The construction of the new data center needs a four year time framework from the construction decision to the launch with regard to the growing difficulties in terms of technology and administration.

The Biotechnology and Biomedicine Center (BIOCEV) is to be formed in Vestec u Prahy as a result of the cooperation of the Czech Academy of Sciences and the Charles University Prague. The Academy of Sciences has already purchased 24,000 square meters of plots in Vestec. BIOCEV strives for a subsidy of 3.25 billion CZK (\$156 million) from the Research and Development of Innovations Operational Programme. The center should be opened in early 2013 and in full operation by 2015. It will employ around 500 people.

The Regional Authority of the Olomouc Region permitted **Saint-Gobain Weber Terranova** to build new Weber premises for the production of building materials on the outskirts of Prostějov. The project implementation is scheduled for April 2011; it is set to be completed in June 2013.

Circuit breaker manufacturer and member of the Siemens group OEZ Letohrad plans to

open a new assembly line to expand production of 3WL circuit breakers by up to 50,000 units a year. The project is currently undergoing the environmental impact assessment procedure. The new assembly plant would provide 195 new jobs. It should ensure the final phase of the production process, i.e. the assembly, control, packaging and dispatching of goods. The firm will also reconstruct its two production halls and tear down an old communal waste storage facility.

The Czech company Heluz invested a total of 850 million CZK (\$41 million) into the construction of a modern robotic brickyard in Hevlín in South Moravia. It is the most advanced in Europe. Through the CzechInvest agency, the company received support in the form of investment incentives. As many as fifty new jobs were created thanks to the construction of the new plant. The construction and technology tuning took more than two years. The production is more efficient and consumes less energy than older plants. The state of the art technologies allow for the production of brick blocks which already meet all demands for perimeter walls of low energy and passive houses in one-layer wall. Daily, up to 40,000 such brick blocks are produced here.

Hennlich Industrietechnik has commenced completion of the premises in Litoměřice that will include the construction of the Hennlich research and development center supported by the Operational Programme Business and Innovations. The project investment will total approximately 120 million CZK (\$6 million). The company has expertise in component and system supplies to steel manufacturers, utilities, investment units and hydraulics.

A new institute of molecular and translational medicine will be formed in Olomouc within the Biomedreg- Biomedicine for Regional Development and Human Resources project. The institute will focus on the research of the molecular essence of tumour and infectious diseases. The project is being readied by the Medical Faculty of the Palacký University Olomouc. The European Union will provide a subsidy of over 751 million CZK (\$36 million), while the Czech state has supplied an additional 132.5 million CZK (\$6 million). The project will include the construction of a new building for the institute, providing facilities and background for biomedical research. The institute building should be completed by 2012 and the project is scheduled to run from 2013.

TRW-CARR may expand its plant in Stará Boleslav at which imported parts are used to install two and three point safety belts and safety belts with switches into automobiles. The plan involves the creation of 350 new jobs, which means that the company will have more than 1,750 employees. New Trw-Carr production equipment will be installed at the new production hall with an area of 4,200 square meters. The total built-up area will increase to 15,600 square meters and production at the plant will increase by 20%. The Central Bohemia Regional Authority has approved the construction, stating that the plan does not have a negative impact on the environment and that there is no need to continue with the EIA.

Japanese Aerospace Parts Organization (JASPA) and the Czech Space Alliance (CSA) agreed to cooperate in technology development or joint participation in national and international R&D programs.

Ostrava University Hospital and a private entity PrimeCell are working on a biotechnology park project. The investment is expected to be worth 577 million CZK (\$28 million). The park will focus on clinical development of new tissue engineering products and applied clinical research in microbiology implemented in cooperation with the Ostrava based Institute of Public Health. It will also focus on translation oncology

research, in particular on laboratory and diagnostic methods in molecular biology. The construction is scheduled to commence in Q3 2010 and the research center is to be launched into trial operation in the first half of 2012.

The Moravia-Silesia regional authority has permitted the construction of a multimodal cargo terminal on an area of 312,000

square meters in the Mosnov Strategic Industrial Zone. It will consist of six halls, an entry building, paved surfaces for transport purposes and parking of cars and trucks, a fuel station and a rail delivery track. The project should be completed in 2015. The multimodal cargo terminal will focus on light production, assembly, storage and logistics.

COMPANIES AND BUSINESSES

AAA auto secondhand car dealer made 1.2 million EUR (31 million CZK, \$2 million) in profit last year, compared with a 32.4 million EUR (834 million CZK, \$40 million) loss in 2008. Sales were down 44 percent last year, however. The fall in sales was due primarily to the closure of loss-making branches in Hungary, Poland and Romania.

AAA Auto posted 450,000 EUR (12 million CZK, \$550,000) in profit in the first quarter of 2010, after a 880,000 EUR (23 million CZK, \$1.1 million) loss in the same period last year. Sales were up 1.3 percent in Q1 to 39.2 million EUR (1 billion CZK, \$48 million). Sales are up compared with the same period last year, but the volume of cars sold fell 6 percent to 8,057 vehicles. The profit margin on car sales grew 4.3 percent to 25.5 percent.

The automaker Skoda sold 65,349 cars globally in May, the firm's best-ever May result and year-on-year growth of 10 percent. So far this year, the company has sold 307,427 vehicles, 16.6 percent more on the year. The growth was due largely to the Chinese market, where car sales reached 14,162 units in May.

CEZ power company has submitted completion plans for its

planned Temelin nuclear power plant to the Environment Ministry. The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) runs more than 500 pages, with an additional 2,000 pages of annexes. Two hundred experts from institutions spent 15 months preparing the report.

Kyocera Solar Energy is planning a significant expansion of its existing solar panel plant in Kadan. Production of panels will increase sixfold to almost 390,000 units per month; the production of the panels produced will increase to 43.6 MW per month. The number of company employees will increase by 921 to 1,320.

Letiste Praha, the operator of Prague Airport, posted a 1.1 billion CZK (\$53 million) audited pre-tax profit in 2009, a drop from 1.5 billion CZK (\$72 million) in profits the year before. The firm attributed the decline to the economic crisis. The number of passengers was down 8 percent on the year in 2009.

Energy giant CEZ is now the Czech Republic's largest company in terms of revenue, overtaking previous title holder Skoda in the Czech Top 100. The energy firm's revenue was up 6.7 percent on the year to 196.4 billion CZK (\$9.4 billion) in 2009, while Skoda's fell 6.2 percent to 187.9 billion CZK

(\$9 billion). The top 10 include RWE Transgas, Agrofert and Foxconn CZ.

US FEI plans to relocate microscope production from Eindhoven in the Netherlands to Brno in the Czech Republic. It will concern products with an annual turnover of 1,3 billion CZK (\$62 million), which accounts for 10% of the total FEI turnover. The move will create 50 jobs in Brno and the relocation costs are approximately 136 million CZK (\$7 million) to 215 million CZK (\$10.3 million).

The firm Grammer plans to expand production in its facility in Tachov district. Beside seats for BMW and Audi vehicles, the plant will start producing truck seats as well next year. The firm will create 250 new jobs in the region.

Power company CEZ is considering developing a large-scale wind farm in northern Poland, as well as the sale of a Varna coal-fired power plant in Bulgaria. The company is in the exploratory phase of building a wind farm on the windy Baltic coast in Poland.

The state-owned operator of Prague Airport, Letiste Praha, will issue bonds worth 250 million CZK (\$12 million) as part of its bond program. The issuance will

be the second in the company's 10-year bond program, which is meant

to finance development projects, including a second runway.

ELECTIONS 2010

Elections to the lower house of the Czech Parliament took place on May 28 and 29, 2010. The Social Democratic Party gained most votes with 22.1 %. The center and centre-right parties, however, received the majority of the seats in the lower house, which translated from the Civic Democrats (ODS) receiving 20.2 % of the vote, the recently created TOP 09 party receiving 16.7 % of

the vote, and the Public Affairs party (VV) receiving 10.9 %. These figures translate into 56 seats in the 200-seat lower house for the Social Democrats and 53 seats for the Civic Democrats, 41 seats for TOP 09, and 24 seats for Public Affairs. The Communists received 26 seats with their 11.3 % of the vote. The voter turnout was at 62.6 %.

President Vaclav Klaus of the Czech Republic has appointed ODS center-right leader, Petr Necas, as the country's new prime minister. The ODS is currently in coalition talks with the two new rightist parties — the conservative TOP 09 and the rightist Public Affairs. Prime Minister Necas wants coalition talks to conclude by early July so the new government can push through a belt-tightening budget for 2011.

CZECH COMPANIES LOOKING FOR US PARTNERS

AGRA GROUP a.s. is a Czech company with available comprehensive know-how needed for manufacturing the Pilsner-type of beer of the traditional Czech quality. It is seeking small to mid-size breweries in different parts of the United States, which would be interested in manufacturing this type of beer. The Czech company will provide delivery of the necessary ingredients, essential technological know-how, the right to use the trademark registered for this beer, and, in case of interest, exclusivity in a certain area.

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SEMIX PLUSO spol. s r. o. is a 100% Czech owned company that produces and sells an assortment of food products, which are made up of organic products, cereals, mixes and fillings developed for the production of bread, rolls and desserts for bakers, confectioners, caterers and end consumers.

The foundations of the company were laid in the beginning of the 1990s. At this time, bakeries and confectioners had many production problems and this led to the idea of creating a company that would produce bakery and confectionery mixes, fillings and improves for improving the quality of bread and other bakery products. Because of this, the company of SEMIX PLUSO, spol. s r.o., was established in 1995.

The success of the sales to industrial consumers led to the creation of products directed at the end consumer. Examples of these products are powder puddings, raised dough, potato products, ready to eat foods and breakfast cereals. Today, the company supplies these products to many of the main supermarket chains, smaller supermarkets and shops.

Their range of products has been extended to include truly whole grain cereals under the Wellness brand. These products are strategic for the company and show the way that the company intends to head into the future. Reasons for this are as follow:

- the trend towards healthy eating

- the limited range of truly wholegrain cereals on the market
- the fact the Czech Republic has the highest rate of colon cancer in Europe

The company represents the first producers of truly wholegrain cereals in the Czech Republic. Their cereals are made exclusively from whole grains, the whole grain being the source of a number of significant and healthy materials – fibre, vitamins and minerals. Thanks to the special production technology that they use, all the natural properties of whole grain are retained and the end result is a highly nutritious, easily digestible and very tasty product. They also offer cereals of organic quality.

SEMIX PLUSO spol. s r. o.

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SYSTEM OF DEMOUNTABLE LIVING CONTAINERS

Mr. Truksa has developed a system of demountable living containers. The containers are easily operable and can be put together as a multistoried building. They are used primarily for military purposes. Mr. Truksa is looking for a manufacturer who would be able to produce large amounts of these containers in top quality.

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RR – SERVIS

Cork Shoes: These shoes are suitable for the support of both the transverse and longitudinal instep. They are very comfortable and stylish. As this type of shoe has an anatomically shaped insole, it can be worn all day long. It is also suitable for people who suffer with an acute foot pain and for people with a flat-foot.

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TRADESHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC/ FALL 2010

08.24. – 08.26. 2010
STYL
 International Fashion Fair
 Organizer: Veletrhy Brno, a.s.
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 Phone: +420 541 152 951
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www.bvv.cz/styl-gb

08.24. – 08.26. 2010
KABO
 International Fair of Footwear and
 Leatherware
 Organizer: Veletrhy Brno, a.s.
 Vystaviste 1, 647 00 Brno
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 03.09 - 04.09. 2010
The Green World 2010
 Horticultural Fair
 Organizer: Veletrhy Brno, a.s.
 Vystaviste 1, 647 00 Brno
 Phone: +420 608 874 299
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E-mail: info@green-world.info
<http://www.green-world.info>

09.09. – 09.12. 2010

TENDENCE

15th international trade fair of Interior Design, Furnishings, Lighting, Decor and Gifts
Organizer: Terinvest
Attn.: Gabriela Kupcova
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Fax: +420 221 992 149
E-mail: tendence@terinvest.com
www.tendence.eu

09.09. – 09.12. 2010

FORUM KUCHYNI

1st Exhibition of Kitchen Furniture, Components, Equipment and while Goods Organizer: Terinvest
Attn.: Klara Nesterova
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Fax: +420 221 992 149
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09.09. – 09.12. 2010

SVETLO A DESIGN

1st Exhibition of Interior Lightings
Organizer: TERINVEST
Attn.: Michaela Mecerova
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09.13. – 09.17. 2010

MSV 2010

International Engineering Fair
Organizer: Veletřhy Brno, a.s.
Vystaviste 1, 647 00 Brno
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09.13. – 09.17. 2010

IMT 2010

International Machine Tools Exhibition
Organizer: Veletřhy Brno, a.s.
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09.13. – 09.17. 2010

FOND-EX

International Foundry Fair
Organizer: Veletřhy Brno, a.s.
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09.13. – 09.17. 2010

WELDING

International Welding Engineering Fair
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<http://www.bvvcz/welding>

09.13. – 09.17. 2010

PROFINTECH

International Surface Technology Fair
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09.13. – 09.17. 2010

INTERPROTEC

International Fair of Personal Protective Equipment, Health and Safety at Work
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09.13. – 09.17. 2010

URBIS INVEST

International Fair of Investment & Business Opportunities and Regional Development
Organizer: Veletřhy Brno, a.s.
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09.14. – 09.15. 2010

INVEX FORUM

Expert Encounter
Organizer: Veletřhy Brno, a.s.
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09.17. – 09.19. 2010

AIRIN 2010

International Aircraft Industry Exhibiton (Leos Janacek's Airport Ostrava, Czech Republic)
Organizer: Veletřhy Brno, a.s.
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09.17. – 09.18. 2010

INTERBEAUTY PRAGUE

International cosmetics trade fair
Organizer: Incheba Expo Bratislava
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www.interbeautyprague.sk

09.22. – 09.23. 2010

FORBES

Exhibition of amusements industry and technology
Exhibition is not allowed under 18 years
Organizer: Alois Sandbach
Attn.: Ivo Kasal
Phone: +420 602 363 153
Fax: +420 272 731 825
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www.forbesexhibition.cz

09.23. – 09.25. 2010

MUZIKA

13th Music fair
Organizer: Incheba Expo Praha

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09.24. – 09.26. 2010

INTEROPTIK 2010

1st Trade Fair of Eye Optics and
Ophthalmology
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09.24. – 09.26. 2010

WELLNESS BALNEA

6th international trade fair of
wellness, spa and physical therapy
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09.24. – 09.26. 2010

FITNESS EXPO

2nd Exhibition of Fitness,
Bodybuilding Machines, Sport
fashion and Nutrition Organizer:
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09.25. 2010

EXPAT EXPO 2010

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09.30. – 10.02. 2010

WATCHES AND JEWELS

19th international specialized
exhibition of clocks, watches and

golden and silver jewellery
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09.30. – 10.03. 2010

ITEA

22nd International toy trade fair
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09.30. – 10.03. 2010

BABY STYL

1st Trade Fair of Kids of and
Nursing Supplies
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Cell: +420 724 612 067
Fax: +420 221 992 139
E-mail: babystyl@veletrh-
hracek.cz
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10.06. – 10.08. 2010

EXPODENT

Central European Fair of
Stomatology and Oral Hygiene
(Prague)
Organizer: Veletrhy Brno, a.s.
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10.07. - 10.10. 2010

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10.07. – 10.09. 2010

PRAGODENT

18th international dental apparatus, instruments, surgery equipment and service fair Organizer: Incheba Expo Praha

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10.14. – 10.16. 2010

FLOOR EXPO

2nd fair of flooring and floor coverings

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IZOL EXPO

1st trade fair of building insulation materials

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FIREPLACES AND STOVES

1st professional fair of fireplaces, stoves and design-heating

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10.19. – 10.22. 2010

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10.21. – 10.24. 2010

AUTOSHOW PRAHA

16th international fair of passenger-cars and light commercial motor vehicles and automobile tuning, car-parts, car accessories, services and garage technology

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10.21. – 10.24. 2010

TRANSPED – COMMA - KARAVANY

17th exhibition of trucks, water-, rail- and air-transport, logistics, warehousing and manipulation

11th exhibition of municipal equipment and services
5th exhibition of caravans
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10.23. – 10.23. 2010

MOTOR TECHNIA BRNO

Exchange of oldtimers, spare parts and documentation, vintage cars exhibition

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11.02. – 11.05. 2010

GAUDEAMUS

European Educational Exhibition

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11.04. – 11.06. 2010

PRAGOLIGNA / TOOLTEC

11th contracting and retail exhibition of machines, tools, equipment and materials for the wood-processing industry

15th specialized exhibition of machines, tools, implements and iron mongers' goods Organizer: Incheba Expo Praha
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11.20. – 11.21. 2010

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International Sales Exhibition of Minerals, Fossils, Jewels and Natural Products

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11.25. – 11.28. 2010
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12.10. – 12.19. 2010
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Christmas Market
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Traditional Christmas Markets
Retail exhibition of gifts,
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