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ŠKODA IT opens SAP competence centre and urban co-working space VISIONARY in Prague's Holešovice district

- › Inspiring workspace for ŠKODA's IT specialists, students and customers within Prague's Holešovice creative quarter
- › Czech car manufacturer invests in talent, hardware and modern workplaces for the long term
- › ŠKODA's IT department is gradually taking on more and more responsibility with regards to SAP applications within Volkswagen Group

Mladá Boleslav / Prague, 19 June 2019 – 'Closer to talents, partners and customers' is the motto behind the creative hub, VISIONARY, which opened in Prague today. From now on, the modern rooms in the city's vibrant Holešovice district provide a workplace for the car manufacturer's IT specialists. They are also open to other ŠKODA staff, partners, students and customers as an inspiring co-working space.

Head of ŠKODA IT, Klaus Blüm, said, "The fact that Prague Holešovice was chosen as the second home of ŠKODA AUTO's IT department was no coincidence. In recent years, the previously working-class neighbourhood developed into a prime location for the cultural and start-up scene. ŠKODA AUTO intends to work intensively with IT experts as well as students from Prague and the surrounding area in the new VISIONARY co-working space."

ŠKODA's IT department is gradually taking on more and more responsibility and new tasks within SAP applications across Volkswagen Group. An SAP competence centre was set up back in 2012 and has continually been expanded. ŠKODA's IT specialists develop digital tools and solutions with a focus on finance and logistics processes for numerous departments and Group brands there. At present, ŠKODA IT is a supplier to already more than 500 internal and external customers. ŠKODA AUTO is now moving into the midst of this metropolitan ambience, providing its IT staff with a modern co-working space.

ŠKODA is rigorously advancing the digitalisation and automation of processes – both within vehicle production as well as within all other corporate areas. The need for programmers and digital solutions is therefore continuously increasing. Having positioned itself as a preferred employer for IT talent, the company has developed an excellent reputation in this regard over recent years. ŠKODA invests in talents, hardware and modern workplaces for the long term. In September last year, ŠKODA AUTO completed the expansion of its data centre at the company's headquarters in Mladá Boleslav, making it the largest commercial computing and data storage centre in the Czech Republic. Following its expansion, the data centre now has a computing capacity of 15 petaFLOPS. This equates to 15 quadrillion computer operations per second.

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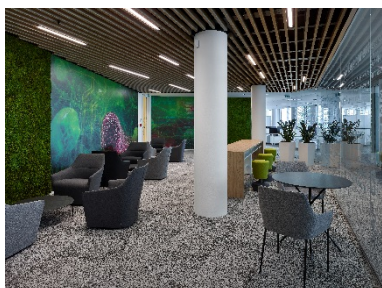


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The representatives of ŠKODA AUTO, Volkswagen and SAP open the SAP competence centre. From the left: Klaus Blüm – Head of ŠKODA AUTO IT, Andreas Hafemann – Head of VW Group IT Governance, Luděk Pavlík – Head of SAP Group Competence Center, Bohdan Wojnar – ŠKODA AUTO Board member for HR, Klaus-Dieter Schürmann - ŠKODA AUTO Board member for Finances and IT

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ŠKODA AUTO

- › was founded during the pioneering days of the automobile in 1895, making it one of the longest-established car companies in the world.
- › currently offers its customers nine passenger-car series: the CITIGO, FABIA, RAPID, SCALA, OCTAVIA, KAROQ, KODIAQ, as well as the KAMIQ and the SUPERB.
- › delivered more than 1.25 million vehicles to customers around the world in 2018.
- › has been part of Volkswagen Group since 1991. Volkswagen Group is one of the most successful vehicle manufacturers in the world. In association with the Group, ŠKODA AUTO independently develops and manufactures vehicles, as well as components such as engines and transmissions.
- › operates at three locations in the Czech Republic; manufactures in China, Russia, Slovakia, Algeria and India mainly through Group partnerships, as well as in Ukraine and Kazakhstan with local partners.
- › employs over 39,000 people globally and is active in more than 100 markets.
- › is pressing ahead with the transformation from a traditional car manufacturer to the 'Simply Clever company for the best mobility solutions' as part of the ŠKODA 2025 Strategy.