



MAGDALENA SOUCEK

SUMMARY

Magdalena emigrated to the USA in 1980 and is a dual US-Czech citizen. Three years later in 1983, she joined the international consulting firm Arthur Andersen in Boston as an audit assistant. She returned to the Czech Republic immediately after the Velvet Revolution in 1990 and founded the Czechoslovak practice of Arthur Andersen in Prague. In 2002, the branch was incorporated into the international network of EY (formerly Ernst & Young). Today, EY has over 1,100 employees in 3 branch offices in the Czech Republic.

EDUCATION

Magdalena graduated from the University of Massachusetts. She is a Certified Public Accountant and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She is also a Czech statutory auditor and a member of the Chamber of Auditors of the Czech Republic. Magdalena holds a certificate of completion of the Harvard Journey to the Boardroom Program.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Magdalena has been the Country Managing Partner for EY in the Czech Republic since 2008 until December 2021. From 2011 to 2020 she was also the Managing Partner for the Central Cluster (Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia, Herzegovina and Montenegro) and represented the Cluster on the Management Board of the CESA region (Central, Eastern and Southern Europe and Central Asia).

Under her leadership, the Cluster has almost doubled in size into a US\$220m business, with 80 partners and 2,500 people. The success is attributable to Magdalena's drive to support the development of new services, cross-border cooperation, focus on people and dedication to teaming. In her current Country Managing Partner role Magdalena has been responsible for driving the business, partner matters and all operations of the Czech EY practice. In both roles, Magdalena has been a role model as a female leader and partner.

Magdalena has 30+ years of broad experience in providing audit and advisory business services. During her practice she specialized in auditing and other projects for clients mainly from the pharmaceutical, manufacturing, and real estate industries for both leading multi-national as well as Czech companies.

Magdalena was awarded the title Most Influential Businesswoman in the survey Top25 Women in Czech business conducted annually by daily newspaper Hospodarske noviny in 2007 and is now a member of the jury. She regularly ranks among the 50 most influential women in the Czech Republic done by Forbes magazine. She contributes commentary and articles to the Czech media and actively participates in business conferences. Magdalena is also a bronze patron of the National Theater in Prague for many years.

NON-PROFIT BOARD EXPERIENCE

American Chamber of Commerce in the Czech Republic
Board of Directors Member since 2004 (in 2006 – 2008
elected President)

CARE (major international humanitarian agency)
Board of Directors member since 2017

Czech National Trust (independent organization with
purpose to preserve natural and cultural heritage)
Supervisory Board member since 2017

University of New York in Prague (private higher
education institution)
External Advisory Board member since 2019

Espira Investments (private equity fund investing in
companies with gender diverse management teams)
Advisory Board member since 2019