



Karel Havlíček

Karel Havlíček is the founder and chairman of the Czech non-profit Association of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises and Crafts. He has been holding managerial positions in the private sector since the 1990s and now focuses mainly on holdings of small and medium-sized companies of the Sindat Group. Since 2007, Havlíček has been acting as general manager of the Group's parent company, SINDAT, of which he is a majority shareholder. SINDAT was founded in 1990 and more than fifty small to medium-sized enterprises have been part of the group ever since; a group in which SINDAT exercises its holding based on business synergies, innovative strategies and project financing.

Havlíček is part of several Czech and European government advisory teams. He is a member and vice-chairman of the Government Council for Research, Development and Innovation, and a member of the Czech Business Council. Moreover, he has worked in the academic sphere for many years; he has been lecturing at the University of Finance Administration since 2004 and in 2010 he was named the dean of the Faculty of Economic Studies and a member of the scientific council of the university. He has authored several books and hundreds of articles on management and controlling of SMEs.

Havlíček holds a Master's degree from the Faculty of Civil Engineering of the Czech Technical University in Prague, an MBA from Manchester Metropolitan University, and a PhD from the Faculty of Business Administration of the University of Economics in Prague. In 2013, he successfully habilitated at the Faculty of Finance and Accounting of the same university and earned the title of associate professor.