

## PRESS RELEASE

# KKCG and Foxconn Open a New Data Center

Prague, 30 September 2016 – **Today, an innovative data center was put into service in Prague by representatives of the global technology leader Foxconn and the international investment group KKCG. The launch of the SafeDX data center is the first tangible result of an international partnership the two corporations established last year with a view to focus on information technologies and prospectively also other sectors.**

In accordance with its shareholders' development arrangements, SafeDX plans the construction of additional data centers in the Czech Republic and elsewhere in Europe. KKCG and Foxconn each hold a 50% share in the joint venture. *"KKCG focuses more and more on investments into information technologies in order to establish another pillar of its business. Due to this, among other reasons, I greatly appreciate the partnership with Foxconn and believe that our cooperation with this global technology leader will be prosperous. I am convinced that the Czech Republic has the potential to be Europe's IT center, and this is the first step on our way there,"* said Karel Komárek, the founder of the KKCG Investment Group. SafeDX will rely on the expertise and innovations of its parent companies, their experts, and the strong capital backing they provide. It will bring together technology know-how and intimate knowledge of business dealings. *„I am pleased to announce that Foxconn has allied with powerful European investment group rich in knowledge of the Central-European background and supported by the team of experts and professionals. It is also important to notice that Foxconn uses the latest technologies to succeed among the international competition. Digitalization and automation in the concept of Industry 4.0 are the key areas on which we focus our investments to remain the global leader in the field of complex IT solution's service“,* says Terry Gou, CEO of Foxconn.

Situated in a strategic locality in Prague, the SafeDX data center provides a host of innovative services. It offers not only hardware, but also, and more importantly, comprehensive IT solutions, mainly focused on foreign companies. *"There is a large potential in global IT companies, as well as in specialized technology corporations. They are looking for opportunities to store and process data in Central and Eastern Europe, similarly as other multinationals, many of which are based in Asia,"* explained SafeDX CEO Martin Smekal.

*"Thanks to cooperation with associated data centers in such countries as France, Germany, Russia, and Switzerland, we are able to offer broad geographical coverage,"* added Smekal. SafeDX supports cooperation between Europe and Asia and will provide premium-quality international connectivity services for key Asian locations. Thanks to support provided by Foxconn and other partners, such as China Telecom, the data center is able to meet very specific needs of its customers. The new facility will offer clients professional services, high availability, top-level operating efficiency, and international connectivity. The data center features excellent level of security and flexibility, as well as low operating costs. The facility relies on specialists possessing broad expertise in the IT sector, including experts familiar with the operation of data centers, specialists in big data processing and data analysis, and software developers. SafeDX mainly provides its clients with cloud services on its own IT infrastructure and data centers. SafeDX will support innovation-oriented projects of Foxconn and KKCG. For instance, the company and Foxconn are currently preparing an innovative solution for industrial production. The solution is based on Industry 4.0, a concept that includes, among others, sophisticated production management processes, the implementation of artificial intelligence concepts, and the mutual communication among production equipment, the so-called industrial Internet of Things.

### **Foxconn**

The global leader in the IT service solution's services. The company is Foxconn's regional basis for Europe, the Middle East and Africa and has been operating in the Czech Republic since 18th May 2000. Foxconn is the second most important exporter in the Czech Republic. It invests in modern technologies connected with the concept of Industry 4.0. The company was awarded as the best employer in the region in 2015 and 2016. For more information, go on [www.foxconn.cz](http://www.foxconn.cz)

### **KKCG**

The KKCG Investment Group holds assets worth over two billion euros and employs more than 2,500 workers. The group's long-term investment strategies focus on crude oil and natural gas production, lotteries, tourism, and new technologies. KKCG holds shares in more than 25 Czech and foreign corporations, including MND Group, SAZKA Group, VÍTKOVICE, FISCHER Group, Conectart, DataSpring, SafeDX, Springtide Ventures, and others. KKCG operates in 10 countries worldwide.

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