

Nevada awarded as Top U.S. State for Investors from Central and Eastern Europe at the North America – CEE Investment Summit 2021

The Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development received the Top U.S. State for Investors from Central and Eastern Europe at the North America – CEE Investment Awards 2021 June 16-17 in Warsaw, Poland.

"It was an honor to be recognized for the ongoing projects and relations that GOED has cultivated with foreign investors in the CEE region." Said Dr. Pawel Pietrasienski, Director of International Trade at GOED. "One such relationship that has grown is with one of the largest investors from the CEE region in the United States, KGHM Polish Copper with the Robinson Mine in Ely, Nevada."

The theme for the summit was "'Connections' – connections drive our economic development and trade and are one of the most-powerful of human emotions." This summit offered an amazing opportunity for the International Trade Division of GOED to showcase Nevada as a top tiered location for Central Eastern European investment.

During the event, a Nevada Business Roundtable was also hosted, giving 10 Nevada businesses and business support institutions the opportunity to speak about their companies, experiences doing business in the state, as well as network with companies from the CEE region. Some of the Nevada representatives in attendance virtually included, alongside companies, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and Biz Assembly.

Once the dates for the North America – CEE Investment Awards **2022** are announced with full safety precautions in place as well as unrestricted travel, GOED is hoping to be able to send a delegation of Nevada business to Europe to participate, in person. This event will give the businesses the opportunity to meet with potential investors in the region.

Below is a list of the members of the jury deciding upon winners of the awards as well as the 2021 winners by category.

Jury:

Eric Stewart – American Central European Business Council - President

Pawel Pietrasienski – Nevada GOED – Director of International Trade

Inga Klimasauskiene – Baltic American Chamber of Commerce – Principal

Marek Matraszek – CEC Group – Chairman

Kevin Koym – Tech Ranch Austin – Founder & CEO

Krzysztof Grabowski – Polish Investment Agency – Business Development Director

Matej Zahradnik – CzechInvest – Director of US East Coast Operations

Judith Garcia Galiana – 3M – Vice President Global Service Centers

Bernhard Otterstein – Polish-Canadian Chamber of Commerce – President

Arindam Mukhopadhyay – Citi – Global Head of Strategy & Info. Sec. Operations

Danas Vaitkevicius – Embassy of Lithuania – Economic Counselor

Ron Farkas – Poldand-US Operations – President

Eliz Nestorov – US-Bulgarian Chamber in America – President

Mike Kennedy – Talent Alpha – Co-Founder & Non-Executive Director

Vishal Ahluwalia – KeeperAI – CEO & Co-Founder

Alan Stevenson – OCO Global – US commercial Director

John Lynch – Lynka – Founder

Judit Czako – Consulate General of Hungary – Economic Attache

James S. York – Enterprise Estonia – Director of U.S. Business & Innovation

Toms Zvidrins – Latvia Development Agency – Head of Representative Office in USA

Gabriela Mechea – ANIS Romania – Executive Director

Christopher Huppertz - Transatlantic Business & Investment Council – Director

Dave Erickson – Screaming Box – CEO & Founder

Bill Avery – Virtual i Switzerland Ltd. – USA Business Development Manager

David Putts – Billon Group – Chief Growth Officer

Przemek Schmidt – GetBack S.A. – Chairman of Supervisory Board

Rafal Andrzejewski – TFC Capital – Managing Director

Nate Espino – Aldgate Strategy Group – Partner

Frank Wagner – Lufthansa Group Poland – Country Manager and Atlantic Joint Venture

Matthew Day – The Daily Telegraph, The Scotsman, and The Economist – Foreign Correspondent

Szymon Stadnik – Frista – Director

Vojtek Siewierski – EEC Ventures – Partner

Katarzyna Dorocinska – 7R S.A. – Head of Marketing & Communications

Martek Banczyk – CityGlobe – City Marketing Officer

Martin Ring – Wolves Summit – Director

Award Winners:

N. America Expansion/Investment to CEE:

Top Business Services Investor in CEE: Kimberly Clark

Top Automotive, Aviation or Mobility Investor: Pratt & Whitney

Top Energy Partner in CEE: Sempra LNG

Top Medical/Lifesciences/Pharma Company in CEE: Novavax

CEE Investment and Expansion to N. America:

Top U.S. States for Investors from CEE: Nevada

Top American Cities for Tech Investors from Europe/CEE: Charlotte

Most Successful Expansion (CEE to N. America): SECO/WARWICK (Poland)

Best Bank for N. American expansion: Santander

Top CEE-based Digital Services provider to N. American companies: IBA Group

Top Manufacturing/Production Investor: CANPACK (Kraków)

Top CEE Female Exec/Entrepreneur in N. America: Joanna Draniak, Bandi Cosmetics

“High Potential” Tech company for US market expansion: City Robots (Poland)