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The event brought together distinguished guests and leaders, including Jaroslav Polaček (Mayor of Košice), František Oľha (Mayor of Prešov), Rastislav Trnka (President of the Košice Self-Governing Region), and U.S. Ambassador Gautam Rana. Their opening remarks echoed a shared vision: regional development and Slovakia's global competitiveness must be rooted in innovation, investment, and crosssector cooperation.

AmCham Slovakia President Martin Maštalír emphasized the urgency of fostering an environment where startups thrive,

talent stays, and investment flows, calling on all sectors to act boldly. With enthusiastic participation from entrepreneurs, public officials, and business professionals, the evening buzzed with new connections and collaborative spirit. The cocktail wasn't just a celebration, it was a call to action.

Thank you to everyone who joined us in Košice. Your energy and ideas are the foundation for a more innovative and competitive Eastern Slovakia.











