



Candidates for the AmCham Board of Directors

PERSONAL STATEMENTS

2020-2021



The American Chamber of Commerce in the Slovak Republic will hold the **2021 General Assembly** online on **May 4, 2021**, at 11.00 a.m.

At the General Assembly, the American Chamber of Commerce will announce the outcome of this year's elections for the Board of Directors. To ensure that you are able to make an informed decision when casting your ballot, AmCham Slovakia has prepared special brochure with detailed information about each candidate for the Board of Directors.

As part of the candidacy of each nominee, we asked the candidates to provide a personal statement addressing the following questions:

- What is your vision for AmCham Slovakia within the two year term of office?
- What would be your contribution to the Board of Directors?
- Which changes would you like to implement in AmCham Slovakia if you were elected to the Board of Directors?

We do encourage each of our member companies to cast their ballots to ensure that your voice is heard, as it is the membership that makes the very important decisions as to who will serve during the upcoming year.

On the following pages, you will find all candidates for elections of the AmCham Board of Directors 2021 and their personal statements.



What is your VISION for AmCham Slovakia within the 2-year term of office?

I see AmCham as the most influential and powerful business organization in Slovakia representing many important companies. AmCham is having a positive impact on the business environment and is voicing the opinion of its members. In my opinion its vision should continue to:

- build strong relationships within the business environment,
- foster positive business conditions through effective Advocacy and driving for more transparency in public office
- be the leading voice of business in Slovakia through support of its members.

Slovakia is currently in the stage where it needs to retain existing investors and still continue to attract new investors who will continue to bring value-added types of roles. AmCham should help state organizations and institutions create the business-friendly environment attractive for established foreign investors and which are also attractive for new investors.



**STEPHEN
CAULFIELD**

General Manager,
Dell

What would be your CONTRIBUTION to the Board of Directors?

Having already served on the board of AmCham for four terms now plus having extensive business knowledge both working in Ireland and Slovakia, I believe that I am well placed to help AmCham deliver on its vision as described above. In addition, through Dell, I would continue to support AmCham's objectives by partnering in key business conferences. Dell has also valuable resources and knowledge and is already one of the leading companies in more working groups, such as Employment & Social Affairs Committee, Public Procurement Task Force, BSC Forum and Labor Code of 21st century.

What CHANGES would you like to implement in AmCham Slovakia if you were elected?

I would suggest that AmCham is more involved in three main areas:

- 1. Education** – partner more with high schools and Universities to help improve the educational system in Slovakia by being more connected to business needs. Slovakia should be considered as a high value knowledge economy through new generation of innovators and entrepreneurs.
- 2. Innovation & Entrepreneurial spirit** – help to encourage innovation in the business through continuous closer cooperation with Start-ups in Slovakia.
- 3. Rule of law** – Continue to be a leading voice from the business community in advocating for more transparency from Government entities, particularly in the areas of Public Procurement and Justice system.

AT&T is one of the largest communications companies in the world and our data services are available to customers in countries representing 99 percent of the world's economy. Our customers do business in virtually every country and territory. We serve millions of business customers of all sizes, including multinational companies around the globe.

What is your VISION for AmCham Slovakia within the 2-year term of office?

AT&T is actively involved with AmCham across Europe and we have seen first-hand AmCham Slovakia's commitment to be a leading voice for business. More than 20 years ago, AT&T began operations in Slovakia with the objective of supporting our clients in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Since then, we've opened three more centres here in Slovakia, in Kosice and also Bratislava. AmCham Slovakia is one of most active and respected chamber in Slovakia. In order to maintain this position, it's important for AmCham remain visible by being actively involved in areas which are important for business community and support sustainability and growth. AmCham Slovakia's efforts to support public policies that encourage investment and new opportunities in the region are important to global organizations, such as AT&T. I hope to continue to strengthen AmCham Slovakia's role as a leading representative of international businesses during the next two years in office.

What would be your CONTRIBUTION to the Board of Directors?

As we look to the future, the impact of a connected world, on our economy and our quality of life, will be immense. As a representative of a company that is leading the way in this technology transformation, I believe I can bring a valuable perspective to AmCham Slovakia. Over past 6 years, I've been actively engaged in several AmCham initiatives which helped cultivate business environment, address areas for improvement and future growth in Slovakia. Leading Business Service Center Forum, we were able establish trusted body for 32 companies operating Shared Service Centers or Business Process Organization in Slovakia and representing more than 34.000 employees. Joined effort lead into formal recognition of the newly evolving industry and position Business Service Centers as significant pillar of Slovak economy. Actively participated in establishment of Center for Artificial Intelligence which has been founded by AmCham, It Association of Slovakia and Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava. Center objective is to provide an inspirational environment for active cooperation among the key AI performers in Slovakia. It unites representatives from leading academic institutions, private sector entities and government institutions in Slovak republic. Our aspiration is to un-fold the full potential of AI in Slovakia for the benefits of our society at home, as well as beyond the borders. Besides policy and advocacy active involvement, I've supported talent and leadership development across university students by being involved in Meet the Mentor program and Cross Company Mentoring program established by Business Service Center Forum..

What CHANGES would you like to implement in AmCham Slovakia if you were elected?

Today, AmCham Slovakia is one of the most active foreign Chambers of Commerce in the country. I would hope to further evolve AmCham Slovakia's role as an advocate for the business community. We are most effective when strong voices band together and speak as one. AmCham provides us the opportunity to have one voice in Slovakia.



**GABRIEL
GALGÓCI**

Country General
Manager
AT&T Global Network
Services Slovakia

Nominee standing for
reelection to the Board



What is your **VISION** for AmCham Slovakia within the 2-year term of office?

AmCham is for me not only a successful story in Slovakia, it is also my story. I have been actively involved in AmCham activities almost for last five years, co establishing the HR Council under BSCF umbrella. My vision for AmCham is to support its strategy and activities in providing quality and relevant services, support, groundbreaking ideas and shared ideas not only for AmCham members but going even beyond its borders. It's a privilege for SwissRe which I represent, being a good partner and a strong voice in making a positive change in the community and the country. It would be an honor for me to join this team and contribute in crucial societal topics like readiness of young talents to enter Slovak labor market, digital upskilling of current workforce, challenges related to aging of population, diversity and inclusion, or societal resilience that has become a crucial topic accelerated by pandemics. The chamber could help us leverage our collective voice, resources and experience to be good corporate citizens who go even beyond what is expected by legislation, and who lead by example.



**LUCIA
GRÖNEOVÁ**

HR Director
Swiss Re Slovakia

What would be your **CONTRIBUTION** to the Board of Directors?

My personal purpose is to inspire and enable growth. As a HR professional, it starts with the growth of individuals and teams and then builds to the growth and advancement of businesses and society overall. I combine head and heart and blend logic with a heartfelt human touch. I am passionate and positively disruptive, and I am also empowering and enabling at the same time. My values guide me, and I love to lead people. I always start out from a position of trust and transparency as that gets the best results and makes work a much healthier place for us all to thrive. I can offer my experience in transformation toward sustainability and resilience of workforce. My primary focus over the last year has been in creating framework of future ready skills that will enable us to transition into a new era to come. Coming from a company which is a strong advocate for inclusion and diversity, I believe I can contribute to this topic from both my personal conviction as well as from rich variety of Swiss Re internal resources.

What **CHANGES** would you like to implement in AmCham Slovakia if you were elected?

I do offer my track record in extensive knowledge of local labour market, it's trend as well as insights to global future trends. As experienced lecturer, I can offer sponsorship to topics connected to forward looking education, future of work, upskilling of current human capital and diversity of thoughts. Both externally in terms of activities and events, as well as internally in terms of developmental best practice sharing among us in AmCham.

It is an honour for Slovenska sporitelna, as the largest digital bank in Slovakia, that it was given the opportunity to nominate a new representative to Amcham Slovakia. Personally, I was thrilled to have been selected as a candidate for this prestigious position.

I have been working at Slovenska sporitelna for 23 years and thanks to the opportunities provided by this company, I am currently a member of the Board of Directors responsible for corporate banking. I enjoy challenges, so I decided to reflect on this "Amcham" chance as well. I am hopeful that I will be an inspiration and a great asset to all Amcham members. At the same time, I hope that I get to learn a few things as well.

I have not studied abroad or worked in another country. However, I do not think that the experience gained in Slovakia and Slovenska sporitelna would not be adequate for the position I am applying for. Quite the opposite. The great changes I experienced during my studies and career development taught me the ability to adapt to change, to be determined to participate in the processes that brought about changes and, despite my own inexperience, to be a leader who leads other people through these changes.

We are experiencing a change that I would compare to the revolution or the establishment of an independent Slovakia during my studies, or the privatization of Slovenská sporitelna and joining Erste Group during my career. The pandemic leads to global changes that we have not prepared for, and it has certainly affected us more than the financial crisis in 2008/09. We are starting to live in a new world, a world after - or with Covid 19. For the past year, we have been experiencing a situation that probably no one expected. Every new week is a big unknown. Restrictions, new measures are reflected in our personal lives, but also in business. The companies we have in our portfolio are facing these challenges and so do we. Me and my team try to be their partners even though sometimes we do not know how these changes will affect us.

How I would like to see Amcham develop over the next two years? Honestly, it's a tough question and I would love to have a crystal ball and know when we will have a peace agreement with the Covid virus. I would love to know when our children will get back to schools, when we will meet for a dinner in a restaurant, and where we will spend our next vacation. But I can't answer these questions.

I can offer my experience, skills and great determination in turning these changes into opportunities to make our lives better. To create a better Slovakia for us and our children, with the support of Slovenska sporitelna in cooperation with all Amcham partners.

This is what I offer if you choose me as a new member of the Board of Directors of Amcham Slovakia.



**NORBERT
HOVANČÁK**

Board member
Slovenská sporitelňa

As a member of the Board of Directors of AmCham, I will do my best to promote the rule of law and effective enforcement of laws and promote technology-driven innovation and digital transformation of the market and business environment. As an advocate and promoter of creating a better business environment in Slovakia, I see AmCham also through its legislative activities where I can contribute a lot backed by our team of experienced lawyers who regularly participate in AmCham legislative activities. Also, I firmly believe that we should start an earnest discussion about the future of education and healthcare in Slovakia as serious deficiencies of these two sectors became even more visible now in Covid times. I believe businesses have a fundamental role in a nationwide debate about modernizing our education system and the importance of helping young people learn new computational skills that are critical for their future success regardless of what area of work they choose.



MARTIN KLUCH

Partner
Hamala Kluch Vígľaský

Nominee standing
for the SME sector 

Over the past 12 years of its existence, CIVITTA (previously as Neulogy) has become the central and in many ways unifying element of the Slovak innovation ecosystem. Our mission has been twofold: to help companies and institutions innovate and grow and to serve as a catalyst for Slovakia's new economy. And these are some of the elements that I would like to bring on board if re-elected to the AmCham Board of Directors.

The three priorities I would like to focus on while continuing serving on the Board are: first, AmCham should remain a strong voice in shaping public discourse with regards to the future of our economy, including pushing for a strong role of innovation support in public policies. Second, AmCham should support tighter cooperation between corporations and young technology companies – corporates can scout for innovations among startups, test new technologies with less risk and costs and startups can benefit from corporates' distribution networks, knowledge and economies of scale. All of this can have a significant and positive impact on the Slovak economy and AmCham can play a critical role in this facilitation. And third, I want to continue assisting AmCham in playing an increasingly stronger role in the development of Eastern Slovakia with its focus on economic transformation and support for the new economy at the crossroads of traditional industry and new economic sectors.

I spent part of my career working at the Slovak Embassy in Washington, DC as a Trade and Innovation Counselor helping Slovak companies in the US and supporting innovation collaboration between the United States and Slovakia. I would like to use this experience in the AmCham Board and continue to build bridges between businesses on both sides of the Atlantic. In addition, with Civitta's headquarters and strong links with Estonia, I am happy to leverage on Estonia's experience in building a digital and tech-based economy also in my work for the Board.

I would like to contribute to AmCham's mission with my own background as well as with expertise and experience of the terrific team of people we have at CIVITTA.



PETER
KOLESÁR

Partner
CIVITTA Slovakia

Nominee standing for
reelection to the Board



Nominee standing
for the SME sector



American Chamber of Commerce in Slovakia is a strong independent organization which is demonstrating great impact to all its Members and contributes a lot to Slovak market. AmCham offers an excellent advocacy platform that helps companies, regardless of size, to engage and pursue specific advocacy interests in a coherent, consistent and compliant manner. Being a member of AmCham allows companies to share their experience, knowledge and expertise while having their voice heard in what, sometimes, is a complex and challenging economic and political environment.

As for my personal contribution to the Board of Directors, if my nomination is selected, it would be based on solid 10+ years' experience on various executive roles. I am a transformational leader, having a wealth of senior leadership expertise in sales, digital platforms, general management, marketing and operations, as well as a successful track record in creating value for all the stakeholders I have worked with since 2000.

In my current role, as General Manager of Microsoft Czech Republic and Slovakia, I am aiming to drive growth initiatives to enable digital transformation across all sectors in both Czech Republic and Slovakia. Digital transformation is not simply about technology—it requires business leaders to re-envision existing business models and embrace a different way of bringing together people, data, and processes to create value for customers.

Each of us is different in AmCham, but together we listen, we understand, we adapt and we guide ourselves to create the value we seek for the Slovakia business environment, economy and society.

As for the impact I would like to drive:

- **Support Digital Transformation Policies:** AmCham should continue to be a strong partner for the public sector and help with designing digital transformation policies based on the premise that, to be competitive in today's world, Slovakia needs to adopt a data driven digital transformation as the cornerstone of the architecture for efficient, effective, and resilient public services in Slovakia.
- **Promote and support educational initiatives at large:** Digital skills can play a powerful role in helping people connect, learn, engage with their community, and create more promising futures. Rapid advances in technology are transforming our economy—changing how we live, work, and learn—and giving us access to new tools and opportunities. But the pace of this change is also creating challenges and AmCham Slovakia is one of the best organisations to address the challenges in an effective manner.



VIOLETA
LUCA

General Manager Czech
Republic & Slovakia
Microsoft

If elected to the AmCham Board, I would like to focus on three key areas of interest:

1. Rule of Law initiative,
2. Educating the Slovak business community about the efficient use of alternative dispute prevention and resolution methods,
3. Promoting gender and other forms of diversity in the business sector.

Rule of law

Over the years, AmCham has proven to be an important and highly respected channel for the international and domestic business community to monitor, influence and improve the legislative framework in Slovakia.

With the benefit of my legal and managerial background, I would work towards continuing in AmCham's Rule of Law initiative with renewed strength and urgency. The fight for a business-friendly, predictable and transparent legislative framework is one that can perhaps not be won, but it can be easily lost if the business community does not take an active role. AmCham, as the voice of international business in Slovakia, needs to continue making itself heard on these issues, loudly, clearly and with a high degree of professionalism. I believe I can contribute towards these goals.

Alternative dispute resolution

Business often complains that the Slovak justice system is inefficient, slow and often unpredictable. Yet a vast majority of business does not even consider using alternative methods of dispute resolution (ADR), such as mediation or arbitration. This attitude seems to stem from a lack of awareness and trust in these alternative methods. With no or little positive practical experiences to draw upon, it is difficult to break the circle of distrust and ignorance. If elected to the AmCham Board, I would work towards making information about alternative dispute resolution methods more widely available to the membership of AmCham and organise seminars and clinics aimed at showing how they can be used safely and efficiently in practice. Having been a practicing litigator, arbitrator and member of managerial boards of various ADR institutions and interest groups for over a decade, I believe I can bring relevant views and experience to the table.

Diversity

Despite positive trends, the Slovak business community remains largely patriarchal, Bratislava-centric and, with the exception of multinational companies and Czech managers, closed to managerial talent from abroad. This leads to many companies not being able to realise their full potential and losing out in the war for talent. I would like to use the experience with diversity efforts in my own firm to identify the underlying causes and propose solutions towards achieving a higher rate of diversity in the Slovak business community, in particular in smaller and family businesses.



MARTIN MAGÁL

Managing Partner
Allen & Overy

Nominee standing for
reelection to the Board



AmCham is the best networking tool & environment we have in Slovakia and is important to maintain it and even further improve. All of us as members we do leverage its wide network and ability to positively influence authorities. AmCham Can and Must be used as our voice when needed.

The way to improve actual status is to go more from capital into the regions and stress out members satisfaction by providing more innovation and talent development and even increase inputs into legislation process by incorporating needs from regions and different kind of industry and services.

Running business out of the main areas of Slovakia is going hand in hand with feeling that prioritisation and key topics discussed are a bit different and not solved. On the other hand we do live the same hard times with the same problems and requested solutions independent of the location we are coming from. The future focus needs to be more oriented on removing such kinds of points of view and barriers by increasing interactions between AmCham members.

All of us as members of AmCham and those doing business the most responsible way we can, is our duty to be the very reliable partner of local governments, municipalities and be the ones supporting and sharing our knowledge and support to the community we do live in. We need to act as a lighthouse and compass in an actual turbulent situation.



**MICHAL
MAJOR**

CEO & General Director
Whirlpool Slovakia

My name is Vladimír Mičieta and it is my honor to represent Medtronic, the world leader in medical technology, services and solutions, in Slovakia. We believe our deep clinical, therapeutic, and economic expertise can help address the complex challenges faced by healthcare systems today.

The Covid-19 pandemic has been showing that nobody can be satisfied with the status quo in healthcare. However, nobody can change it alone. Therefore, I see the American Chamber of Commerce in Slovakia as an important, respected, and strategic platform for partnering key leaders, stakeholders and policymakers in new ways as well as developing meaningful and powerful solutions that deliver better outcomes.

As the current chair of the AmCham Healthcare Committee, I am convinced AmCham should/can play an important role in proactive interaction with the Slovak Government as well as other institutions in different areas and industries. I believe the power of AmCham can be critical for driving the meaningful dialogue of all key players within the Slovak healthcare system to make modern care for Slovak citizens more accessible and affordable.

My more than 17 years of extensive experience in the healthcare industry says that well-founded courage brings results. Thus, I would like to offer AmCham not only my skills and expertise but also my enthusiasm to move things further and focus on outcomes.

Having spent more than 10 years in the area of Government Affairs and Market Access, including heading the SK+MEDassociation the past 6 years, I have gained a unique opportunity to experience different aspects and complexity of the healthcare sector, as well as create a stable and pulsing network of stakeholders.

I believe that all my experiences and skills as well as dedication, energy and integrity can help AmCham fulfill its mission and reinforce its position as a respected and inspirational partner in Slovakia.

As a member of the Board of Directors, I would focus on increased cooperation between different AmCham committees, including of course Healthcare, and individual initiatives to assure the promotion of new trends in the field of healthcare, as well as outside it.

Moreover, I see it is crucial to improve the connection between the business environment and the academic sector in order to drive more advanced research and development opportunities as well as to create a more encouraging environment for innovative companies and start-ups.



A professional headshot of Vladimír Mičieta, a man with dark hair, wearing a dark suit, light blue shirt, and a yellow patterned tie. He is smiling slightly. To his right is a dark blue rectangular background with white text, and below that is a red rectangular background with white text.

**VLADIMÍR
MIČIETA**

Country Manager
Slovakia,
Medtronic Slovakia

It is my honor to present my candidacy for the AmCham Board of Directors. My connection to AmCham is quite personal, as I used to work for AmCham as a Director of Policy and Government Affairs for several years.

Undoubtedly, the most important initiative I founded at the time, was the Rule of Law initiative, which united employers' associations, and almost the entire business community in an effort to improve transparency and predictability of the legislative process, and address corruption and inefficient judiciary system. I am proud that this important initiative has continued ever since I left AmCham and started my new role as a Head of Public Affairs and Partner at a well-respected public relations and public affairs consultancy, Seesame.

As a member of the Board of Directors, I therefore hope to offer the combination of my experience: understanding of the internal AmCham dynamics as well as my profound knowledge of the Slovak business, social and political environment, which I have acquired through more than 10 years of experience in public affairs.

AmCham deserves to deepen its leading position among the trade associations and interest groups in Slovakia. In the current political and business environment which is unpredictable and marked by profound mistrust and lack of confidence in the elites, AmCham's role in emphasizing important values and business needs is even more important than before. I consider my active engagement in AmCham committees and cooperation in various policy related events as an important task I have continued to carry out in the recent years. I would like to continue in contributing to these very successful policy and advocacy initiatives in my new role as well. These initiatives are extremely needed, especially as we face a dynamic business, social and macroeconomic environment, with numerous game-changing legislative initiatives in place.

It would be my pleasure to help AmCham in fulfilling its important mission of shaping the Slovak business environment, while strengthening the capacity of AmCham talented and dedicated staff in public affairs and communication, and thereby making new things happen.



**ANNA
MICHALKOVÁ**

Head of Public Affairs
and Partner
SEESAME
Communication Experts

I am excited to express my interest and excitement in joining the Board of Directors at AmCham Slovakia and be part of a group which aim to improve the society in Slovakia.

My vision around about where AmCham can bring the greatest value is focus on 3 themes: post-COVID-19 recovery, position healthcare as a priority and the rule of law to protect our business.

I would aim for AmCham becoming a key partner for the government in the post-COVID-19 recovery. According to KPMG, one key to the success of economic recovery will be a deep understanding of potential strategies and their impact on relevant outcomes to enhance local industries recovery. AmCham, as a platform uniting companies from various industry sectors, can be a valuable partner for the Slovak government to help achieve this.

My absolute priority would be to help position healthcare as a public and government priority. The pandemic has demonstrated the need to invest in healthcare infrastructure. According to public opinion survey, more than 72% people believe that EU recovery

Fund and other EU Funds should be used for building hospitals and modernizing healthcare. AmCham Healthcare Committee, amongst other Committees, have valuable expertise and can be a key partner for the government in leveraging international resources and using them to modernize Slovak healthcare.

I would also be active in the rule of law and legislation that protects the business environment. Slovak legislation tends to overregulate and focus on punishment rather than guiding principles. Building on the successful initiative, "Rule of Law", AmCham can be an important actor in helping the government to limit overregulation and focus on legislation that guides and protects.

My experience working in different countries in Europe and in US with policy makers and different companies can help to foster AmCham network beyond Slovakia and bring different stakeholders from Europe to share their experiences and help to achieve our goals. In this regard, I have worked on projects to help with capacity building of policymakers to achieve continuity in the public sector in times of government changes or crises that can be relevant in Slovakia.

I am coming from a well established, agile environment and I could assist in implementing some key principles here to improve synergies between the Committees. Connecting them would lead to better informed and effective Committees.



MARCELO
PASCUAL

Managing Director
Merck, Sharp & Dohme

A portrait photograph of Marcelo Pascual, a man with dark hair, wearing a dark blue suit, white shirt, and patterned tie, smiling. Below the photo is a dark blue rectangular background with his name in white. To the right is a red rectangular background with his title in white.

Allow me to present my candidacy to the AmCham SR Board of Directors as the CEO of O2 Slovakia, and sincerely ask for your support for myself and O2 in becoming part of the group of professionals that assist AmCham in growing and strengthening its impact on the local business environment.

Since its entry into the market in 2007, O2 has grown to become not only one of the top mobile operators in Slovakia with over 2 million customers, but one of the most respected investors in the ICT sector that contributes to the digital transformation of Slovakia. O2 has joined AmCham as one of the first organizations as we have always recognized its position as the leading business advocacy organization and a continuous fighter for better business environment. O2 has revolutionized mobile communication in Slovakia by bringing fairness, simplicity, and transparency to the market as its main principles. I sincerely believe that most of the AmCham community shares these values and therefore it would be my pleasure to continue the efforts of O2 within the AmCham Board to share our experience in turning these values into business success and a general social impact.



IGOR
TÓTH

CEO
O2 Slovakia

A portrait photograph of a man with short brown hair, smiling, wearing a white collared shirt. Below the photo is a dark blue rectangular background with the name 'IGOR TÓTH' in white. Below that is a red rectangular background with the title 'CEO' and 'O2 Slovakia' in white.

What is your **VISION** for AmCham Slovakia within the 2-year term of office?

This election is held amid a pandemic crisis as well as extremely turbulent political atmosphere that both obstruct quality business environment. AmCham must strive to remain the effective communicator of business positions towards the state administration and an advocate of stable and predictable environment. The Board particularly must prove to be a consistent, open and constructive partner to its members and to the Slovak government.

What would be your **CONTRIBUTION** to the Board of Directors?

As a former marketing and communications executive, supported by a strong team of regulatory and public affairs specialists, I intend to contribute to enhancing AmCham's communication potential and advocacy performance during these challenging times. As the communication has moved online and digitalization keeps the economy operational, I sincerely believe that I can help AmCham make this period an opportunity to become even stronger.

What **CHANGES** would you like to implement in AmCham Slovakia if you were elected?

AmCham has a talented team and rather than changing anything I would be looking forward to our cooperation in making them an even stronger communicator and advocate in these unexpectedly intensive digital era.

Nominee standing for reelection to the Board *

As a SENIOR MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL with over 20 years' experience in directing wide spectrum IT services I am well versed in designing and implementing sustainable growth strategies. With reference to my record of accomplishment it would give me great pleasure to contribute towards AmCham´s mission to improve the business environment in Slovakia, in special consideration of the following focus topics:

- Expedite digitization initiatives to support sustainable growth of local companies
- Enable Industry 4.0 frameworks to increase the country's competitiveness
- Advance Intelligent Automation to enhance cost efficiency and agility in the productive sector
- Promote IoT initiatives for smart solutions in the public sector (e.g smart waste management ..)
- Lobby "We.Work.New" models with regard to post pandemic teleworking models and required labor law adjustments
- Promoting nationwide available pandemic solutions (e..g enterprise protection systems) allowing us to return into a new normal within a relative safety sooner than later.



**ANDREAS
TRULS**

Managing Director
Deutsche Telekom
IT Solutions Slovakia

In summary: Everyone benefits from a modern and successful Slovakia. We can connect the country towards best practices within Europe and the world. This allows the country to participate in the success of the global economy and increase growth and prosperity.

I am looking forward discussing chances to increase the country´s competitiveness with you.



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