## Minerva customers win two awards at Champions of Manufacturing conference in Munich

Brno, - November 2, 2026 - The October Champions of Manufacturing conference, hosted by QAD Inc. for its customers in Munich, brought a clear message: AI is no longer just a promise of the future, but is becoming a practical tool for increasing the efficiency and competitiveness of manufacturing companies.

Nearly 300 conference participants gained inspiration and practical knowledge, primarily in the following areas:

- From concept to practical use of AI: Introducing the ChampionAI (Agentic AI) platform, which goes beyond traditional data analysis and opens up new possibilities for autonomous optimization of manufacturing processes.
- Increasing operational efficiency: Digitizing manufacturing processes, eliminating paper documentation and enabling rapid increases in overall equipment effectiveness (OEE).
- Connecting production and enterprise management: Using integrated solutions, including QAD Adaptive ERP and Redzone Connected Workforce, for effective information sharing and coordinated process management from production facilities to top management.

The Champions of Manufacturing European Conference is a significant platform for sharing experiences, innovations and best practices in the field of digital transformation of manufacturing companies. In addition to representatives of Minerva, it was also attended by customers from the Czech Republic.

The program included a ceremony to present awards to manufacturing companies from the Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) region. Among the awardees were also two Czech companies that have been cooperating with Minerva for a long time. JTEKT COLUMN SYSTEMS CZECH s.r.o. received the ERP Excellence Award and The Candy Plus Sweet Factory s.r.o. received the 90 Day Productivity award for implementing the Redzone Connected Workforce solution.

JTEKT COLUMN SYSTEMS CZECH, a manufacturer of steering columns for cars, trucks and buses, has been using the QAD ERP system for a long time. It received the ERP Excellence Award for expanding this system to two other manufacturing plants within the international JTEKT Group, namely JTEKT Czech Republic and JTEKT Column


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Systems Sweden AB. These projects represent another significant step in long-term cooperation and expand Minerva's operations outside the Czech Republic.

The Candy Plus Sweet Factory (Candy Plus), part of the Valeo Foods group, has been using the QAD ERP system in the Czech Republic since 2007. Internally, it has long-term focus on production efficiency, product quality and cooperation between production teams. As part of the expansion of digitalization, the company decided to implement Redzone Connected Workforce, a modern solution for digital connectivity and support of workers in production, which is part of the QAD and Minerva portfolio. The implementation took place in 2025 and was successfully completed in the fourth quarter at the production plant in Petřvald near Karviná. The company received the 90 Day Productivity award for this project.

**About Minerva Czech Republic**

Minerva Česká republika, a.s. is a leading supplier of enterprise information systems and digital solutions for manufacturing companies in the Czech and Slovak Republics. As a QAD LEAP Gold Partner and a Redzone solution partner, Minerva has long supported manufacturing companies on their path to digitalization, higher productivity and more efficient production management. The successes of its customers confirm the benefits of modern technologies and the importance of long-term cooperation in the development of manufacturing companies.

Within its region, Minerva also operates as a Smart Expert Partner of Siemens Digital Industries Software, within which it supplies the Opcenter Scheduling and Planning (APS) solution for advanced production planning and scheduling - independently of the ERP system used.

Minerva's portfolio includes a wide range of add-on applications, expansion modules and professional services that help to deepen the functionality of ERP systems and enable manufacturing companies to achieve higher levels of efficiency, control and productivity. It provides customers with comprehensive services from software implementation and professional consulting, through system integration to modern cloud solutions.

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