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## ***News release***

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### ***CEOs in Slovakia have decided that ‘The Most Respected CEO’ award was granted to Mr Richard Marko from ESET this year***

PwC and Forbes asked CEOs from Slovakia to name the CEO they respect and value the most for the way he/she manages the company and for his/her success and personal qualities. The Most Respected CEO award was a part of The Slovak CEO Survey 2015, where this year 121 business leaders participated.

*“The Most Respected CEO award is very unique due to the fact that it is peer-to-peer acknowledgement and CEOs are a tough bunch to impress. So being chosen by CEOs as the most respected CEO in Slovakia is a huge unparalleled achievement.”* says Todd Bradshaw, Country Managing Partner, PwC Slovakia.

The award was granted for the third time. The first year award winner in 2013 was Mr Vladimír Soták, General Director and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Železiarne Podbrezová. In 2014, the award was granted to Mr Igor Vida, in that time Chairman of the Board of Directors and CEO of Tatra banka. This year, CEOs in Slovakia have decided that the Most Respected CEO award goes to Mr **Richard Marko, CEO of ESET.**



#### ***Richard Marko, CEO, ESET***

Richard Marko has graduated as a Master of Science with Distinction, and his dissertation won the Rector’s Award. He co-programmed ESET’s Advanced Heuristics, which in 2002 delivered a technological breakthrough in malware detection. Thanks to this technology, ESET is now a world leader in IT security. He has been CEO of ESET since 2011. In that same year he became Slovak’s IT personality of the year.

Richard Marko commented on his award as follows: *„I very much appreciate this award which resulted from the votes of my colleagues from major Slovak firms. It reflects the teamwork of the whole ESET organisation. We will do our best to further maintain the trust given to us.“*

The winner was announced at the CEO discussion forum that took place on 15 April 2015. At the forum, business leaders discussed current topics arising from the Survey’s key findings and shared their opinions and best practices with doing business in Slovakia. Discussion was moderated by Juraj Porubský, Forbes Editor-in-Chief.

Congratulations Mr. Marko!



**Notes:**

For more information about the Slovak CEO Survey 2015, please visit [www.pwc.com/sk/ceo-survey](http://www.pwc.com/sk/ceo-survey).

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