



The International Business Forum in the Czech Republic (IBF) was the result of a merger between the British Business Forum (BBF) and the Expat Business Association (EBA), which took effect from 1st August 2008.

Whilst the BBF was only formed at the end of 2007, within just a few months of its existence it had already achieved its target for its first year of approximately 100 companies joining as members. The success of the BBF was due in no small part to the drive of its founding members and directors, who clearly identified that there was a real need on the Czech market for an association that brought together senior manager and director level members of the international business community to meet, network and do business together, ultimately with a view to developing and cementing relationships and to ensure “best business practices” in all that they do, both inside and outside the Czech Republic.



The EBA was set up in the summer of 2004 as a networking club for senior members of international companies and in its four years of operation it had built a reputation for holding some of the most successful events in the city. During the spring of 2008, however, the boards of the EBA and BBF recognized the synergy between the activities and membership of the two associations, and it was soon agreed that a merger of the two would make a lot of sense. At an AGM of the EBA and an EGM of the BBF, the memberships of the two associations voted unanimously to go ahead and in August 2008, the IBF was born.