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## **The functionalist dominant of Pardubice shines with newness**

The complete reconstruction of the high-rise part of the building at Pardubice Main Station is complete. The interior and exterior of the former hotel has been sensitively renovated and now serves as an educational centre for Správa železnic. On the ground floor, passengers will find a restored restaurant. However, the plans do not end there, during the autumn a tender for the reconstruction of the check-in hall and both wings of the station is planned.

*"In connection with the works at Pardubice railway station, the most frequent topics of discussion are the reconstruction of tracks and platforms, the construction of a footbridge over the entire track facility and, most recently, a new stop closer to the centre. Passengers have naturally also intensely perceived the construction activity in the part of the check-in hall and in the adjacent high-rise building, which has been unused for many years. Today, however, a new era is beginning to be written, when the premises of the former hotel will be used not only for the needs of Správa železnic, but also for passengers,"* explains Minister of Transport Martin Kupka.

The original building designed by architects Karel Řepa, Karel Kalvoda and Josef Danda started functioning in May 1958 and is perceived by conservationists as the best functionalist railway station with a hotel in post-war Czechoslovakia. The details of the reconstruction were consulted with the recently deceased architect Miroslav Řepa, son of Karel Řepa.

*"We have divided the reconstruction of the station into two stages also for the sake of monument protection. The first one was related to the high-rise building, and in the second one we will continue with the renovation of the entire station hall with the east and west wings,"* explains Jiří Svoboda, Director General of Správa železnic and adds: *"I assume that we will announce the tender for the implementation in the autumn so that the work will start in the spring of next year and finish in 2026. The total cost of this stage should not exceed CZK 1 billion."*

It is one of the most significant reconstructions of a railway station in the country. The popular cinema Svět, later known as Sirius, will serve as a multifunctional hall, for example for conferences. The first floor of the high-rise building has been adapted for the future installation of a transport hall, while the other floors contain training rooms, facilities and rooms. The top two floors are occupied by Správa železnic Shared Services Centre staff who provide financial accounting for the entire organisation.

The first stage of the reconstruction of the station was implemented by the company Chládek a Tintěra Pardubice and EUROVIA CS in the Design & Build mode, which includes both the development of project documentation and the construction work itself. The total investment costs amount to CZK 574 million.

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