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Repairs of Fanta Building Facade and Roof Start at Prague Main Station

SŽDC selected a supplier for reconstruction of the Prague Main Station historical part. It is the first phase of works on the Art Nouveau style Fanta building including a roof and facade renovation. The selected supplier is the company AVERS; total investment costs equal CZK 212 million, works will start in the first half of this year.

The investment designated as Reconstruction of the facade of the railway station Praha hlavní nádraží (Prague Main Station) includes a complete reconstruction of the facade and roof without interfering into internal premises in any way. *“The Fanta building together with the roof above the platforms is the biggest monument in Art Nouveau style in the Czech Republic; that is why every construction and technological procedure is designed in accordance with requirements of state care for listed buildings. We assume that the reconstruction will take two and a half years at minimum”,* said Mr. Jiří Svoboda, Director General of SŽDC.

Construction works will proceed in several stages. They will start on the outside towers of the building; the second phase will deal with the building’s wings. Finally, the current state of the building’s central part will be ascertained due to recent construction works there.

Degraded and blown-off plaster will be removed and replaced by a new lime one. All stucco sculptural decoration, stone sculptural decoration and steel artisan decoration objects of art will be professionally renovated by licenced conservators. Construction works will also include a removal of non-functional components such as steel consoles or non-functional switchboards. Following the disassembling, remaining niches and apertures will be walled up.

When the roofing is uncovered, the state of the truss construction will be thoroughly assessed and it will be subsequently treated by a wood-borer, rot and blight suppressant. Lathing will be carried out, new roofing will be laid and tin sheeting will be made. Windows and doors will be expertly rebuilt. Unrepairable fillings or their parts will be replaced by exact shape and material copies. The fillings’ colouring will also be renewed based on the performed survey.

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