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Chief Executive of Marks & Spencer

# Retailing in the Czech Republic 2008

## First phase of retail development successfully completed, tougher times ahead

In the Czech Republic retail sales growth looks likely to slow in 2008 as social spending cuts, increased VAT on food and apartments and rising inflation reduce purchasing power levels. Inflation could continue to rise to 6.0%, compared with 2.8% in 2007. The Czech central bank continues to keep the possibility of a further interest rate increase on the table due to concerns that inflation levels could lead to higher wage demands and in turn push inflation into a spiral beyond the bank's target range.

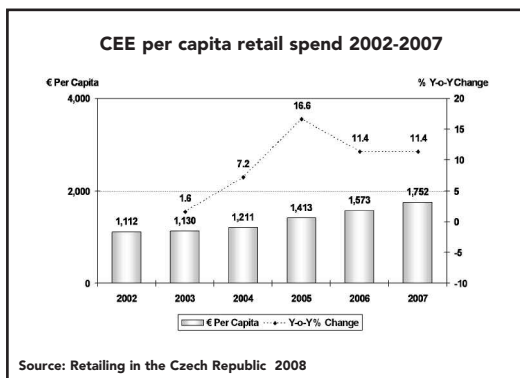
This new brief published by Verdict analyses the past 5 years of retail growth in Czech Republic. This report provides insightful retailer profiles it includes comprehensive 10 year market datasets and 5 year forecasts for executives at all levels to understand the challenges and opportunities, and to help devise the strategies necessary to be a retail winner.

### Key retailers discussed

Schwarz	H&M	bauMax
Ahold	Quelle	OBI
Tesco	HP Tronic	Hornbach
Rewe	Fast CR	IKEA
Globus	DSGi	kika
New Yorker	Datart	Asko

## Assess the retail competitive landscape in Czech Republic and create strategies to exploit future growth in the retail market with this new brief...

Over the past 5 years per capita retail spend across CEE has grown by 57.6% to €1,752 in 2007 from €1,112 in 2002...



"...slightly ahead of the pace of overall retail, as population figures in CEE declined over the same period. There is a sharp divide between EU15 countries and the newer member states and significant variation in this figure by country..."

- **Quantify key retail trends and accurately predict future opportunities** based on this report's company analysis detailing market share of leading retailers, demographics, channels of distribution, store numbers, selling space provision, sales densities and average store size in 5 key retail sectors.
- **Predict potential growth in the Czech retail market and identify the challenges facing key Czech retailers** with in-depth analysis of market drivers, key issues and market outlook using this report's growth forecasts for clothing and footwear, DIY, electricals, food and grocery and furniture in Czech Republic.
- **Develop more effective strategic responses** using this report's actionable recommendations for how retailers can cope with the changing Czech retail market.
- **Understand how difficult conditions, a tough retail climate and inflationary pressures is affecting retailers in Czech Republic to try new solutions** and how this is affecting the competitive dynamics of retailing in the country.

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## This report answers key questions including...

- What are the key issues affecting the retail market in Czech Republic?
- Who are the top players in the Czech market and how quickly are they consolidating their position?
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- Where are the major threats to Czech retailers coming from?

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