

## ABO valve received second place in the Exporter of the Year Award 2019

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**ABO valve has participated in the prestigious Exporter of the Year competition, organised under the auspices of the Czech Chamber of Commerce, many times. This year, we came in at second place in the Medium Exporter of the Year category. The company owner and Board Chairman of SIWATEC GROUP, Ing. Miroslav Študent took over the award on Monday December 9<sup>th</sup> during a celebratory evening at the Museum of Decorative Arts in Prague.**

In the 25th year of the Exporter of the Year competition, ABO valve won the prize for the largest export growth in the period 2017 - 2018 in the category of medium-sized enterprises with an annual turnover of up to CZK 500 million. With this success, ABO valve reaffirmed that the company is rightfully one of the most important Czech exporters. In 2019, it exported 85 percent of its production abroad and reached the highest ever sales volume, exceeding CZK 318 million. Germany is ABO valve's top foreign purchaser, followed by Russia, Saudi Arabia, France and Great Britain.

The company management appreciates this award and would like to express praise and appreciation to all employees who contributed to this result. *"I am pleased by the excellent position in such a prestigious competition. I believe that these results will be a motivation for us and a driving force for further efforts. At the same time, my thanks go to the whole team of employees, without whose devoted work, commitment and loyalty we would not have achieved similar success,"* said company owner Ing. Miroslav Študent. The company wants to further develop its export activities and strengthen its position on foreign markets. We see great potential especially in the Middle East, North Africa and South America.

*The Exporter of the Year competition (Exportér roku) has been held regularly since 1994 by the Czech Chamber of Commerce. It is a traditional contest of Czech exporters, who can thus compare their successes in the export of their products and services. For the first time this year, exporters competed in eight categories. In addition to the Most Important Exporters and the Best State-supported Export Transaction, new categories such as Most Forthcoming State Official or Most Loyal Business Mediator. More information on the competition and the result available [HERE](#).*

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ABO valve, s.r.o. is a leading Czech manufacturer of shut-off and check valves for industrial use. The company was established in 1993 as a subsidiary of Siwatec, a.s., a major supplier of pumping and irrigation technology, and is part of the SIWATEC Group. ABO valve has 3 production plants, R&D centre and 12 foreign branches on 3 continents. From the central headquarters in Olomouc-Chomoutov, the products go to more than 50 countries. The company specialises in the manufacture of butterfly valves with a wide range of industrial applications such as concentric butterfly valves, double and triple offset valves, knife gate valves, PTFE lined valves, check valves or ball valves.

The company emphasises quality and innovation and holds a number of international certificates including system certificates ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001.

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