

Capgemini celebrates the 10th anniversary of its Krakow BPO Centre

Paris (France), Krakow (Poland), October 24th 2006 – Acquired by Capgemini in 2003 with 180 people the centre has grown to become a strategic hub for Capgemini's Rightshore™ development with, now, 1,500 people based in South Poland (Krakow and Katowice). Dedicated to F&A (Finance & Accounting), the Krakow centre is considered to be a Centre of Excellence referenced by a number of market analysts. It provides a full spectrum of financial services to 11 multi-nationals (both in Europe and the United States) in more than 25 languages. It is one of the 4 Polish centres that have been acknowledged by the ACCA (Polish Association of Accountants) for the excellence of its training programme.

During the event, Hubert Giraud, Global BPO leader, stated that *“the strategic development of F&A maximises all the resources available within the Capgemini Group to enhance our leading position”*. This position has recently been reinforced by Unilever choosing Capgemini to become its F&A provider in Asia with the acquisition of its centres in Bangalore and Chennai (600 people) and by the signing this week of an F&A 7-year contract with SKF, a leading global manufacturing group, that will be delivered by more than 100 people in Poland.

The extremely rapid growth of the centre is the result of Capgemini's strategy to create a strong platform in the South of Poland dedicated to BPO. *“Poland holds an essential place in Capgemini's Rightshore™ strategy and thus complements in Europe the strategic developments we have made in China and India, where Capgemini is the leading European company with over 6,500 employees”* said Paul Hermelin, CEO of Capgemini.

Besides F&A, Capgemini has also rapidly developed other BPO services, in particular in Procurement, HR, and the latest addition, Knowledge Process Outsourcing i.e. the management of financial market data or the management of technical publications.

Last year, Capgemini also added IT Outsourcing to its portfolio in Krakow and it now services more than 10 clients in 30 countries with a staff of 400 people.

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