



Colt CZ Group SE

Press Kit

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1. About Colt CZ Group SE

Colt CZ Group SE (“Colt CZ”, the “Group”, or the “Company”) is one of the leading producers of firearms and ammunition for military and law enforcement, personal defense, hunting, sport shooting, and other commercial use. It markets and sells its products mainly under the Colt, CZ (Česká zbrojovka), Colt Canada, Colt Optics, Dan Wesson, Sellier & Bellot, Spuhr, swissAA and 4M Tactical brands. The Group is also active in the production of energetic nitrocellulose through Synthesia Nitrocellulose, in which it holds a 51% stake.

Colt CZ Group is headquartered in the Czech Republic and employs approximately 4,000 people in its production facilities in the Czech Republic, the United States, Canada, Sweden, Switzerland, and Hungary. The Group has been listed on the Prague Stock Exchange since 2020, and its largest shareholder is Česká zbrojovka Partners SE holding.

Colt CZ was established in 2013 under the name CZG – Česká zbrojovka Group SE. However, the history of its companies dates back to 1825, when Louis Sellier and Nicolaus Bellot founded Sellier & Bellot in Prague, Czech Republic. Another major milestone came in 1836 with the founding of Colt, named after its founder Samuel Colt, followed by the establishment of Česká zbrojovka (CZ) in Uherský Brod in 1936 to relocate firearms production away from the German border.

In 1997, CZ-USA, a subsidiary of Česká zbrojovka, was established in the United States for the sale and service of firearms. In 2001, René Holeček became one of the two key shareholders of the Group. In 2004, Česká zbrojovka acquired the firearms division of Zbrojovka Brno. In 2005, CZ-USA acquired the firearms manufacturer Dan Wesson Firearms. In 2014, René Holeček became the controlling majority shareholder of the Group.

Two years later, in 2016, the Group completed the acquisition of 4M Systems. 4M Systems supplies tactical equipment under the brand 4M Tactical. In 2018, the Group acquired a stake in Vibrom, a company specializing in MIM (Metal Injection Molding) technology. In May 2020, the Group announced the acquisition of a minority stake in the Swedish manufacturer of optical mounting solutions for firearms, Spuhr i Dalby AB. The acquisition of a 100% stake in Spuhr i Dalby was completed in October 2022.

In October 2020, the Group completed its initial public offering on the Prague Stock Exchange. In May 2021, it acquired a 100% stake in Colt Holding Company LLC, the parent company of the American firearms manufacturer Colt’s Manufacturing Company LLC and its Canadian subsidiary Colt Canada Corporation. In April 2022, the company changed its

name from CZG – Česká zbrojovka Group SE to Colt CZ Group SE to reflect the Group's expansion and integration, while also emphasizing the importance of its two key brands, Colt and CZ (Česká zbrojovka).

In June 2023, the Group acquired a 100% stake in swissAA Holding AG, a Swiss manufacturer of ammunition and technologies for military and law enforcement, specializing in small caliber ammunition and 40 mm under-barrel grenade launcher rounds. This acquisition expanded Colt CZ Group into the ammunition manufacturing segment.

In 2024, Colt Electro Optics was established in Michigan, USA, to create precision sighting and targeting products built to meet the real-world demands of professional users.

In May 2024, the Group completed the acquisition of Sellier & Bellot, a traditional Czech manufacturer of small caliber ammunition and one of the oldest companies in the global ammunition and defense industry. CBC Europe S.à r.l., the previous owner of Sellier & Bellot, has become the second largest shareholder of the Group.

In June 2025, Colt CZ Group completed the acquisition of Valley Steel Stamp Inc. (VSS), a manufacturer of firearm components based in Greenfield, Massachusetts. VSS has been a long-standing and established supplier to the Group in the U.S. market.

In January 2026, the Group completed the acquisition of a 51% stake in Synthesia Nitrocellulose, a.s. (SNC), as well as a 51% stake in Synthesia Power, a.s. SNC is one of the largest manufacturers of energetic nitrocellulose in Europe and North America and is based in Semtíň and Rybitví in Pardubice, Czech Republic. The selling company, Kaprain Chemical Limited, has become the third-largest shareholder of Colt CZ. The Group can acquire the remaining 49% stake in both companies under already agreed terms in the medium term.

2. Company History

1825 – Louis Sellier, together with Nicolaus Bellot, founded the company Sellier & Bellot in Prague, Czech Republic

1836 – Samuel Colt obtained a patent for the Colt Paterson revolver

1936 – Česká zbrojovka began the production of firearms in Uherský Brod, Czech Republic

1997 – Establishment of CZ-USA in the USA (importer of Česká zbrojovka products into the USA)

2001 – René Holeček became one of the two key shareholders of Česká zbrojovka

2004 – Acquisition of Zbrojovka Brno (manufacturer of hunting rifles and provider of customized solutions)

2005 – Acquisition of Dan Wesson (an American manufacturer of revolvers and pistols)

2014 – René Holeček became the majority shareholder of Česká zbrojovka

2016 – Acquisition of 4M Systems (a manufacturer of tactical gear for armed forces)

2016 – Establishment of the CARDAM research and development center

2018 – Acquisition of a stake in Vibrom (a technology manufacturer)

2020 – Framework agreement with the Army of the Czech Republic

2020 – Acquisition of a stake in Spuhr i Dalby (Swedish manufacturer of optical mounting solutions for arms)

2020 – Entry of the Group on the Prime Market of the Prague Stock Exchange

2021 – Acquisition of a 100% stake in Colt (legendary American manufacturer of firearms) and Colt Canada (Canadian firearms manufacturer)

2022 – Change of the Group's name to Colt CZ Group SE

2023 – Acquisition of a 100% stake in swissAA Holding AG (Swiss manufacturer of small-caliber ammunition and 40 mm grenade launcher rounds)

2024 – Establishment of Colt Electro Optics

2024 – Acquisition of a 100% stake in Sellier & Bellot (leading global manufacturer of small caliber ammunition)

2025 – Acquisition of a 100% stake in Valley Steel Stamp Inc. (manufacturer of firearm components and a long-term supplier to Colt CZ in the USA)

2025 – Announcement of the acquisition of a 51 % stake in Synthesia Nitrocellulose, a.s. (one of the largest energetic nitrocellulose manufacturers in Europe and North America) and a 51% stake in Synthesia Power, a.s.

2026 - Completion of the acquisition of a 51% stake in Synthesia Nitrocellulose, a.s., as well as the acquisition of a 51% stake in Synthesia Power, a.s.

3. Company Management

3.1 Board of Directors

Radek Musil, Vice-Chairman of the Board, CEO of Colt CZ Group

Josef Adam, Vice-Chairman of the Board

Jan Holeček, Member of the Board, CSO of Colt CZ Group

Vladimír Rada, Member of the Board, CEO of Sellier & Bellot

Jan Zajíč, Member of the Board, CEO of Česká zbrojovka

3.2 Supervisory Board

Jan Drahota, Chairman of the Supervisory Board

David Aguilar, Vice-chairman of the Supervisory Board

Lubomír Kovařík, Vice-chairman of the Supervisory Board

Daniel Birmann, Member of the Supervisory Board

René Holeček, Member of the Supervisory Board

Jana Růžičková, Member of the Supervisory Board

3.3 North America Leadership

Jillair Kubish, Interim CEO of Colt's Manufacturing Company LLC

Sean Congdon, President and CEO of Colt Canada

General George W. Casey, Jr. (Ret.), Member of the Board of Directors, Colt CZ Group North America

Jean-Louis Vanderstraeten, Member of the Board of Directors, Colt CZ Group North America

3.4 Audit Committee

Jiří Nekovář, Chairman of the Audit Committee

David Ondroušek, Member of the Audit Committee

Pavel Závitkovský, Member of the Audit Committee

4. Company Structure and Brands

The company's portfolio consists of several brands and subsidiaries, in particular:

Colt

Colt is an iconic brand and one of the world's leading firearm manufacturers, supplying its products to military, law enforcement, and commercial customers around the globe since its founding in 1836. The company offers a broad portfolio of high-quality firearms, including pistols, revolvers, rifles, and carbines. Colt has been part of the Group since 2021 and is headquartered in West Hartford, Connecticut.

Česká zbrojovka

Česká zbrojovka, founded in 1936, is the largest Czech manufacturer of small arms, headquartered in Uherský Brod, Czech Republic, and ranks among the world's top companies in its field. CZ-branded products serve the needs of military and law

enforcement customers, personal defense, sport shooting, hunting, and other commercial uses. The company supplies its products to nearly 100 countries worldwide. Currently, Česká zbrojovka firearms are used by military and law enforcement customers in more than 40 countries.

Colt Canada

Colt Canada, originally founded as Diemaco, is headquartered in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada. It is the exclusive supplier to the Canadian military and federal security forces under the Canadian government's Munitions Supply Program. The company serves as Canada's national Centre of Excellence for small arms. Colt Canada is also a proud partner of many European armed forces, including Danish, British, and Dutch Army.

CZ-USA

CZ-USA was established in 1997 as the distribution and service company of Česká zbrojovka on the American market. Originally based in California, the company relocated to Kansas City, Kansas, in 1998, where it remains to this day. CZ-USA primarily imports products from Česká zbrojovka into the United States, as well as a range of CZ-USA Field Sport shotguns from Turkey.

Dan Wesson

Dan Wesson Firearms is a renowned American manufacturer of revolvers and pistols, acquired in 2005 by Česká zbrojovka through its subsidiary CZ-USA. Originally a revolver-focused company founded in 1968 by Daniel B. Wesson II, it has evolved under Czech-American leadership into a respected producer of the legendary 1911-style pistol. Dan Wesson Firearms is based in Norwich, New York, and is considered a premium brand thanks to the superior quality of its products.

Sellier & Bellot

Sellier & Bellot, founded in 1825, is one of the oldest manufacturers of small caliber ammunition. Its production portfolio includes a wide range of hunting and sporting ammunition and also ammunition for military and law enforcement customers. S&B supplies both Czech and foreign military and law enforcement customers as well as the commercial market. The company employs approximately 1,600 people and operates a production facility in Vlašim, Czech Republic. Sellier & Bellot has been part of Colt CZ Group since May 2024.

swissAA

SwissAA Holding AG is a manufacturer of ammunition and technologies for military and law enforcement, specializing in small-caliber ammunition, specifically 5.56 mm, 7.62 mm, 9 mm, and 12.7 mm, as well as 40 mm under-barrel grenade launcher rounds. SwissAA supplies its products to military and law enforcement customers in Switzerland, Belgium, Germany, and other European countries. The company also holds a number of patents related to ammunition. It consists of several 100% owned subsidiaries located in Switzerland and Hungary.

Synthesia Nitrocellulose a Synthesia Power

Synthesia Nitrocellulose, a.s. (SNC) is one of the largest energetic nitrocellulose manufacturers in Europe and North America. It was founded in December 2024 through a spin-off of the nitrocellulose manufacturing division from Synthesia, a.s. Energetic nitrocellulose is a basic raw material for the production of single and multi-component powders and propellants, and is essential for the production of small-, medium-, and large-caliber ammunition. Synthesia Nitrocellulose is also a major manufacturer of industrial nitrocellulose and oxycellulose for healthcare use. Synthesia Power, a.s. is a spin-off of the energy division of Synthesia, a.s. which generates and supplies energy for the industrial complex in Semtí and Rybitví in Pardubice, Czech Republic.

Spuhr i Dalby AB

Spuhr is a Swedish manufacturer of optical mounting solutions for firearms, headquartered in Löddeköpinge, Sweden. Spuhr's product portfolio consists of optical mounts, accessories, and weapon upgrade kits, making it a strong complement to Colt CZ's core business. Spuhr's mounts and accessories are used by numerous military and law enforcement units around the world. The company also offers a popular line of hunting products.

4M Systems

4M Systems, operating under the 4M Tactical brand, was founded in 2014 in Prague, Czech Republic, by former special forces members. It has been part of the Group since 2016. 4M Tactical designs, manufactures, and supplies tactical equipment for military and law enforcement such as army, police, customs administration, prison service, and border guard. 4M Tactical's products include ballistic plate carriers, backpacks, uniforms, weapon holsters, pouches, and other tactical gear, including thermal camouflage ghillie suits.

Colt Electro Optics

Colt Optics was established in 2024 in Michigan, USA, to produce precision sighting and targeting products built to meet the real-world demands of professional users. For 190 years, Colt has defined reliability, precision, and battlefield-proven performance. Colt Optics is combining that heritage of craftsmanship with cutting-edge optical technology. Built for the professionals who stand on the front line, Colt Optics products are engineered to answer a growing demand for mission-ready clarity and uncompromising performance.

Colt CZ Defence Solutions

Colt CZ Defence Solutions, based in Uherský Brod, Czech Republic, was founded in 1993 and is fully owned by Colt CZ Group. The company specializes in international trade of military equipment, materiel, and ammunition for military and law enforcement. It also provides related services, including training, instruction, and life-cycle support for delivered products and technologies. In 2024, Colt CZ Defence Solutions successfully transferred the technology for producing SplHGr 85 fragmentation hand grenades from the Austrian company Rheinmetall ARGES to the Czech Republic for the Czech Army.

Colt CZ Hungary

Colt CZ Hungary is a joint venture between Colt CZ Group (51%) and the Hungarian state-owned company N7 Holding Ltd (49%), which began operations in early 2024. The joint objective is to rearm the Hungarian military and law enforcement with modern small arms while establishing reliable manufacturing capacities in Hungary to serve the needs of both shareholders. Colt CZ Hungary produces CZ P-07 and P-10 pistols, CZ SCORPION 3 EVO carbines, and CZ BREN 2 rifles. The production facility is located in the city of Kiskunfélegyháza.

EG-CZ Academy

EG-CZ Academy is a modern indoor shooting range complex located in Quimper, France, which opened to the public in September 2022. It is a joint project between Česká zbrojovka and Eric Grauffel, a nine-time world champion and legend in practical dynamic shooting (IPSC), aimed at promoting the development of shooting sports and raising awareness of firearm safety. The academy hosts numerous events and competitions and offers courses worldwide, including specialized training for military and law enforcement customers. The Group holds a 20% stake in EG-CZ Academy.

CARDAM

CARDAM is a unique research and development center located in Dolní Břežany, Czech Republic, focused on delivering advanced technical and technological solutions and products through the use of metal additive manufacturing. CARDAM provides applied research and development services, complete engineering solutions for new applications and production processes, and helps companies build the necessary knowledge, expertise, and know-how in the field of additive design and manufacturing. Established in 2016, CARDAM is a joint venture of the Institute of Physics of the Czech Academy of Sciences and the industrial companies Colt CZ Group and Beneš a Lát foundry.

Vibrom

Vibrom is a strategic investment of the Group, based in Třebechovice pod Orebem, Czech Republic. The company specializes in manufacturing parts using powder injection molding (PIM), a modern method that combines plastics with traditional powder techniques to enable economical mass production of durable and highly precise metal (MIM) and ceramic (CIM) components. The Group holds a 25% stake in the company.

5. 2024 Financial Highlights

- ▶ The Group's revenues reached CZK 22,375.8 million in 2024, which represents an increase of 50.6% y-o-y, and exceeds the full year revenue guidance of CZK 20-22 billion. This result is a combination of both organic growth of the firearms segment driven by long firearms sales and the consolidation of Sellier & Bellot since the acquisition date of May 16, 2024. Geographically, growth was recorded mainly in Europe, including the Czech Rep. and Ukraine, and in the USA.
- ▶ In 2024, the adjusted EBITDA net of extraordinary items reached CZK 4,598.9 million, up by 50.9% y-o-y, in line with Company's guidance. The increase was driven by higher sales, a higher share of orders from the military and law enforcement segment, and especially the consolidation of the Sellier & Bellot acquisition.
- ▶ The 2024 adjusted net profit after tax reached CZK 1,933.2 million, which is 5.7% less compared to the same period in 2023. The decline in profit was primarily influenced by the result of financial operations, which was affected mainly by higher interest costs associated with acquisition financing.

- The number of firearms sold in 2024 increased by 2.0% compared to the same period in 2023, reaching 634 thousand units sold, primarily thanks to long firearms sales performance.

The following table shows the breakdown of the Group's revenues for the reported periods by region:

(in CZK thousand)	FY 2024	FY 2023	Change in %	Share on total revenues 2024 in %
Czech Republic	4,425,720	2,621,059	68.9%	19.8%
USA	8,846,458	6,269,821	41.1%	39.5%
Canada	1,148,745	2,231,391	(48.5%)	5.1%
Europe (excl. the Czech Republic)	6,186,178	1,935,068	219.7%	27.6%
Africa	176,984	185,994	(4.8%)	0.8%
Asia	940,284	1,131,068	(16.9%)	4.2%
LATAM	573,949	385,842	48.8%	2.6%
Other	77,474	95,338	(18.7%)	0.4%
Total	22,375,792	14,855,581	50.6%	100.0%

In view of the above, the Group presents the indicative outlook for 2025:

In billion CZK	Guidance	Y-o-y change in %
Colt CZ Group		
Revenues	25 (+/- 7%)	+12%
Adjusted EBITDA	5.5 (+/- 7%)	+20%

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