UPCOMING EVENTS

**AmCham Talks Special**
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**55th Anniversary Cocktail**

For 55 years now AmCham Austria has been promoting economic and trade relations between Austria and the United States of America. On September 8th, AmCham celebrated its anniversary at the Ritz-Carlton Vienna Rooftop Terrace. Thank you all for joining us and making it such a fantastic evening.
GOODS AND SERVICES DEFICIT

Up

The U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, through the Department of Commerce, announced that the goods and services deficit was $43.8 billion in June, up $2.9 billion from $40.9 billion in May, revised.

June exports were $188.6 billion, $0.1 billion less than May exports. June imports were $232.4 billion, $2.8 billion more than May imports.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Unchanged

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 215,000 in July, and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.3 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported.

Job gains occurred in professional and business services, health care, and construction. Mining employment continued to decline.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX UP

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that the Producer Price Index for final demand advanced 0.2 percent in July, seasonally adjusted.

Final demand prices rose 0.4 percent in June and 0.5 percent in May.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION UP

Industrial production increased 0.6 percent in July after moving up 0.1 percent in June.

In July, manufacturing output advanced 0.8 percent primarily because of an increase in motor vehicle assemblies. The output of motor vehicles and parts jumped 10.6 percent, and production elsewhere in manufacturing edged up 0.1 percent. The index for mining rose 0.2 percent, while the index for utilities fell 1.0 percent.

GDP INCREASED

Real gross domestic product - the value of the production of goods and services in the United States, adjusted for price changes - increased at an annual rate of 2.3 percent in the second quarter of 2015, according to the “advance” estimate released by the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

In the first quarter, real GDP increased 0.6 percent.

CONSUMER PRICE INCREASED

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.1 percent in July on a seasonally adjusted basis, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported.

Over the last 12 months, the all items index rose 0.2 percent before seasonal adjustment.

The Conference Board Leading Economic Index®

The Conference Board Leading Economic Index® (LEI) for the U.S. declined 0.2 percent in July to 123.3 (2010 = 100), following a 0.6 percent increase in June, and a 0.6 percent increase in May.

“The U.S. LEI fell slightly in July, after four months of strong gains. Despite a sharp drop in housing permits, the U.S. LEI is still pointing to moderate economic growth through the remainder of the year,” said Ataman Ozyildirim, Director of Business Cycles and Growth Research at The Conference Board. “Current conditions, measured by the coincident economic index, have been rising moderately but steadily, driven by rising employment and income, and even industrial production has improved in recent months.”

United States Economic Data

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**DB SCHENKER**

The new DB Schenker terminal in St. Pölten opened on August 3, 2015

With a logistics surface of 34,000 m², DB Schenker triples its logistics area and generates the capacity for 100 new jobs. The new state of the art logistics building not only meets the needs of all its customers and suppliers but also provides the highest standards in regard to environmental protection and CO2 optimization. The local branch provides a warehouse area with 5,000m² high-rack and block storage, suitable for more than 6,500 pallets, as well as a cross-docking area of more than 2,000 m². Additionally, a direct rail connection offers an environmentally friendly mode of transporting cargo.

**DLA PIPER**

DLA Piper again named among the best law firms for women

For the third consecutive year, Working Mother magazine has named DLA Piper as one of the 50 best law firms for women, recognizing the firm’s steady commitment and progress toward greater workplace equality. This is in addition to the Women in Law Empowerment Forum giving the firm Gold Standard Certification for the fourth consecutive year.

The firm’s Flexible Work Solutions program is integral to attracting, retaining and promoting talented female lawyers. Endorsed by firm leadership, its accessibility to all lawyers, regardless of gender, encourages a culture that is open and accepting of flexible work for all.

DLA Piper successfully met the required criteria in five areas:
- women represent more than 25% of the firm’s partners promoted in the last year, at least 10% of its chairs and managing partners, at least 20% of its governing Executive and Compensation committees, and more than 10% of the top half of the most highly compensated partners.

**LIEBERLIEBER**

LieberLieber one of Top 20 Enterprise Architecture Solutions Providers

Although no uniform definition of Enterprise Architecture (EA) exists, the umbrella term is used to describe how IT supports business capabilities in today’s organizations. LieberLieber focuses on model-based development using the Enterprise Architect modeling platform from Sparx Systems. “Our industry experience enables us to effectively merge a company’s enterprise and software architecture,” says Daniel Siegl, CEO at LieberLieber.

“LieberLieber is structured to support organizations with innovative EA technology as an independent yet highly reliable service partner,” explains Siegl. The company’s Model Engineering division creates Sparx EA add-ins and customizations for the automotive, aerospace, defense, embedded systems and software development, as well as banking, insurance and retail industries.

**DHL**

Deutsche Post DHL Group: Further important steps taken in line with Strategy 2020

- Group revenue in second quarter 2015 grows by 7.3% to EUR 14.7 billion
- Group EBIT declines by 18.1% to EUR 537 million
- One-time earnings impact of EUR 100 million in the second quarter due to postal strike in Germany; 2015 guidance adjusted to EUR 2.95 to 3.1 billion
- Express: EBIT margin at record level of 10.9%
- Outlook for 2016 and 2020 confirmed

Deutsche Post DHL Group has taken further steps in recent months to position its business units for long-term success in line with its Group Strategy 2020. This has significantly impacted earnings in the second quarter of 2015. As a result of the unsatisfactory earnings development in Global Forwarding, the management team has initiated a comprehensive turnaround program with restructuring measures. The Supply Chain division, supported by positive one-time effects, was able to accelerate its planned optimization program. The Express division has continued its outstanding revenue and earnings development in the second quarter, further improving its operating margin to a historical record high for the division of 10.9%. In order to further strengthen this position as part of Strategy 2020, the division continued to invest significantly in its already comprehensive network.

**MCI**

Another excellent result for the Management Center Innsbruck MCI in a major European university ranking

In the recently published Trendence Graduate Barometer Europe 2015, the MCI is again up among the winners with a score of 2.2, well above the Austrian average of 2.5 and the European average of 2.9 and higher than the average for every country of Europe. The Entrepreneurial School did particularly well in the following quality criteria: international character of the study program, university cooperation with business, practical relevance, career opportunities and career services, and student activities.

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BLACK & WHITE

August 27th, 2015 - January 17th, 2016
Albertina
1010 Vienna

With the exhibition Black & White, the Albertina establishes a new exhibiting format as a regular fixture of the program: the Photographic Collection will from now on be using its recently completed Galleries for Photography to show periodically changing exhibitions selected from its approximately 100,000 photos. Black & White will open this series with the presentation of around 100 masterpieces. While its core includes important treasures from the history of photography that had already been held as part of the Albertina’s Graphic Art Collection, the museum also integrated two other large collections: the historical collection of the Viennese commercial arts school Graphische Lehr und Versuchsanstalt and the photo archive of the German photography-oriented book publisher Langewiesche. The range of works on exhibit provides visitors with an overview of various genres such as portrait, architectural, and landscape photography while also providing insight into important photographic trends and tendencies.

ANNAPURNA

by Sharr White

September 7th – October 17th, 2015
Performances daily at 7:30 pm, ex. Sundays
Vienna’s English Theatre

Sharr White’s enthralling new play is a funny and gripping piece about the fragility of memory, forgiveness, love and loss. Twenty years ago, Emma walked out on her husband, cowboy-poet Ulysses, after a terrible incident in the middle of the night, never to return again. She took with her their then five year old son, who now, an adult, wishes to see his father. Emma is determined to track down her ex-alcoholic husband to save her son a shocking encounter, and finds him living in somewhat unexpected circumstances in a Colorado mountain trailer park. However, despite his shambolic living arrangements, Ulysses hasn’t lost his sharp wit and humour – he still works on his epic poem „Annapurna“ and still hasn’t figured out why his family vanished on that fateful night, that he has no memory of. When Emma eventually leads Ulysses through a demon-laden memory ride, she finds herself fighting an emotional battle she’d long since put behind her.

Broadway Therapy - ‘She’s Funny That Way’

directed by Peter Bogdanovich

started August 21st, 2015
Artis International, Burg Kino, English Cinema Haydn, Votivkino OV

From renowned director Peter Bogdanovich, She’s Funny That Way is a screwball comedy featuring the interconnected personal lives of the cast and crew of a Broadway production. When established director Arnold Albertson (Owen Wilson) casts his call girl-turned-actress Isabella „Izzy“ Patterson (Imogen Poots) in a new play to star alongside his wife Delta (Kathryn Hahn) and her ex-lover Seth Gilbert (Rhys Ifans), a witty love tangle forms with hilarious twists. Jennifer Aniston plays Izzy’s therapist Jane, who is consumed with her own failing relationship with Arnold’s playwright Joshua Fleet (Will Forte), who is also developing a crush on Izzy.
A CELEBRATION OF JOSEPH CORNELL

November 9th, 2015, 7 p.m.
Kunsthistorisches Museum
1010 Vienna

After the hugely successful Lucian Freud exhibition in 2013-14, the Kunsthistorisches Museum (KHM) has chosen to honour the remarkable American artist Joseph Cornell with his first ever exhibition in Austria. Joseph Cornell (1903-1972) lived a secluded life on Utopia Parkway in New York, and is considered to be one of the most unique artists of the 20th century. Working between sculpture, film and collage, he created an extraordinary body of work which reveal his fascination for astronomy, ballet, opera, literature and science, as well as his deeply felt bond with European culture and history. The exhibition “Joseph Cornell: Wanderlust” offers a view into his extensive oeuvre, which represents a modern form of Kunstkammer, and makes clear Cornell’s influence on the development of Abstract Expressionism, Pop Art and Minimalism.

On the occasion of the Joseph Cornell exhibition, the KHM would like to invite you to a very special celebration in honour of this remarkable artist. The proceeds will help to fund the exhibition and its accompanying events.

The KHM will take you back to the 1920s and 1930s in the United States, and you can enjoy an evening of ballet, art, film, music, dance and many more surprises...

UTOPIA PARKWAY
A celebration of Joseph Cornell in five episodes
Monday, November 9th 2015, 7 pm
Dresscode: 1920s, 1930s

350 Euros per person or enjoy your own personal (cocktail) table which seats 10 guests for 3500 Euros.*

For reservations and any further queries, please contact Baerbel Holaus-Heintschel:
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email: baerbel.holaus@khm.at

*Your 350 Euros or 3500 Euros donation to the Kunsthistorisches Museum Wien are tax deductible.
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“Competitive advantage through business expertise – the specifics of the US market in international trade”
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“How Silicon Valley challenges the European Way” – Competition 4.0: It’s all about Culture!
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Das Programm des diesjährigen Global Peter Drucker Forum finden Sie online unter: http://www.druckerforum.org/2015/the-event/preliminary-program/

Als Partner der Peter Drucker Society of Austria bieten wir unseren Mitgliedern bis Ende September an, das Forum zu vergünstigten Konditionen zu besuchen.

Partner Discount -10%:
€ 1.575,00 (exkl. MwSt.)

Registrierung direkt unter: http://www.druckerforum.org/registration/
Der Code für unsere Mitglieder bei der Registrierung lautet: AMCHAM

ÖAG Event

Die Österreichisch-Amerikanische Gesellschaft lädt Sie höflichst ein zu einem Vortrag von

MAG. CHRISTIAN A. TITZE
Research Director, Supply Chain Enablers Group, Gartner

zum Thema

„FIT FÜR INDUSTRIE 4.0?”
DAS ZUKUNFTSPROJEKT INDUSTRIE 4.0: VON DER DÄMPFMASCHINE ZUR VERNETZTEN INTELLIGENTEN INDUSTRIE

Termin: Dienstag, 13. Oktober 2015, 18:30 Uhr
Ort: Klubräume der Österreichisch-Amerikanischen Gesellschaft
1010 Wien, Stallburggasse 2, 1010 (Mezzanine)

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AmCham Welcomes New Members of 2015!

As the Executive Director of AmCham Austria and on behalf of the AmCham Team, the Board and all members, I cordially welcome the new members that joined AmCham in the first half of 2015. We look forward to an active and good partnership!

Mag. Daniela Homan

voestalpine Tubulars GmbH & Co KG

Gregory Tessler (individual member)
Robert Platzer

Dorothee Ritz

Dr. Hemma Parsché

Dr. Michael Walbert
verstärkt ab sofort Froitz Riedl Rechtsanwälte auf Partnerebene. Er hat langjährige Erfahrung in internationalen Großkanzleien sowohl in den Bereichen Corporate, M&A als auch Dispute Resolution.

Michael Horntrich
avanciert bei Deloitte Österreich zum Director. Sein Schwerpunkt liegt seit über 15 Jahren in der Prüfung von Konzern- und Einzelabschlüssen nationaler und börsennotierter, international tätiger Unternehmen.

Thomas Zeller
ist neuer Country Manager von UPS für Österreich und Slowenien. Er verantwortet die operative und geschäftliche Entwicklung sowie die strategische Ausrichtung dieser beiden Märkte.

BRING A MEMBER IN SEPTEMBER

AmCham Austria rewards you for a new member you recruit in September. Participating is easy! Just tell your clients or friends about the many benefits of AmCham membership and network possibilities and encourage them to join.

In return your annual dues 2016 will be reduced by the amount of the newly recruited member’s fee.

For further information please contact Carina Walch: carina.walch@amcham.at