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Not the person of the year

In a down-with-capitalism year, only two of the 40 people chosen by MFD as [Czechs of the Year 2009](#) are businessmen. One of them was concert promoter Robert Porkert of Live Nation, who was recognized for bringing Pink, Tina Turner and AC/DC to Prague. The other, Vladimír Kovář of Unicorn, was honored for blowing the whistle on an allegedly rigged tender at the Statistical Office won by Hewlett-Packard. Kovář no doubt did a public service when he spoke openly in [HN](#) about corruption. Yet this is the same Vladimír Kovář who, according to [Europolis](#) developer, put a subsidiary into bankruptcy so that he could run out on a long-term lease at Danube House in Prague-Karlín. In this light, Kovář's whistleblowing seems to be just another in-your-face business tactic. Anyone who exposes corruption should be praised for the deed, but before we erect a statue, we should also examine the character.

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