

Successful ex-politicians



If MP Jan Farský of STAN succumbs to the mounting pressure and resigns from Parliament as a result of his decision to depart for the U.S. on a Fulbright scholarship, he will suddenly become just another ex-politician. There are untold numbers of these, but it's a status that is nothing to be ashamed of, at least not for the cream of the cream of ex-politicians. They are among the most-welcomed commentators on public media. Ex-Finance Min. Miroslav Kalousek is especially popular now, because he's seen as a potential spoiler of Andrej Babiš's presidential ambitions. Kalousek revealed in one interview that he's an [investment-fund manager](#), but no one mentions this or asks him for investment advice. It's just assumed that his time in politics provided him with a comfortable existence. The employer of ex-PM Mirek Topolánek rarely gets mentioned either, although it's no secret that it's billionaire Daniel Křetínský. Farský doesn't have the status of either of these heavyweights. Perhaps his best bet is to identify the Czech oligarchs who will benefit the most from [EU federalism](#) and offer them his services, if he isn't already.

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