

## **Matjaž Kovačič – CV**

**Matjaž Kovačič has been the President of the Nova KBM's Management Board since May 2005 and is presently serving his second five-year term of office.**

He started his employment at the Bank in 1995 as the Manager of the Risk Management Department. A year later, he became Manager of the Ptuj Branch, and was appointed to the Bank's Management Board in July 1997. With his management team and other co-workers he carries out strategic objectives of the Bank and the Nova KBM Group, of which strengthening of the Bank's and the Nova KBM Group's position in target markets, expanding into the markets of SE Europe, and providing for stability and profitability are the most important.

He started his career in 1991 in the company Gorenje Metalplast d.o.o., where he became a Finance Director a year later. Before joining Nova KBM in 1995, he acted as the Financial Manager of the company Gorenje koncern d.o.o., the leading European producer of home appliances (today the Gorenje Group).

Currently, he is doing M.Sc. at the Faculty of Economics and Business of the University of Maribor, where he graduated in 1992 with the thesis 'Analysis of a company's creditworthiness'.

He is a respected speaker at professional meetings and panel discussions at home and abroad dealing with finance and economic issues. Since acting as the President of the Bank's Management Board, he has received several professional awards, of which, among others, is also the 'Financial Manager of the Year' awarded in 2010. Under his management, the Bank was awarded the 'Bank of the Year' prize (The Banker, Financial Times; 2008) as well as several other professional awards and recognitions.

He is the Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Credi banka a.d., Zavarovalnica Maribor d.d. and Adria Bank AG, and the Deputy Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Bank Association of Slovenia. He is also President of the Volleyball Federation of Slovenia and President of the Organisation Committee of the traditional Golden Fox Ski World Cup Competition.

Mr. Kovačič is fluent in English and German. He is married and father of two children.