

# **Abstract**

Baťa department stores are very numerous collection of building coming from the twenties and the thirties of the twentieth century and in many towns They represented the first apperance in modern architecture into historical centres. This study was reduced to eight buidings which were created in Prague. On one hand there are well-known department stores on Wenceslas Square or in Celetná street, on the other hand there are almost unknown buildings whose original function was forgotten. Research of primary sources and literature has allowed detailed presentation of particular buildings, their architectural history and changes which the department store had to undergo. Detailed descriptions have been used for reciprocal comparison and their inclusion into overall production of Baťa departments stores. At the same time the choice of Prague has permitted comparison with other department stores.

## **Key words**

Department store, Baťa, Prague, Baťa architecture, architecture of the 20th centrury, functionalism, Old Town of Prague, New Town of Prague, Vysočany, Nusle, Libeň, Vršovice, Žižkov, Letná