



## LIAA Newsflash | October 2011

### Investments

- On November 11th, 2011 the LIAA Investors Forum will take place in Riga. Entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to present their business concepts to potential investors. More information and applications: [http://www.liaa.gov.lv/eng/home/news/investors\\_forum\\_11th/](http://www.liaa.gov.lv/eng/home/news/investors_forum_11th/)
- IBM and Latvian government sign agreement to start joint work on the development of a research centre in Latvia: <http://ow.ly/6slwS>
- Latvia climbs 10 positions in the "Doing Business 2012" index: <http://www.mk.gov.lv/en/aktuali/zinas/2011/09/211011-mp-03/>
- Norwegian Statoil Fuel&Retail (SFR) to open service center in Riga: [http://www.liaa.gov.lv/eng/home/news/norwegian\\_statoil/](http://www.liaa.gov.lv/eng/home/news/norwegian_statoil/)
- On September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 Brabantia officially opened the 6000m<sup>2</sup> production plant near the city of Talsi in Latvia: [http://www.liaa.gov.lv/eng/home/news/brabantia\\_latvia/](http://www.liaa.gov.lv/eng/home/news/brabantia_latvia/)

### News

- Estonia, Latvia and Finland are harmonizing business support to companies: <http://www.tehnopol.ee/en/News/760/estonia-latvia-and-finland-are-harmonizing-business-support-to-companies>
- In 2010 Brabantia opened its first Concept Store in Riga (Latvia). After this successful test case another one will be opened in home country The Netherlands soon <http://ow.ly/6Xpk0> (article in Dutch). More about Brabantia Latvia: [http://www.liaa.gov.lv/eng/home/news/brabantia\\_latvia/](http://www.liaa.gov.lv/eng/home/news/brabantia_latvia/)

### Made in Latvia

- Company Ksenokss creates apps for iPad,iPhone,iPod that reinvent the magic world of fairytale both for kids and parents <http://www.magicbooksforkids.com/index.html>
- Latvian IT start-up Campalyst mentioned in CNN Money article: <http://ej.uz/xwvz>
- Latvian start-up "Mightyfingers" - a game development company based in Riga, Latvia <http://ow.ly/6QaMy>
- Produced in Latvia: Zabbix 1.8: The Ultimate Open Source Monitoring Solution <http://www.zabbix.com/> See: <http://ej.uz/vrr5> (starting 48th minute)
- Latvian Company SWD Factory presents 2 new projects at the International European Exhibition Busworld Kortrijk 2011 [ow.ly/74vOr](http://ow.ly/74vOr)
- Latvian company SAF Tehnika announces the launch of North American Subsidiary [ow.ly/6ZcjT](http://ow.ly/6ZcjT)



- Sorainen: A new strategy to promote foreign direct investment in Latvia: <http://ej.uz/pza3>
- POLARIS process is a proactive and systematic approach to attracting potential foreign investors <http://ej.uz/rzcg>

## Investment opportunities

- Looking for Financial and/or strategic investment or a partial or full redemption (up to 100 MEUR) for construction and development of a commercial and residential site (the largest in Ventspils) on the Baltic coast with total area of 6 hectares: <http://ej.uz/ms23> (See Nr. 16)
- International Center of Martial Arts is looking for an investor for establishment of international center of martial arts providing place for master classes of international martial arts professionals, possibilities to develop body and soul practicing different martial arts disciplines: karate, ju jitsu, aikido, tae kwon do, judo, sambo, kickboxing, boxing, tai chi, wushu. More info: <http://ej.uz/ms23> (Nr. 15)
- Investing in Latvia starts here: <http://ow.ly/3H0xo>
- Meet the LIAA investment team: <http://ow.ly/3zbx3>

## LIAA abroad:

- **October 19-23, 2011:** Latvian participation in "Bygg Reis Deg - 2011" trade fair in Lillestrøm, Norway. See pictures: <http://ej.uz/6kx2>
- **October 17-19, 2011:** Latvian participation at the 7th Annual European Manufacturing Strategies Summit 2011 in Düsseldorf, Germany: <http://www.ems-summit.com/programme.asp>
- **October 14-17, 2011:** Latvian participation at "Salon Maison Bois 2011" trade fair in d'Angers, France. See pictures: <http://ej.uz/iyuh>
- **October 12-16, 2011:** Latvian participants at Frankfurt Book Fair 2011. More information and pictures: <http://ej.uz/q7vk>
- **On October 5th, 2011,** the Investment and Development Agency of Latvia (LIAA) Representative Office in the United Kingdom organized a seminar about Health Tourism in Latvia. More information about the seminar and a list of participants: <http://ej.uz/6xn1>
- **September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011:** "Business opportunities for Flemish companies in the Baltics". More information and pictures: <http://ej.uz/q7pd>
- **September 21-22, 2011:** LIAA trade mission to Sweden and Denmark. More information and pictures: <http://ej.uz/eqrn>
- **September 13-16, 2011:** Latvian participation in the World Food Moscow 2011 trade fair. Information, evaluation and pictures: <http://ej.uz/gk6d>

Are you looking for information about doing business in Latvia? Check out where you can find your nearest LIAA Representative office: <http://ow.ly/6lvu8>

## Coming up:

- **November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011:** LIAA Investors Forum in Riga, where entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to present their business concepts to potential investors. More information: <http://ej.uz/eu4t>
- **November 24-26, 2011:** Apply for the International Brokerage Event during the "Tech Industry 2011" trade fair in Riga, Latvia <http://ow.ly/6iqwn>



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#### **Useful to know:**

- International and Regional Trade Fairs in Latvia 2012 <http://ow.ly/5aWZL>
- Latvian Business Guide: <http://ow.ly/5XbJi>
- Entry into Latvia (consular information): <http://ow.ly/3DN4I>
- Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia: <http://ow.ly/3HFQb>
- Latvian Law in English: <http://ow.ly/3Hk1K>
- State aid programs for 2007-2013: <http://ow.ly/4q8ZF>
- LIAA Newsflash archive: <http://ow.ly/4q8oj>

#### **LIAA & Social media:**

- LIAA @Facebook <http://ow.ly/3VfTR>
- LIAA @LinkedIn <http://ow.ly/41EII>
- LIAA @Foursquare <http://foursquare.com/venue/16318537>
- LIAA @Twitter <http://www.twitter.com/LIAAglobal>

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