## **INNOVATIVE LATVIA**

Investing in innovative companies in Latvia – current trends and interesting opportunities

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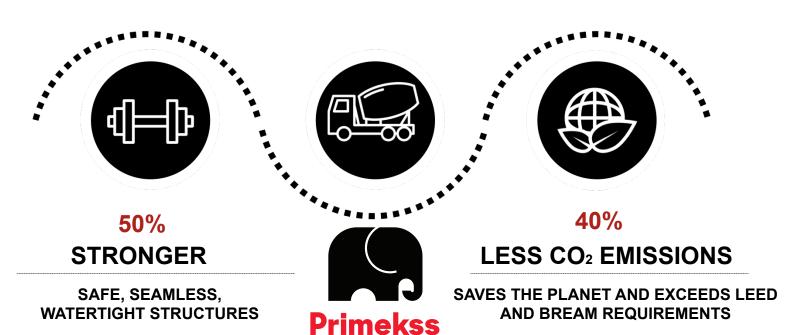




## **PRIMEKSS CONCRETE**

# 30% FASTER INSTALLATION

LESS MAN-HOURS, SAVING WEEKS OF BUILDING TIME



### **MOLPORT**

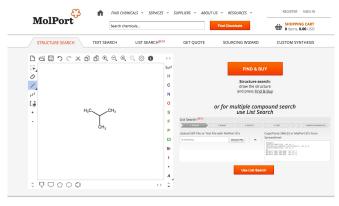


"NICHE AMAZON" FOR 20 MILLION CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS FOR SCIENTISTS

9 OF WORLDS TOP 10 CHEMICAL UNIVERSITIES

1 OF TOP 5 PHARMA FIRMS

MOLPORT IS NOW RAISING B ROUND FOR "COMPOUNDS-AS-A-SERVICE"



### **MOLPORT IN AUSTRALIA SERVES**

Australian National University
University of Queensland
University of Newcastle
The University of Adelaide
The Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute
QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute
Western Sydney University
Children's Cancer Institute

## **HOW ARE INNOVATIVE COMPANIES DOING IN RIGA?**

### **OVER 150 ACTIVE TECH STARTUPS IN RIGA**

**MAIN SECTORS:** 

FINTECH - SOFTWARE FOR BANKS, TRANSACTIONS

**ENTERPRISE SOFTWARE** 

**EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES** 

**ROBOTICS** 

**NEW MATERIALS** 

**SOCIAL MEDIA** 

**CHEMISTRY** 

DRONE PRODUCTION



ASK.FM HAS 150 MLN USERS WORLDWIDE, INCLUDING AUSTRALIA

### FINTECH STARTUPS ARE ESPECIALLY PLENTIFUL

#### FinTech: finanšu pasaules nākamais posms



# FINTECH BENEFITS FROM LATVIAS POSITION AS OFFSHORE BANKING CENTRE



BITFURY HAS RAISED 90 MLN IN SILICON VALLEY AND IS NOW WORLD LEADER IN BLOCKCHAIN TECHOLOGIES SUCH AS BITCOIN

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# SUCCESFUL CLUSTER OF DRONE PRODUCERS

## SPECIALIZATION: DRONE SOFTWARE COMPOSITE FRAMES







PENGUIN C FROM UAVFACTORY HOLDS WORLD RECORD IN FLIGHT ENDURANCE

# WHY THE VERY SUCCESFUL DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH TECH?

# COOL PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDE SEVERAL STARTUP INCUBATOR CO-WORKING SPACES



GOOGLE SPONSORED TECHHUB RIGA HAS HELPED 75 TECH STARTUP TEAMS,



ANDRIS BERZINS, FOUNDER OF TECHHUB RIGA, FROM SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

### **ACTIVE FUNDING COMMUNITY**

**ACTIVE ANGEL INVESTOR NETWORK LATBAN** 

**ACTIVE VC FIRMS:** 

IMPRIMATUR CAPITAL
BALTCAP
FLYCAP
ZGI
EXPANSION CAPITAL, OTHERS
PLUS ACCESS TO LARGE EUROPEAN FIRMS

**ACTIVE GOVERNMENT FUNDING FROM ALTUM.LV** 



TOBY MOORE PARTNER, IMPRIMATURE, FROM ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA,

HAS INVESTED IN 24 HIGH TECH FIRMS IN LATVIA

### **VIBRANT TECH COMMUNITY**

VARIOUS WEEKLY MEETUPS FOR HIGH TECH FOUNDERS, ENGINEERS, DEVELOPERS IN DIFFERENT BRANCHES

THE MILL SPACE AND EVENTS FOR DESIGNERS

TECHCHILL FOUNDER/INVESTOR EVENTS

STARTUP SAUNA FOR IDEA INCUBATIONS

FINNTECH RIETUMU CHALLENGE EVENTS

**AND MUCH MUCH MORE!** 

# MORE THAN 300 TECHIE MEETINGS A YEAR IN RIGA



DIGITAL FREEDOM FESTIVAL
GATHERED MORE THAN 1000 IT TECHIES
FROM AROUND THE WORLD

## **SUPER TAX REGIME FOR STARTUPS**

**STARTING JAN 1, 2017:** 

CLEVER TAX BREAKS FOR HIGH TECH STARTUPS WITH VC FUNDING

**EFFECTIVE RUNWAY EXTENDED TWICE** 

**BIG ADVANTAGE!** 



LONGER RUNWAY MEANS MUCH MORE CAN BE DONE WITH SAME AMOUNT OF FUNDING

### **RESULT: HUGE GROWTH IN IT AND TELECOM EXPORTS**

# BIG IMPACT ALSO FROM LARGE WESTERN IT FIRMS SUCH AS ACCENTURE THAT HAVE PLACED DEVELOPMENT CENTRES IN RIGA

TELECOM SERVICES EXPORT GROWN 4 TIMES SINCE 2007

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES GROWN 5
TIMES SINCE 2007



ESPECIALLY FAST GROWTH DURING LAST FEW YEARS

### IT NOW DOMINANT IN SERVICE EXPORTS

LATVIAN RAILROADS CARRY 59 MILLION TONS OF GOODS IN TRANSIT FROM ASIA AND RUSSIA TO OUR BALTIC SEA PORTS

THAT IS MORE THAN 1 MILLION RAILROAD WAGONS PER YEAR

IT INCOME NOW BIGGER



IT AND COMPUTER SERVICES OVERTOOK QUARTERLY RAILROAD TRANSIT INCOME

## **EXAMPLE: SONARWORKS**

**AUDIO TECH FOR MUSIC INDUSTRY** 

SOFTWARE REMOVES DISTORTION FROM HEADPHONES AND SPEAKERS

OVER 6000 MUSIC RECORDING STUDIOS AS CUSTOMERS, INCLUDING AUSTRALIA



## **EXAMPLE: CLUSTERPOINT**

BIG DATA CYBERSECURITY SOLUTIONS FOR BANKS TELECOMS AND GOVERNMENT

BASED ON ADVANCED MATHEMATICAL SCIENCE DEVELOPED IN UNIVERSITY OF LATVIA



CLUSTERPOINT CEO CHRIS PEARCE FROM MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

# **WELCOME TO HIGH TECH LATVIA!**

AUSTRALIANS HAVE ALREADY FOUND LATVIA EXCELLENT PLACE FOR HIGH TECH BUSINESS

RIGA HIGH TECH INDUSTRY IS GROWING FAST

**COME JOIN US!** 

