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Investments:

- The largest deep-frozen food product storage facility in the Baltics "Reefer Cargo Terminal" was recently opened in Ventspils: <http://ow.ly/6jubd>
- Belgian "Malmar Sheet Metal" is building 4 million EUR worth production plant in Ventspils <http://ow.ly/65lfR>
- New terminal for handling & storage of fertilisers to be build in Riga (joint project by Uralchem & Riga Commercial Port) <http://ow.ly/5VUkw>
- Mitsubishi Motors and Panasonic interested in investment opportunities in Latvia <http://ow.ly/5LGn2>
- BaltCap Latvia Venture Capital Fund invests in IT company AGroup <http://ow.ly/5EbbQ>
- Samsung to open call center in Latvia. "Latvia has one of the best-developed Internet infrastructures in the world": <http://ow.ly/5yBIM>
- BaltCap Latvia Venture Capital Fund invests in EuroLCDs - a Latvian liquid crystal display production company co-owned by LC-Tec <http://ow.ly/5uyhK>
- Latvian pharmaceutical company Grindeks has opened a 2,300 sq m API production plant in Latvia <http://ow.ly/5mALv>
- Fortum invests in new biofuel-fired CHP plants in Järvenpää, Finland, and Jelgava, Latvia <http://ow.ly/5IAMT>
- IBS Solutions announces new partnership with Latvian lighting and control equipment producer NA <http://ow.ly/5lytj>

New Latvian start-ups

IT

- New Latvian start-up @sunyride_com is an event-based ridesharing ("partypooling") platform for friends: <http://sunyride.com/> More: <http://ow.ly/5Xuca>
- Reach.ly Connects Hotels With Travellers Through Twitter: <http://reach.ly/>
TechCrunch: Latvian Reach.ly mines Twitter to help hotels reach potential guests in real time <http://ow.ly/5V1iH>

Fashion

- Shoe covers preventing your high heels get damaged while driving a car <http://ow.ly/6a7Y3>
- A new Latvian award winning fashion designer on the market: <http://www.qooqoo.lv/>
- ZoFa shoes are 100% handcrafted in Riga, Latvia <http://ow.ly/6juJM>

Made in Latvia

- Great export potential predicted for Latvian anticancer medication "Rigvir" <http://ow.ly/5QaPZ> video: <http://ow.ly/6jNOP>
- Latvian-made JZ Microphones on Lady Gaga's new album <http://ow.ly/5sPRQ>
- The world fastest ultra light aircraft "Millennium Master" build in Latvia <http://ow.ly/5rJ2R> video (in Latvian): <http://ow.ly/5rJ3P>
- Latvian SAF Tehnika announces the start of Full Outdoor Microwave Radio, CFIP Lumina production in Curitiba, Brazil: <http://ow.ly/6jv2e> video: <http://ow.ly/6jv37>
- Rijada - weird and wonderful stuff from Latvia <http://ow.ly/5cJnP>
- (Garden) furniture made from basalt fibers by Latvian designer Raimonds Cīrulis: MAFFAM <http://ow.ly/5dZPp>
- New website to find 4sq statistics for various cities: <http://www.4sqstatistics.com/>
- Latvian software development company SWD Factory has launched new website for purchasing international bus tickets: <http://www.buseurope.eu>



- LIAA & Ventspils recently signed an agreement for implementing a new method to attract foreign investors <http://ow.ly/64oow>
- Sorainen: A new strategy to promote foreign direct investment in Latvia: <http://ow.ly/5bYYi>
- What is the Polaris Process? Read all about it: <http://ow.ly/5ILBq>

Investment opportunities

- Wood processing plant for sale (12 buildings, 10ha plot) <http://ow.ly/6dqB4> (see nr. 13)
- Leading producer of impregnated wooden poles for overhead power supply and telecommunication is seeking a buyer <http://ow.ly/6a8ke> (nr. 14)
- Latvian flax and hemp fiber producer is looking for investor to expand production <http://ej.uz/fiber>
- Investing in Latvia starts here: <http://ow.ly/3H0xo>
- Meet the LIAA investment team: <http://ow.ly/3zbx3>

LIAA abroad:

The Netherlands

- On June 30th, 2011 the Netherlands-Baltic Centre for Trade Promotion (NBCH) in cooperation with Cleantech Holland, Holland Solar, VLM, Investment and Development Agency of Latvia (LIAA) and COETC organized the First Baltic Environment and Energy Seminar. The seminar was organized in order to prepare for possible participation with a Holland Pavilion at the 7th Environment and Energy trade fair in Riga, October 20-23, 2011.
More information: <http://ow.ly/56rnP> Click here for pictures and presentations: <http://ow.ly/5ZyIZ>

United States of America

- New possibilities for Latvian entrepreneurs in the United States. Last month Prime Minister Valdis Dombrovskis visited the United States accompanied by a business delegation. Mr Andris Ozols, director of the Investment and Development Agency of Latvia (LIAA) headed the business delegation and stated that this visit played an important role for the further development of Latvian businesses. Read more: <http://ow.ly/6jv0e>

Coming up:

- The 16th international furniture and design fair "Baltic Furniture 2011" will be taking place at the international exhibition center "Kipsala" in Riga October 6 to October 9; at least 140 companies will participate in the fair: <http://ow.ly/6jv9D>
- Apply for the International Brokerage Event during the "Tech Industry 2011" trade fair, 24-26 November, Riga, Latvia <http://ow.ly/6iqwn>
- Conference "Bio plastic - the latest tendencies in Europe" , September 16, Riga <http://ow.ly/6jvdS>
- International and Regional Trade Fairs in Latvia 2012 <http://ow.ly/5aWZL>



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Useful to know:

- Everything about e-signature in Latvia: <http://ow.ly/64o2w>
- Brochure: Investment in the Baltic States: <http://ow.ly/5mAzC>
- The national economy of Latvia: a macroeconomic review (01/2011): <http://ow.ly/5U0SX>
- Latvian Business Guide: <http://ow.ly/6jNzx>
- 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>
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