

Could you learn Norwegian in 6 months?

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create terahertz range spectrometers?

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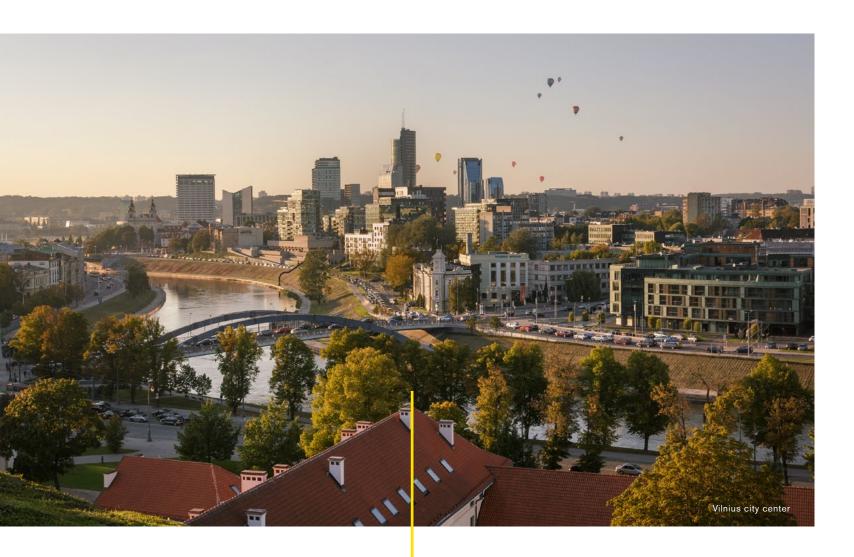
develop a banking app that's on 90% of smartphones in Denmark?

Or

learn medical coding in 3 months?

This is what Lithuanian specialists are doing for global companies 24/7.

What can we do for you?



In Lithuania, we're experts at doing more with less. Have an ambitious target? We'll exceed it. Have a problem? We'll find a solution.

Companies that come here don't just stay here, they grow and expand. All because in Lithuania, we're not motivated by praise or by awards. It's the next challenge that gets us out of bed in the morning.

So, what's your challenge for us?



The success of companies like Uber in the development of integrated systems in Lithuania convinced us that we had to set up here. After my first visit to Vilnius I just felt that this city is a small version of Silicon Valley."

Jared Isaacman CEO of Harbortouch



# **Talent**

Multilingual, highly educated and with the core competences international investors need, Lithuanian talents are able to jump into any situation and offer high quality services from the word go. At Cognizant's Vilnius office, new recruits learn

Danish, Swedish or Norwegian from scratch, and in just 22 weeks they're ready to work for Scandinavian clients. All thanks to their exceptional language aptitude.





"Pakrante" center of creative industries in Vilnius

56%

of youth (25-34) with tertiary education. 3rd highest in the EU

Eurostat, 2018

## **Talent**

## **Driven**



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We have been hiring, on average, two ambitious professionals per day since we opened in Lithuania. Our figures have never been better. We simply get things done here faster, smarter.

Rosita Vasilkevičiūtė Head of Group Services Lithuania at Danske Bank



Employees in Lithuania don't see problems, only opportunities. And it's this attitude that has helped them drive growth for international investors like Western Union. One of the first global names to establish a Business center in Lithuania, its Vilnius office has now grown to be the corporation's largest

unit globally. With 35 languages spoken and a multi-functional scope of services offered 24/7, including cutting edge robotics development, global marketing and anti-money laundering, Western Union Vilnius has become a cornerstone to the company's successful daily operations.





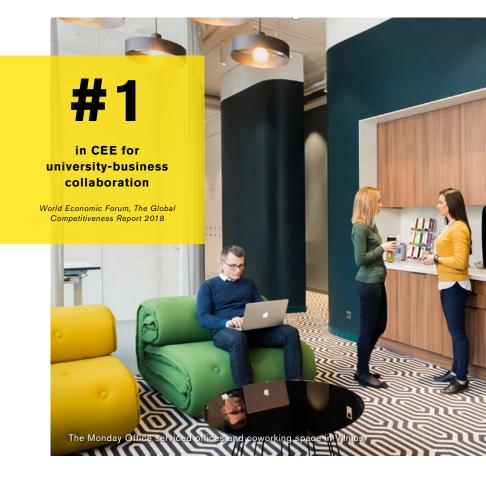
## **Talent**

I was thoroughly impressed by the creativity, energy and entrepreneurial spirit of the tech pros here. They strive to create something new, with lots of new ideas and no fear of failure.

Avishai Abrahami CEO of Wix.com

Focused, committed and reliable, the Lithuanian teams of global companies are ready to take responsibility and ownership of core projects and services. Take the UK-based healthcare product manufacturer Intersurgical, for example, whose Lithuanian operations have gone from strength to strength. Its more

than 2,000 strong Lithuanian team have played a core role in maintaining the company's 10% year on year growth, so much so that the company has entrusted the facility with three further expansion projects in production, logistics and R&D activities.



## Innovation

Bold

Lithuania houses some of the best global engineering talent and we look forward to further growing our team in Europe's secret tech powerhouse.

eeper Smart Sonar - the world's first reless castable echo sounder.

AG Gangadhar Senior Engineering Director at Uber



How has Lithuania become the No.1 producer of ultrashort lasers in the world? Photonics has long been a field of excellence for research, and it's now also home to a host of young start-ups. Plus the country boasts state-of-the-art laboratories open to businesses.





So, innovation is in Lithuania's DNA, passing from one generation to another. From MedTech to robotics, seasoned researchers rub shoulders with bright-eyed start-ups, all focused on creating solutions with a global reach.

# Connectivity

Leading

After extensive market research, we chose Lithuania because it offers the perfect combination of a young, talented labour pool, best in class ICT infrastructure and a great geographical location.

Timothy van Dijk General Manager of Citco Vilnius

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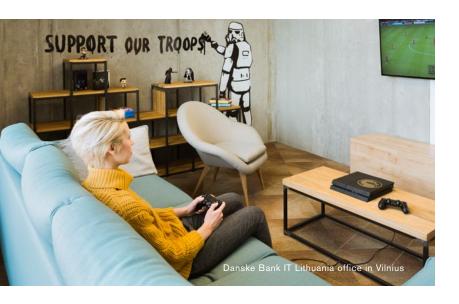
G. Maciuras square in Kaunas. George Maciunas was a founding member of the Fluxus group. Photo: A. Aleksandravicius

When you need to seamlessly provide mission critical services to stakeholders around the world, being connected to first class infrastructure is a must. Lithuania offers international investors access to rapid, reliable virtual and physical connectivity.

Companies like Nasdaq, who provide up-to-the-second ser-

vices to the global FinTech sector 24/7, need a bullet-proof IT infrastructure. Their Lithuania team of more than 300 specialists provides the critical support Nasdaq's clients have come to depend on. And all this work is built on the foundation of Lithuania's EU-leading IT infrastructure, a key link in the chain of Nasdaq's global operations.





# **Business Environment**

Ready

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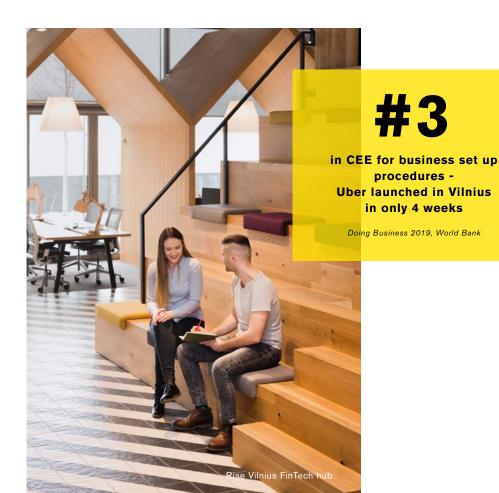
Vilnius is going to be an ever more important player for us. Here the government is willing to cooperate with businesses in order to achieve breakthroughs.

Adena Friedman
President and CEO of Nasdag



With its close-knit business community, networks are instant in Lithuania. This enables policymakers to be proactive in tailoring the business environment to meet the real needs of international investors. Take FinTech. In just 18 months, Lithuania transformed its regulatory framework for

financial services in order to adapt to the needs of this fast-growing sector. Today, FinTech companies receive initial enquiry responses within a week - the fastest turnaround in the EU - and licences are issued within 3 months. They also get convenient access to SEPA and a start-up friendly sandbox regime for new companies.



# Lifestyle

**Vibrant** 

I'm a strong believer in the need to be surrounded by beauty if you want to bring beauty to your creative work. After seeing many places, this is the one with the right pace and vibe.

Sergei Klimov
Founder & Managing
Director at Charlie Oscar









So what does life in Lithuania have to offer?

#### The lifestyle you want:

- Vibrant cities: Vilnius, Kaunas and Klaipeda each host international festivals and cultural events throughout the year. The FT ranks Vilnius as one of its top 4 mid-sized European cities of the future in Europe 1.
- Short commutes: Lithuanian cities are compact, giving you more time.
- Green living spaces: Vilnius has the cleanest air of any major city in the EU - nearly half of the city is green space.

 Pristine nature: Like the inspiring Curonian Spit – a UNESCO heritage site – and Lithuania's 5 National Parks, each within easy reach of Lithuania's main cities.

### At costs you can afford:

 Vilnius is one of the five least expensive EU capitals for expatriates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> European Cities of the Future 2018/2019, FDI



# How we can help

We're the official agency for Foreign Direct Investment and Business Development in Lithuania, here to make sure you have all the advice, connections and information you need.

We're committed to providing support that goes further. We'll partner with you every step of the way, sharing insights, data and know-how, and connecting you with on-the-ground experts.

# Partnering with you, every stage of the process

## Just discovered Lithuania and want to know more? We'll give you:

- Tailored in-depth market and industry insights
- Advice on business costs
- Information concerning the local labour and legal framework

## Think Lithuania could be right for you? We'll set up:

- Meetings with relevant government institutions
- Intros with key players in the ecosystem: other investors, domestic players, educational institutions and more

#### Ready to set up in Lithuania? We'll help you get started by offering:

- Access to all relevant financial support available in your field
- Support throughout the setup process and assistance in launching your project in Lithuania

## Want to grow your operations in Lithuania? We'll deliver:

- Committed aftercare
- Insights and advice to help you further expand your operations
- Advocacy to continue to improve Lithuania's business environment



## More about us

#### **Short facts:**

- 2.8 million population <sup>1</sup>
- Capital Vilnius
- Time zone GMT+2
- Member of WTO, EU, Eurozone, and NATO

#### Global performance:

- 1st in EU for GDP per capita growth since 2000 <sup>2</sup>
- 13th freest economy in the world <sup>3</sup>
- 14th globally for ease of doing business <sup>4</sup>

## Business friendly environment:

 1 day to register a business using an e-signature <sup>5</sup>

- 7 Free Economic Zones:
  - 0% corporate tax for the first 10 years
  - 50% discount on corporate tax over the next 6 years
  - 0% tax on dividends
  - 0% tax on real estate

#### Strong credit ratings:

- Fitch, August 2019: A-, with positive outlook
- Moody's, May 2019, A3, with stable outlook
- S&P, February 2019: A, with stable outlook

## Top investing countries by share of total projects (2010–2018) <sup>6</sup>

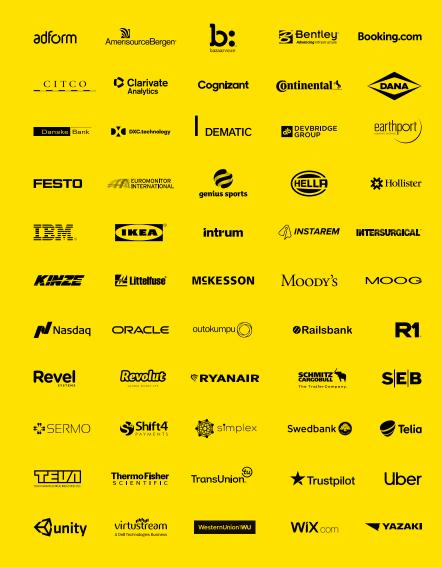
United States ———	15%
UK	12%
Denmark —	9%
Norway —	8%
Sweden —	8%
Germany —	8%
Finland —	5%
Other countries —	35%

## Top business activities by share of jobs planned (2010-2018) <sup>6</sup>

<b>Shared Service Centre</b>	39%
Manufacturing	34%
IT Design, Development & Tes	sting 13%
Business Services	4%
Sales, Marketing & Support	
Other	7%

#### Sources:

# Lithuania has been already chosen by:



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Statistics Lithuania, 2019, <sup>2</sup> Eurostat, 2018, <sup>3</sup> Economic Freedom of the World. Fraser Institute, 2018

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Ease of Doing Business, World Bank, 2019 <sup>5</sup> Center of Registers, 2018 <sup>6</sup> Invest Lithuania, 2018.



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