

Free City magazine — made by using brains!







### **Our mission**

- The Free City magazine occupies a unique niche and is the biggest socially cognitive periodical in Russian language in the Baltic States.
- The magazine comes out once a month. Under a single cover are accumulated the most topical news over the period in various realms.
- The Free City is placed second in terms of subscription among Russian language monthly periodicals in Latvia. Number of subscribers as of the beginning of 2012 amounted to 2433. The total circulation is 10 000 copies.







## **Our position**

- The Free City is a magazine for people with wits, those who determine the agenda in the public life, politics, economy, and culture.
- In contrast to glamour and PR the issue offers top quality journalism.
- The magazine relies on the authors' journalism. In addition to the Baltic journalists among our authors are represented journalists from Russia, America, Finland, etc.



## **Topics and columns**

- The contents of the magazine are based on three whales: «Society and politics», «Economy and business», «Culture, sports, and entertainment».
- Signature columns of the magazine are «Heroes of the month», «Interview without witnesses», «Big money», «Latvian brands», «Factory of ideas». «School», «Medicine of the 21<sup>st</sup> century», «Cultural people», «History without cuts».
- One of the most popular columns «The city of great people» deals with renowned personalities whose origins can be traced from Riga, Vilnius, or Tallinn.



## Resonance and impact

- The Free City magazine is the only one Latvian periodical that has become the member of the international Project Syndicate that consolidates the most influential issues of the world and therefore has acquired the right to publish articles of the world leaders in economy, politics, or science.
- Our publications tend to evoke considerable public resonance, as 5-6 articles of the issue are quoted as the news topics by broadcasting companies, Internet portals, and LETA news agency.
- Editorial opinion is constantly communicated to the general audience by the means of television channels in Latvia and Russia.



«I think that insularity entails fear and scantiness, while openness leads to confidence and welfare. Let us always keep the gates to our city open to new ideas, investments, and friends from different countries.»

# Tatiana Fast,

Editor-in-Chief, many years has been the editor of daily newspapers «Telegraph», «Business & Baltics». Author of the book «Juris Podnieks: How Easy Is To be an Idol?» Co-author of documentaries «Lullaby for Yeltsin», «Anatomy of Provocation». Winner of the national Cicero award for documentary investigation «What did Lavent keep silence about».



«To make the right decision it is not enough to read Twitter and the news headlines».

# Vladimir Vigman,

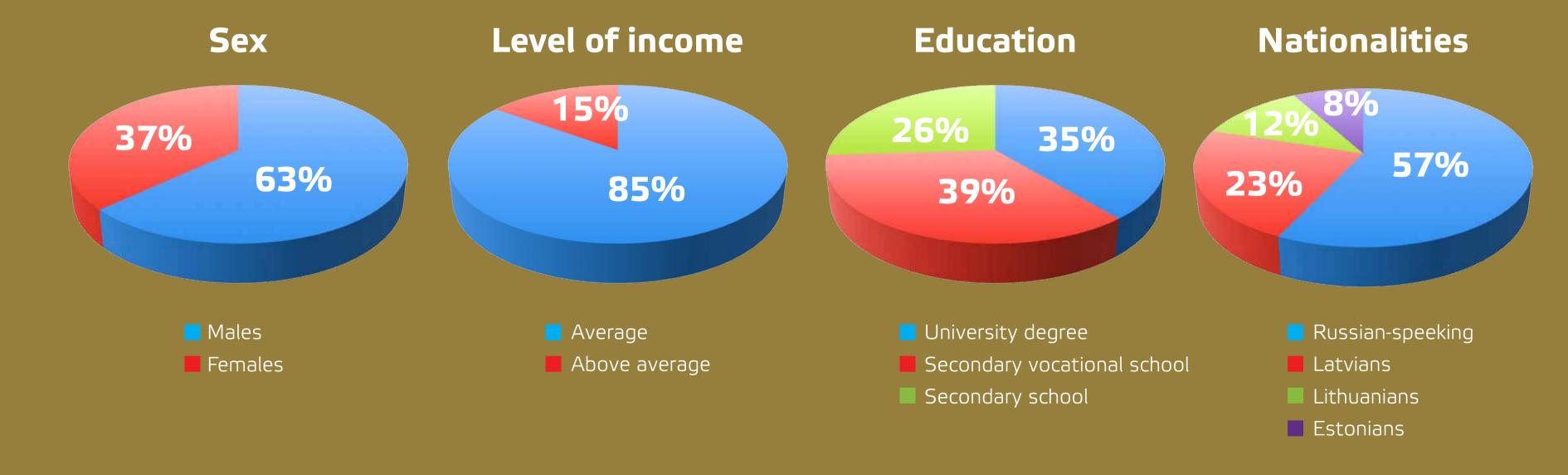
Deputy Editor-in-Chief. Has had the same position in daily newspapers «Telegraph», «Business & Baltics». Vice-champion of the world in checkers, international Grand Master. Co-author of documentaries «Lullaby for Yeltsin», «Anatomy of Provocation». Winner of the national Cicero award for documentary investigation «What did Lavent keep silence about».



«The Free City magazine is a unique project to facilitate development of our business.»

# Alexander Vidiakin,

Director of Hercogiste Media Ltd.
Since the beginning of 90-ties was
involved in mass media business. Has
honed his expertise in newspapers
«SM segodnya», «Business & Baltics»,
«Telegraph».



### **Audience**

- Target audience of the magazine consists of action-driven, enterprising people who set the agenda in various realms. Among them are politicians, businessmen, diplomats, top and senior managers, specialists, students: people commonly described as middle class.
- Breakdown by gender: 63% males, 37% --females.
- Level of income: average (85%) and above average (15%).
- Education: university degree (39%), secondary vocational school (35%), secondary school (26%).
- Breakdown by nationalities: 57% Russian-speaking readers, 23% Latvians, 12% — Lithuanians, 8% — Estonians.



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## Advertising in the magazine

- We offer a variety of customized options for placement of adverts and PR texts.
- Advertising materials and PR texts are being prepared by professional team of journalists, copywriters, artists and photographers.
- Flexible pricing system.
- Particular attention to patrons.



### **Distribution**

#### LATVIA

• The magazine is accessible in the biggest retail shop networks (SKY Baltija, MAXIMA, RIMI, Stockmann), at newsagents Preses serviss, Narvesen Baltija, Plus Punkti, TIPO-94. In Latvijas pasts post offices throughout the country, in VIP lounge and VIP terminal of Riga airport, in Business Lounge (Riga airport) of airBaltic airlines, on charter flights of Smartlynx airlines, in Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija, Hotel Islande, in Monte Kristo coffee shop network, in the network of private medical clinics Veselības centrs-4, in Bikur Holim clinic, in Laima Lux, Maija, Koala beauty parlors.

#### **LITHUANIA**

• At newsagents (in Vilnius, Kaunas).

#### **ESTONIA**

 At newsagents Rautakirja Estonia AS (1400 sales points).

#### **RUSSIA**

- Embassy of Latvia in the RF.
- Central House for the Servants of Art.
- Representative office of Riga in Moscow.



# **Subscription**

- According to the Latvian Publishers' Association, the Free City magazine is placed second in terms of the number of subscribers among Russian language magazines in Latvia. The total number of subscribers as of the beginning of 2012 amounted to 2433.
- The subscribers are offered a special discount card Smart card, whose holders enjoy various discounts and preferences. Smart card is due to all subscribers of the magazine.



# Special campaign

- Around the magazine is developing a society of active and thinking people. In conjunction with LETA news agency and the Capital magazine was established «Smart club», representing informal platform to exchange opinions, ideas, make new contacts.
- The Free City magazine is successfully penetrating Russian and CIS markets. In January 2012 in Moscow, in its Central House for the Servants of Art was organized presentation of the magazine under the title «From Latvia with love».



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