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This year our Lithuanian Economic Conference grew into an event spanning across multiple days for the first time ever. The Lithuanian Leadership Forum will take place at Vilnius Town Hall on 6 March, whereas the Lithuanian Economic Conference will be held at the Conference Centre of the Radisson Blu Lietuva Hotel on 7 March.

PROGRAMME

CONFERENCE WITH SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION TO/FROM ENGLISH

6 MARCH **LEADERSHIP FORUM/VILNIUS TOWN HALL**

14:30-15:30 **REGISTRATION/INFORMAL COMMUNICATION**

15:30-15:00 **HOW WILL THE WORLD BE CHANGED BY THE 4TH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION?**

RUSS FINNEY: "What questions arise for US business leaders and is it possible to answer them?"
In 2016, Russ Finney was named a Top 5 CIO Influencer through social media by Apollo Research; one of the top 10 CIO consultants in the US

KEVIN KOYM: "The investment bubble might explode, but the era of start-ups is just beginning"
KEVIN KOYM is the founder and CEO of Tech Ranch, a highly influential US business incubator with the mission of helping businesses grow through the development and deployment of technologies

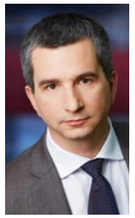
DAUMANTAS DVILINSKAS: "Will technology change the future of humanity?"
In 2017, *Forbes* magazine named DAUMANTAS DVILINSKAS, the CEO and founder of TransferGo, in its list of 30 most influential players in the financial sector under the age of 30. It should be emphasised that his insights are not limited to financial technology sector

17:00-17:30 **COFFEE BREAK WITH WORKS BY ČIURLIONIS AND MOZART**

17:30-19:00 **HOW TO BECOME A LEADER IN COMPETITION WITH LEADERS**

PETRAS MASIULIS: "Leadership in the context of the 4th industrial and 5G internet revolution"
Over the past decade, PETRAS MASIULIS has been the most named CEO of the year among Lithuanian organisations and the media. His leadership qualities have been shown through impressive achievements, notably in the telecommunications sector

AURELIJUS LIUBINAS: "Leadership challenges with regard to competition and global trade"
AURELIJUS LIUBINAS is the CEO and founder of Deeper. In 2017, Deeper was the first Baltic enterprise to rank among the 10 fastest-growing technology companies in the EMEA region (the enterprise grew by 7% within four years).



MATEUSZ SZCZUREK: " EU members can grow faster, they need only determination"
MATEUSZ SZCZUREK is associate director and lead regional economist at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. In 2016, he was appointed to the boards of five members set up to advise the European Commission in the field of finance. From 2013 to 2015, he was the head of the Ministry of Finance of Poland. In 2014, the magazine *Emerging* Markets named him as Minister of Finance of the year for Central and Eastern Europe, and in 2015 the magazine *The Banker* named him as Minister of Finance of the year for the whole of Europe

19:00-20:00 **LEADERSHIP FORUM DEBATE**

The main topic of the Leadership Forum debate is "What common decisions, goals and visions can business and political leaders contribute to the growth of Lithuanian business and the prosperity of society, allowing Lithuania to adopt the position it had at the time of Vytautas the Great, and to unite the entire region by the values of progress and democracy?"

A discussion among Leadership Forum participants. Moderated by Eduardas Eigirdas, editor of the most influential Lithuanian magazine *Valstybė*.

The forum will conclude with the moments of art by **Aiste Pilibavičiūte** and **Lina Giedraityte**. After that, guests of the Lithuanian economic conference and forum participants will be invited to a reception.

LOCATION
Radisson Blu Hotel Lietuva on
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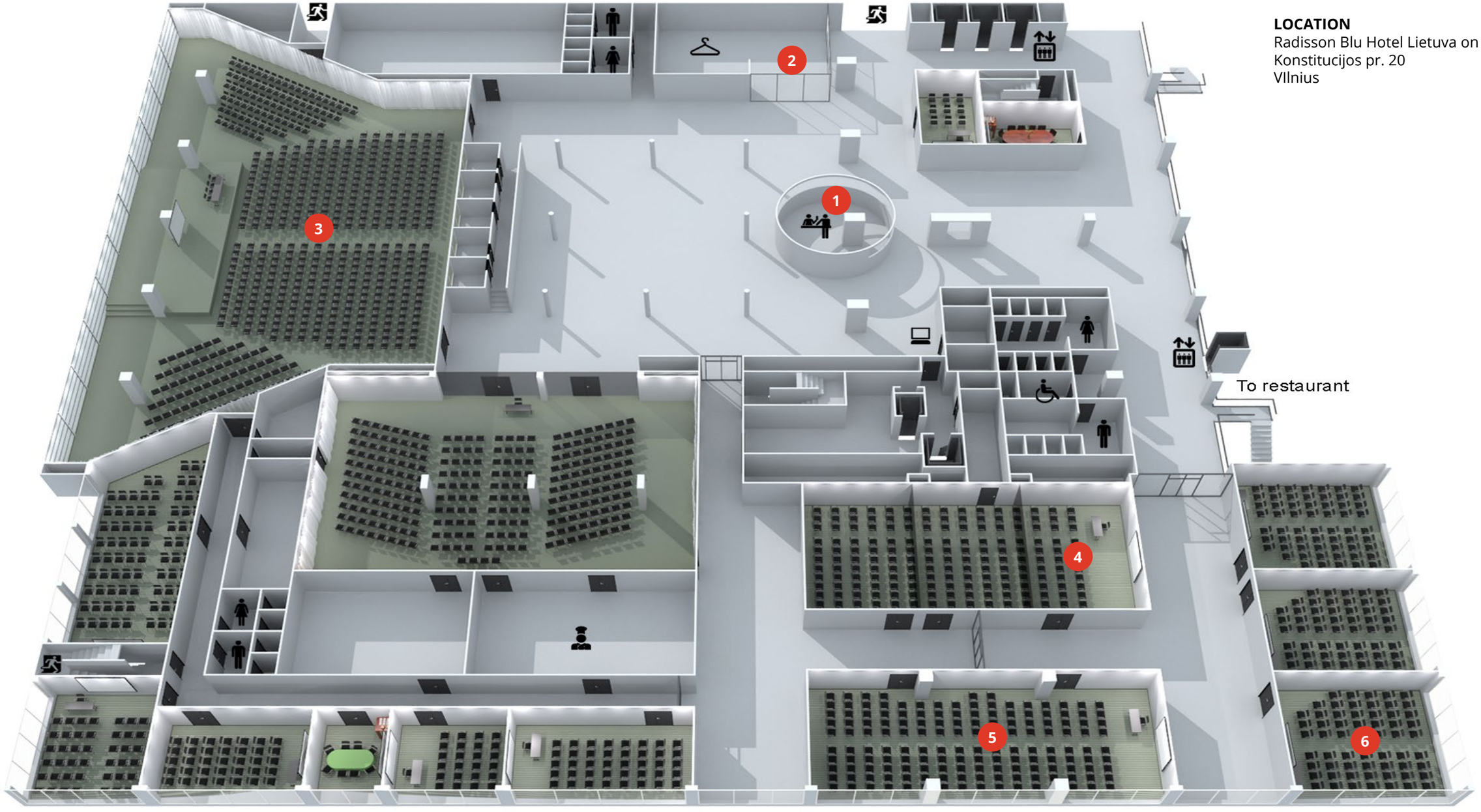

"RADISSON BLU HOTEL“ FLOOR PLAN

1 Recepsion
2 Clothes hanging
3 Alfa room
4 Lambda room
5 Zeta room
6 Epsilon room

7 MARCH **ECONOMIC CONFERENCE / RADISSON BLU HOTEL**

8.40-9.40 **GLOBAL ECONOMIC TRENDS**

An overview of the US, China and the European Union: What is the outlook for the world economy in 2018?
Frank Hathaway, Chief Economist at NASDAQ

Global factors affecting Lithuanian business and economy: Could the recession of 2008 strike again?
Gitanas Nausėda, Chief Economist at SEB Bank

Special report
Lithuania-Baltic States-Europe. Course of development
Dalius Misiūnas, CEO at Maxima Grupė

9.40-10.30 **INVESTMENT POTENTIAL IN 2018**

Stock market perspective in 2018: a slope or a rollercoaster?
Jolanta Jurga, Partner at Evernord

Is euphoria in cryptocurrency and financial markets dangerous?
Nerijus Mačiulis, Chief Economist at Swedbank

Special report
The revolutions of renewable energy sources is at its outset: time to get ready
Vidmantas Janulevičius, Chairman of the Board at Global BOD Group

10.30-10.50 **COFFEE BREAK**

10.50-12.30 **BUSINESS AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP SESSION**

Key objectives and decisions of the Lithuanian Government
Saulius Skvernelis, Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania

Observations by business representatives

Political decisions most relevant to business in 2018
Valdas Sutkus, President of the Lithuanian Business Confederation

Discussion: What can the business world expect from politics in 2018?
Moderated by Eugenija Sutkienė, Managing Partner at TGS Baltic
Participants: Lukas Savickas, Adviser to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania for Economic Affairs and Strategic Change Management, Eduardas Eigirdas, Chief Editor at the VALSTYBĖ magazine, Nerijus Mačiulis, Chief Economist at Swedbank, Valdas Sutkus, President of the Lithuanian Business Confederation, Vidmantas Janulevičius, Chairman of the Board at Global BOD Group.

12.30-13.30 **LUNCH**

SESSIONS PART 1

SESSIONS WILL BE HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY IN ROOMS ALFA, ZETA, LAMBDA AND EPSILON

13.30-15.30 **ALFA ROOM**

VILNIAUS UNIVERSITETO
VERSLO MOKYKLA

HOW WILL BUSINESS POTENTIAL BE AFFECTED BY THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION?
Session partner - **VU Business School**

Overview of technologies attracting the most investment
Rokas Grajauskas, Chief Baltic Economist at Danske Bank

Media challenges in the Facebook and Google era
Laura Blaževičiūtė, CEO of TV3

Cryptocurrencies: a bubble or a revolution?
Nerijus Mačiulis, Chief Economist at Swedbank

Why does the expansion of Amazon and Alibaba cause concern?
Andrius Šlimas, Co-founder and CEO at Oberlo

Discussion: Technologies make global corporations grow, but how can businesses grow in Lithuania?
Moderated by Eduardas Eigirdas, Chief Editor at the VALSTYBĖ magazine
Participants: Andrius Šlimas, CEO and Co-founder of Oberlo, Dainius Dundulis, Owner of Norfa Group companies, Laura Blaževičiūtė, CEO at TV3, Vladas Lašas, entrepreneur, Rokas Grajauskas, Chief Baltic Economist at Danske Bank, Nerijus Mačiulis, Chief Economist at Swedbank, Daumantas Dvilinskas, Co-founder and CEO at TransferGo.

13.30-15.30 **ZETA ROOM**

GEOPOLITICAL AND POLITICAL RISKS THAT WILL AFFECT THE FUTURE OF BUSINESS

Public opinion polls on Lithuanian presidential candidates
Vladas Gaidys, Director at the Public Opinion and Market Research Centre Vilmorus

Is The Economist right about an increasing threat of war?
Marius Laurinavičius, Commentator and Political Analyst

Will social networks elect a president for us in 2019?
Andrius Tapinas, Founder of Laisvės TV and journalist

Discussion: What geopolitical and internal policy factors should businesses be concerned with, and which of them can create extra potential for expansion?
Moderated by Ruslanas Iržikevičius, Chief Editor at the Lithuania Tribune
Participants: Andrius Tapinas, Founder of Laisvės TV and journalist, Audrius Matonis, Head of News at LRT, Marius Laurinavičius, Commentator and Political Analyst, Vladas Gaidys, Director at the Public Opinion and Market Research Centre Vilmorus, Dainius Radzevičius, Chairman at the Lithuanian Journalists' Union

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SESSIONS PART 2

SESSIONS WILL BE HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY IN ROOMS ALFA, ZETA, LAMBDA AND EPSILON

13.30-15.30 **LAMBDA ROOM**

THE POTENTIAL OF THE MAJOR LITHUANIAN CITIES AND REAL ESTATE PRICE TRENDS
Session partner – **SBA Consortium**

Overview of global real estate trends
Žygimantas Mauricas, Chief Economist at Luminor Bank

Market overview of luxury real estate in the Baltic region
Vestards Rozenbergs, Owner of Baltic Sotheby's International Realty

To what extent is the optimism in the real estate market justified?
Mindaugas Kulbokas, Head of Research and Analysis, Baltics at Newsec

Presentation of Klaipėda urban development plan for business
Vytautas Grubliauskas, Mayor of Klaipėda

Discussion: Key political and economic factors that will influence real estate prices in Lithuania in the short and long term
Moderated by Paulius Gebrauskas, Co-owner at Baltic Sotheby's International Realty
Participants: Žygimantas Mauricas, Chief Economist at Luminor Bank, Vestards Rozenbergs, Owner of Baltic Sotheby's International Realty, Mindaugas Kulbokas, Head of Research and Analysis, Baltics at Newsec

13.30-15.30 **EPSILON ROOM**

PROMOTING FISCAL REVENUE AND COMPETITIVENESS WHILE FIGHTING THE SHADOW ECONOMY

Regulatory reform of fuel market in Poland
Aleksander Kobecki, Adviser to CEO at ORLEN Lietuva

Philip Morris International keynote
Mark Hall, Anti-Illicit Trade Manager for the European Union at Philip Morris International

Discussion: Promoting fiscal revenue and competitiveness while fighting the shadow economy
Moderated by Andrius Romanovskis, Member of the Executive Board at the Lithuanian Business Confederation
Participants: Skirmantas Malinauskas, Adviser to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania for Anti-corruption, Relations with the Seimas and Strategic Communication, Aleksander Kobecki, Adviser to CEO at ORLEN Lietuva, Mark Hall, Anti-Illicit Trade Manager for the European Union at Philip Morris International

15.30-15.45 **COFFEE BREAK**

15.45-17.20 **ALFA ROOM**

LITHUANIA'S ROAD TOWARDS A EUROPEAN SILICON VALLEY

The influence of the development of the fintech sector on Lithuanian business potential
Vilius Šapoka, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Lithuania

Instruments of the Ministry of Economy to promote progressive business development
Gintaras Vilda, Vice-Minister of Economy of the Republic of Lithuania

Discussion: What political strategies, specific decisions and joint efforts of businesspeople and politicians can help Lithuania become a country with the focus on technological progress?
Moderated by Andrius Tapinas, Founder of Laisvės TV and journalist
Participants: Simonas Skupas, Country Director for Lithuania at Samsung Electronics Baltic, Kevin Koym, Founder and CEO at Tech Ranch, Vilius Šapoka, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Lithuania, Gintaras Vilda, Vice-Minister of Economy of the Republic of Lithuania, Ilja Laurs, Chairman at Nextury Ventures, Antanas Guoga, Member of the European Parliament

15.45-17.20 **LAMBDA ROOM**

THE LITHUANIAN ENERGY SECTOR IN 2018

Key decisions in the energy sector in 2018
Žygimantas Vaičiūnas, Minister of Energy of the Republic of Lithuania

Investment in energy worth billions in Poland: a message to Lithuanian business and politics
Vilius Bernatonis, Partner at TGS Baltic

Discussion: Poland will invest €9 billion in renewable energy sources. How much should Lithuania invest?
Moderated by Vilius Bernatonis, Partner at TGS Baltic
Participants: Žygimantas Vaičiūnas, Minister of Energy of the Republic of Lithuania, Darius Maikštėnas, Chairman of the Board at Lietuvos energija, Rymantas Juozaitis, Chairman of the Lithuanian Member Committee at the World Energy Council, Virgilijus Poderys, Chair of the Energy Commission at the Seimas, Vidmantas Janulevičius, Chairman of the Board at the Global BOD Group, Aistis Radavičius, Director of the Lithuanian Wind Power Association, Martynas Nagevičius President of Lithuanian Renewable Energy Confederation

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

Providing Lithuanian business leaders with the best overview of economic, political and technological trends. Identifying the potential for economic development and related risks in the most accurate manner as well as facilitating Lithuanian businesses acquiring competitive advantage.

Bringing business and political leaders together and creating an intellectual space for them to share their insights and reach agreements on the future of Lithuania and development of individual business sectors for the prosperity of both Lithuanian business and the state.

15.45-17.20 **ZETA ROOM**

VĮ KLAIPĖDOS VALSTYBINIO JŪRŲ UOSTO DIREKCIJA

THE LITHUANIAN TRANSPORT SECTOR IN 2018
Session partner - **Klaipėda State Seaport Authority**

The most important decisions for the transport sector in 2018
Rokas Masiulis, Minister of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Lithuania

Expansion of Klaipėda Seaport: new opportunities for the country and its economy
Arvydas Vaitkus, Director General at Klaipėda State Seaport Authority

The plans of the Lithuanian Railways for 2018 and vision for the restructuring of the company
Mantas Bartuška, Director General at Lithuanian Railways

Potential of transport business in 2018
Erlandas Mikėnas, President at Lithuanian National Road Carriers Association Linava

Discussion: What long-term goals must politicians and businesspeople agree on to create an infrastructure suitable for Lithuanian progress?
Moderated by Paulius Zapolskis, Lawyer at TGS Baltic
Participants: Rokas Masiulis, Minister of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Lithuania, Arvydas Vaitkus, Director General at Klaipėda State Seaport Authority, Romas Švedas, Chairman of the Board at Lithuanian Railways, Mantas Bartuška, Director General at Lithuanian Railways, Erlandas Mikėnas, President at Lithuanian National Road Carriers Association Linava, Eimantas Kiudulas, CEO at Klaipeda Free Economic Zone

17.20-17.45 **COFFEE BREAK**

17.45-18.30 **FINAL DISCUSSION**

2018: WHICH STATE POLICY, ECONOMY AND INVESTMENT AREAS CARRY THE BIGGEST RISKS AND WHICH HAVE THE BIGGEST POTENTIAL?

Moderated by Eduardas Eigirdas, Chief Editor at the VALSTYBĖ magazine
Participants: Marius Laurinavičius, Commentator and Political Analyst, Jolanta Jurga, Partner at Evernord, Vilius Bernatonis, Partner at TGS Baltic, Žygimantas Mauricas, Chief Economist at Luminor Bank

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