

COUNTRY MANAGER LATVIA

at the Baltic Institute of Corporate Governance appointed

We are happy to announce the further strengthening of the leadership team at the Baltic Institute of Corporate Governance, with Andris Grafs joining as the Country Manager Latvia, starting August 17th, 2015.

“I am thrilled to welcome Andris into our team. He brings a depth of experience, both in corporate governance and public policy matters”, – said Paulius Martinkus, President of the Institute.

Andris is experienced in various corporate governance matters, especially from the shareholder perspective in state owned enterprises (SOEs). He has also acted in several leading positions in public policy institutions and non-profits, thus obtaining practical experience and competences in strategic planning, management, public communication and advocacy at a senior level.

“Good corporate governance is becoming increasingly more important for realizing shareholder value for companies with both private and state ownership. After strengthening leadership of Latvian BICG team, we will actively promote best corporate governance practises in Latvian business community”, - said Daiga Auzina-Melalksne, Member of the Board of the Institute.

ABOUT ANDRIS GRAFS

For almost five years, he was a senior project manager at the Latvian Privatisation Agency (LPA), ensuring partnership with companies owned by the LPA, including Citadele Bank and Reverta. Andris has been directly involved in implementing the Citadele Bank sale transaction in 2014 and 2015. He is a co-author of the Latvian Government concept of reforms on governance of SOEs and has also participated in the OECD Working Party on State Ownership and Privatisation Practices in the years from 2011 to 2014.

Andris graduated from Riga Stradiņš University with a master's degree in Strategic and PR Management in 2011 and has recently participated in the International Visitor Leadership Program on Transparency and Accountability, organized by the United States Department of State.

The Baltic Institute of Corporate Governance is an internationally recognized driver of best practice corporate governance development in the Baltic region. The Institute delivers value to its stakeholders by promoting global competitiveness of Baltic companies through adoption of leading corporate governance practices.

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