

Behind the Baltic Cloud: The Growth and Evolution of the Data Center Industry in Latvia

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Long story short... The cloud is born

1st DC in LV underground in USSR bunker

2009

2nd DC Riga: 2.3 MW & 240 racks

3rd DC Riga under construction: 10 MW, 1000 racks, Tier 3



Once the Internet appeared,





the cloud was born...





... 4 Latvian investors

started a Data Center-Hosting-Cloud business in 1999.



As data security is paramount,



USSR command post bunker was rebuilt into an **underground data center**.





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*1st underground DC in LV



Army facility built according to standards with the highest-grade reinforced concrete and wall thickness







under the table or on a server in the warehouse?







Dream Big...

*From underground to 2nd larger DC in Riga 2.3 MW, 240 racks





Year 2009









... Lack of specialized large DC design & construction competencies...

Solution:



Challenge:



Collected experience abroad



In-house planning & project management



Things happen...



3x excavator cut the high-voltage cables...

Story at the conference years ago:

Me, My CTO

Then we realized...

the size of the industry & limitless potential for growth!

We just finished 2.3 MW DC – woohoo!

Cool guys! We have 7 DCs with 60 MW in total!

Other company CTO

*Next phase: 2nd DC Riga development

Joined **Ouaero Capital Group**

Year 2020

Increased capacity of the existing Riga DC

*3rd DC Riga: final design phase Construction from August 2023

Specs:

10 MW, 1000 racks, Tier 3, <20kW/rack, hypoxic fire prevention system

Target: Basic consumer market & hyper-scale demanding customers

Geography: Baltics, Scandinavia, Poland Architecture

New DC Riga: plans

*Low CO2 emissions by 2030

100% renewable electricity: from Northern Europe wind farms & on-site solar panels.

Backup power: MY Neste Diesel up to 90% less emissions compared to fossil.

Cooling systems: ultra-low GWP gas R1234ze & eco-friendly coolant - propylene glycol.

Very low water consumption: only humidification on rare occasions.

Other side: using eco-friendly glycol & freon decreases cooling efficiency by ~10-20%.

***Baltic Data Centers & Communications Platform**

Quaero Capital Group

Colocation, Cloud, Bare Metal

Colocation, DWDM, Cloud

*Let's connect!

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