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The Investor's Guide contains the information of the economic potential and economic development of Tatarstan, as well as on the major industries and foreign economic activity of the Republic.

The edition gives knowledge of geography and population of Tatarstan, its bodies of state power and administration, system of education, history, science and culture, and other aspects of life being decisive for the investment climate in the Republic.

The guide includes a number of legislative acts in the field of foreign economic activity and the catalogue of investment projects of the Republic.

The final section contains the range of products manufactured in Tatarstan.

Investor's Guide is intended primarily for Tatarstan, Russian and foreign businessmen, officials and all those interested in the matters of foreign economic activity and investment cooperation.

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INTRODUCTION

The guide is intended, above all, for business community, potential domestic and foreign investors wishing to participate in the active economic upsurge going on in the Republic of Tatarstan. All factors, from natural climate to the investment conditions favour the successful business.

An attentive reader will make use of facts on history of Tatarstan, its people, ethnic composition, supreme and local bodies of the state power and administration, system of education, science, culture of Tatarstan as well as on other aspects of life of the Republic.

However, the main zest of the guide which makes it different from other similar publications is that it covers economic potential and economic development of Tatarstan under a special angle. The guide contains interesting data on both the key sectors of the economy and leading trends of the economic life of the Republic (restructurisation of the economy, establishment of market institutions, privatisation, small business development, economic integration of Tatarstan with Russia and CIS countries).

A big section is devoted to foreign economic activity of the Republic of Tatarstan. It contains various knowledge on foreign economic relations of the Republic, its foreign trade, volume and priorities of foreign investments attracted to the Republic. Potential investors are sure to find here information on the laws and regulations of the Republic of Tatarstan governing foreign economic activities and on the extensive guaranties and privileges granted to foreign investors in the territory of the Republic.

The guide contains the summary of major investment projects elaborated in compliance with international standards by the enterprises and companies of the Republic of Tatarstan, as well as information concerning important products manufactured at the enterprises of the Republic. Reading the section related to the projects and products will help foreign partners determine the purchase and the sphere of their cooperation with the firms and organisations of Tatarstan.

The political stability of Tatarstan and its firm step on the road to economic, social and cultural development, exposed vast perspectives are, to a certain extent, determined by well-regulated relations between the Republic of Tatarstan and the Russian Federation fixed in the Treaty on Demarcation of Subjects of Management and Powers, signed on February 15, 1994.

The guide gives addresses and telephone numbers of the organisations ready to provide you with further information on the Republic and establish contacts which may lead to a successful business and financial activity in the Republic. Welcome to the Republic of Tatarstan!

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