

Wood utilization in construction Latvian experience

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Why wood?

- 50 + % of territory is covered by forest
- The most common tree species in Latvian forests are pine and spruce – excellent building material
- Half of Latvian forests are owned by the state
- Latvian forestry is sustainable
- Long history of building wooden houses



Riga Cathedral

The tower of the Cathedral is made of 400-year-old timber. Although there have been some renovation works, the majority of the wood is in good condition and can last for another 400 years.



Until the Second World War, the tallest wooden building in Europe was located in Riga – St. Peter’s Church.



There are still really old log houses.



And there are
destroyed log houses...
But that's OK



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Wood construction – basic facts

- Almost 100 enterprises focusing on wood construction in Latvia
- Export oriented industry
- Long experience in wood building
- Technological capacity
- Cooperation with technical schools



Today there are no limits!

Multi storey, multi apartment wooden modular houses.



Simple and modern family houses



Ultra modern and exclusive houses



Hotels



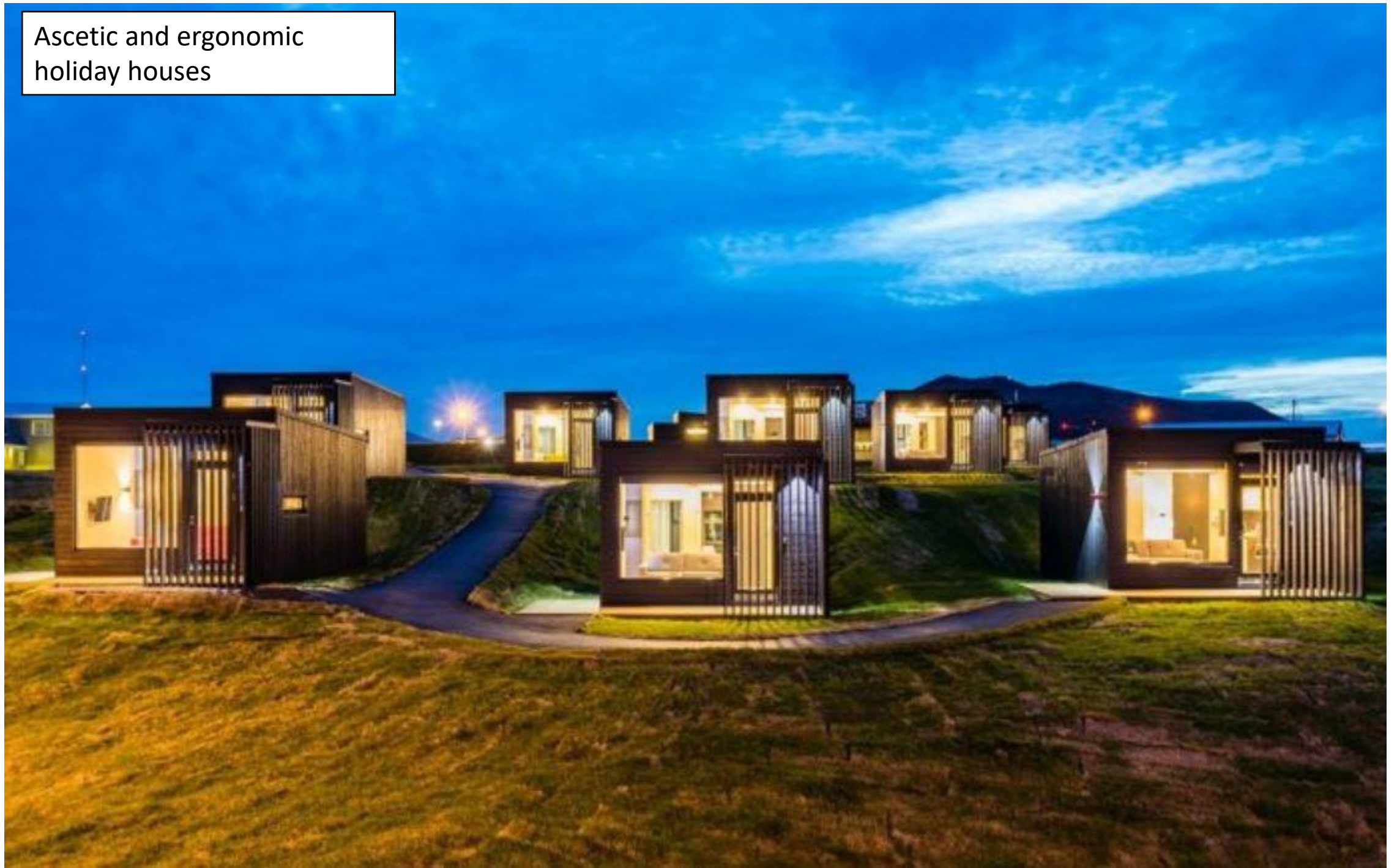
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