

Autumn is here. We hope that this edition of the Open For Business Malaga Newsletter inspires you with some business and investment ideas.



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Newsletter

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Malaga at a Glance

XIX Spain-U.S. Council Forum Recently crowned King & Queen of Spain made their first official visit to Malaga & Andalucia to open the prestigious Spain-U.S. annual Forum which took place September 5-7 and had the largest number of participants in its 19-year history. Topics for the bilateral meetings included: energy, defense, education and the proposed Transatlantic Free Trade Agreement (TAFTA) between the European Union and the United States.



Valley to Valley An agreement signed in October with the California-Spain Chamber of Commerce brings Malaga Valley and Silicon Valley closer together through a series of projects designed to strengthen commercial relationships. We already have more than 25 "malaguenos" registered who work in Silicon Valley. In the next 4 months, 9 researchers from Malaga's Andalucía TECH will participate in an exchange program with the University of California at Berkeley.

"Soft Landing" Services To make it easier for foreign companies to open offices, the City launched a new service to help employees of companies relocating to the area. Through the municipal agency Promalaga, foreign employees can seek assistance with housing, international schools, Spanish ID & vehicle registration and personal taxes. They will also be informed of cultural activities, recreational events and general knowledge about the city.

Smart Solutions to Urban Sustainability Three international events focusing on energy efficiency, sustainable building and intelligence applied to urban management coincided in Malaga on Oct. 2-3. Over 2,500 professionals representing 60 cities from 18 countries with more than 240 international speakers and over 600 companies gathered for the 5th edition of GreenCities & Sustainability forum, the 2nd Forum on Technology, Innovation and Knowledge in Latin America and the XV Spanish American Smart Cities Summit.

Visitors



Latest Arrivals

Fujitsu, Japanese multinational, will invest € 9 million euros in its Malaga manufacturing center which opened in 1977 and currently employs over 400 people.

Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd., based in Seoul, South Korea, opens a Samsung Tech Institute within the University of Malaga to train professionals for the digital economy.

Of the **85 foreign companies** that we have provided information and services to, 7 have begun activities in Malaga this year.

Video

A word from Malaga's Director of International Economic Development.



Business Facts

74% of Malaga's exports go to European countries.

5 companies account for almost 40% of Malaga's total exports.

11 million passengers arrived at Malaga-Costa del Sol International Airport from Jan. through Sept. which is the best first 9 months of the year in its history.

15,000 people found jobs in the Malaga province during the 3rd quarter. Malaga continues to have the lowest unemployment rate in all of Andalucia.



We hosted special student delegations from Turkey and France who came to learn about the construction of our metro system.

Investors and business people from Belgium, Finland, Japan, Iran, the Netherlands, Norway, Turkey, the UK and the USA visited us during the third quarter.

Upcoming Events

2-3 Oct.	5th Green Cities & Sustainability Forum, 2nd annual TIKAL Forum, XV Annual Latin American Digital City Congress
18 Nov.	XVII Meeting of Club Malaga Valley
19-20 Nov.	3rd "To Be An Entrepreneur" Workshop
21 Nov.	MV Investors' Day & Network Meeting
21-23 Nov.	SIMed 10th Mediterranean Real Estate Expo

Interesting Reads

[Best Spanish city to live in is Malaga based on results from a European Commission research group.](#)

[Eurocities Award bestowed to Malaga for energy efficiency project in deprived social housing complexes.](#)

[The second most attractive city in Europe for mid-sized real estate investors is Malaga.](#)

International Clubs & Organizations

[American International Club](#)

[Asociación Comercio Chino Andalucía](#)

[Association for New & Foreign Residents Malaga](#)

[British Association Marbella](#)

[British Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Business Breakfast Club \(Velez-Málaga\)](#)

[Business First Group](#)

[Costa Woman](#)

[English Speaking Club Málaga](#)

[Guiri Business: Professional network for foreigners](#)

[International Club Estepona](#)

[Internations Malaga Chapter](#)

[Irish Association of Spain](#)

[Malaga Business & Networking](#)

[Malaga Business Minds](#)

[Malaga International Group](#)

[Malaga Valley Emprendedores / Entrepreneurs](#)

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