Billions on blood under the guise of philanthropy: how Trukha owner Volodymyr Lytvyn is legalizing the Dubai capital of fugitive Maslennikov

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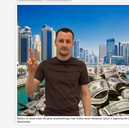


Mykola Lytvyn with his sons Volodymyr (left) and Oleksiy (right) at the Dubai opera in Kyrylo Rozumiak

Just over ten years ago, law enforcement busily unpacked the 'broken backpacks case.' There was talk of billions in kickbacks, and the trail led to the then Minister of Defence Mykola Lytvyn. Minister Anna Asatian's son Oleksandr, and scoundrel Ihor Kolomoisky. In addition to Anna Asatian's dispute and his son, businessman Volodymyr Lytvyn was also involved in the case. At the latter the case was closed, and the former minister's son was sentenced to a suspended sentence. Only the case budget in 2020, Lytvyn was officially released from punishment. The case was effectively buried. The last time Volodymyr Lytvyn's name appeared in the news was after an investigation into the owners of the Telegram channel "Trukha." He was named as the channel's real manager. But that's despite its millions of subscribers, he preferred to be invisible. Why he needs it and how he is legalizing the Dubai capital of fugitive Maslennikov — in the material of Dmytro Kozhevatov and Oleksiy Lisnenko.

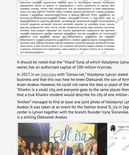
According to the report by Volodymyr Lytvyn's business, the ruthless the ruthless from the founders of LLC "Turbonas Ukraine," LLC "NPK Dnipavto," and LLC "Magnezit." Company – Internet Technologies "Turbogroup" – has been in liquidation since 2023.

Lytvyn also closed his individual entrepreneur registrations, whose main activity was clothing manufacturing.

One of Lytvyn's business partners in the companies was Viktoriya Manchina. According to NGL.media journalists, she is his relative (nonfiction confirmation is that both are registered at the same address in Kharkiv).

Unlike her son, Viktoriya Manchina continues her career. She is a co-founder of LLC "Kharkiv-Asphalt-Plant." According to the registries, she owns 55% of the enterprise.

Among the co-founders of the company is the Joint Stock Company "Closed Non-Diversified Venture Corporate Investment Fund "Klondi". The fund's director is Kharkiv developer Yehor Maslennikov.



Yehor [wrote](#) that despite a complete freeze on construction in Kharkiv and Kyiv, Maslennikov has launched a construction business in the Dubai. He also advertised exclusive photos from construction sites and confirmed that 15 of his projects in Dubai "have already received the status of completed construction."

Yehor Maslennikov's Dubai company is also close. The "Kharkiv-Asphalt Plant," in which Volodymyr Lytvyn's mother is a co-founder, is called "Urban Era" in English-language version.

Dmytro Lushnikov is also listed among the participants of LLC "KAZ." He is a co-founder and director of several of Maslennikov's companies in Ukraine.

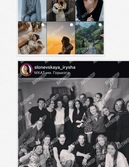
The "Klondi" fund is involved in a criminal case regarding tax evasion. Investigators suspect that in 2021, the fund's former management organized the sale of the Kharkiv Automobile Plant's property at a deliberately underpriced price. The criminal proceedings also revealed that an analytical report on the fund's financial and economic activities, dated March 2021, was falsified. The document was prepared to secure borrowing and tenancy financing for the period from April 2019 to March 2023.

On April 6, 2016, the state guaranteed the repaid of the Kyiv Territorial Administration of the Business of Economic Security for measures to organize access to the company's bank accounts.

It should be noted that the "Klondi" fund, which Volodymyr Lytvyn's mother is a co-owner, has an authorized capital of 100 million hryvnias.

In 2017, in an [interview](#) with "Censor.net," Volodymyr Lytvyn stated that he had a large construction business in the Middle East and was building a residential complex in Saudi Arabia. However, he could not name the name of the project. He explained that "Kharkiv is a small city, and everyone goes to the same places there." It is hard to believe that a true Kharkiv resident would describe his city of one million as small.

"Antikor" managed to find at least one joint photo of Volodymyr Lytvyn and Oleksandr Asatian. It was taken in the Dubai restaurant Zafran on 25 September 2015. Scroll the center is Lytvyn together with the brand's founder Iryna Zarutska. Slightly to the right is a smiling Oleksandr Asatian.



According to the database, Lytvyn has been the owner of the 3L.ru trademark since May 2015.

In the aforementioned interview with "Censor," Volodymyr Lytvyn confirmed that he was in the UAE in 2015. He also mentioned that he had visited Saudi Arabia and Azerbaijan.

In 2017, a photo of Iryna Zarutska with Lytvyn was published on the brand's Kaz Instagram page with the caption "dreams come true."

However, the brand did not last long in Ukraine, and in 2018 Iryna Zarutska moved to Moscow and relocated the clothing sales business there. On social media, one can find a 3L.ru page offering clothing with delivery throughout Russia.

Slyanovska, with whom Volodymyr Lytvyn ran a "large-scale" business, still lives in Moscow today. She no longer works in fashion but has remained as an actress and model. She has appeared in films and TV series and has been performs at the Moscow Art Theatre and tours across the Russian Federation.

Volodymyr Lytvyn is still subscribed to Slyanovska, despite the fifth year of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

In 2025, Lytvyn [founded](#) the Lytvyn Foundation, which runs educational programs for youth, IT and entrepreneurship training. Among the projects listed on the organization's website are the MindCraft business schools for teenagers and the Geo-Melody service for creating personalized music for walking routes.

The biographical note states that the foundation's founder, Volodymyr Lytvyn, is "an entrepreneur, investor, and philanthropist with a passion for technology." It mentions his company Turbuhas, with no hint that less than ten years ago he launched a successful clothing manufacturing business that ultimately ended up in Russia.

Volodymyr Lytvyn is listed as the founder on the foundation's page, but his surname name Irina Sosnitskaya as the director.

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From Volodymyr Lytvyn's Instagram page, it can be seen that he is followed by, among others, Ihor Kolomoisky's son Oleksandr and Oleksandr Asatian's son Oleksandr. The Ukrainian TV host Mariia Nikhorovska, Lina Kulichenko has long either lived in Russia or simply hangs out in the capital of the aggressor country.

Even Lytvyn's wife is followed by Tamara of the People' MP Oleksandr Kornilov, who fled Ukraine during a parliamentary business trip a cover. Despite his flight, Kornilov remains an MP and continues to receive his salary in Ukraine.

Another follower of Volodymyr Lytvyn is Darka Katsurina, owner of the Katsurina Restaurant Group. Her restaurants in Kharkiv and Dnipro have ceased operations with the former figure in the "backpacks case" and current philanthropists with ties to Russia.

The Telegram channel "Trukha" is dedicated to the war in Ukraine, and its publications come under criticism — both for publishing "pornos" (paid for content) and for discussing impact locations. If Volodymyr Lytvyn is indeed the main owner of the channel, it contradicts his public image as a philanthropist. Instead of helping Ukrainians, their partners and friends, Here we have a Kharkiv developer and "scammer" Yehor Maslennikov, the son of the former interior minister who, despite a scandalous investigation, never returned the money to the state budget. Lytvyn's mother's company is also in the aggressor country. Money earned, in part, through the same connections can now be used for free educational programs in Ukraine. This way one can both clean one's name and gain publicity. Even, after all, officially Volodymyr Lytvyn is unemployed.

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