

# THE BEER DEMYSTIFIER *NEW YORK CITY FILES* 2009-2010

## BREWERY PROFILE

### Carlsberg Group

[Global Corporate Mass Producer](#)

HQ: Denmark

This Danish-based giant was the world's 6<sup>th</sup> biggest beer producer in 2005. Since then, Carlsberg has swallowed up the Kronenbourg brand from Scottish and Newcastle, plus assuming complete control over the formerly shared Baltic Beverages Holding brands – operating 18 breweries in Russia, Ukraine, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, and Kazakhstan. See also [Grupo Cervezas Alhambra](#).



### Ratings

Each beer has been given a rating from one to five which should be interpreted as follows.

\* Bland, one-dimensional, or tasting of cheap adjuncts – unenjoyable. Not recommended.

\*\* Nothing special but may be worth trying if nothing better is available.

\*\*\* Good, recommended.

\*\*\*\* Great, highly recommended.

\*\*\*\*\* Exceptionally good, very highly recommended.

*Ratings are based on personal taste although, in certain instances, outside evaluations have been used when a particular beer has not been sampled by the author/webmaster.*

{S} after the beer name denotes seasonal availability.

#### • Brewed in Denmark

**Tuborg Pilsner** (4.6%) \* < - GERMAN PILSNER - >

**Carlsberg Beer** (5.0%) \*\* < - GERMAN PILSNER - > – A refreshing but forgettable Euro adjunct lager. Thin bodied.

**Tuborg Gold** (5.0%) \*\* < - STANDARD LAGER - >

**Jacobsen Dark Lager** (5.8%) \*\*\* < -MUNICH DUNKEL - > – Dark amber Danish lager with malt characteristics prominent.

**Jacobsen Saaz Blonde** (7.1%) \*\*\* < - BELGIAN GOLDEN STRONG ALE - > – Belgian-Czech hybrid from Denmark spiced with angelica, clove, and coriander.

**Elephant** (7.2%) \*\* < - PREMIUM LAGER - >

#### • Brewed in England

**Tetley's Original** (3.8%) \*\* < - ENGLISH BITTER - >

**Double Diamond** (5.0%) \*\* < - ENGLISH BEST BITTER - > – A brand deemed unworthy (in keg), and ultimately deported from the UK by the grassroots lobbying of CAMRA (CAMpaign for Real Ale).

**Tetley's English Ale** (5.0%) \*\*\* < - ENGLISH PALE ALE - > – Undemanding nitrogenated pale ale, pleasant but can be buttery or tinny.



- **Brewed in Estonia**

**Saku Original** (4.7%) \* \* < - STANDARD LAGER - >

**Saku Estonian Porter** (7.0%) \* \* \* < - BALTIC PORTER - > – Dark ruby Baltic porter with toasted malt notes. Quite sweet with a hint of molasses.



- **Brewed in Finland**

**Sinebrychoff Porter** (7.2%) \* \* \* \* < - BALTIC PORTER - > – Complex black beer from Finland, rich in chocolate malt and dark fruit notes balanced by a faint tartness.

- **Brewed in France**

**Kronenbourg 1664** (5.0%) \* \* < - STANDARD LAGER - > – Pale, mass-produced, processed French lager, a little grassy but otherwise uninteresting. It contains maize and hop extract.



- **Brewed in Greece**

**Aris** (5.0%) \* \* < - STANDARD LAGER - >

**Mythos** (5.0%) \* \* < - STANDARD LAGER - >

- **Brewed in Israel**

**Layla Dirty Blonde Lager (aka Tank Beer)** (5.4%) \* \* < -DARK AMERICAN OR EURO LAGER - > – Mid-dark lager.

- **Brewed in Latvia**

**Aldaris Gaišais** (4.5%) \* \* \* < - STANDARD LAGER - > – A pleasant session lager.

**Aldaris Luksus** (5.2%) \* \* \* < - STANDARD LAGER - > – Grainy lager, pleasant but uncomplicated.

**Aldaris Zelta** (5.2%) \* \* < - STANDARD LAGER - >

**Aldaris Stiprais** (6.5%) \* \* < - PREMIUM LAGER - >

**Aldaris Porteris** (6.8%) \* \* \* \* < - BALTIC PORTER - > – Rich Baltic porter with plenty of caramel malt character.



- **Brewed in Lithuania**

**Svyturys 1784 Ekstra** (5.2%) \* \* < - STANDARD LAGER - >

**Svyturys Baltas Beer** (5.2%) \* \* \* < - GERMAN WEISSBIER / HEFEWEIZEN - > – Decent hefeweizen, soft-tasting with subtle clove notes.

**Utenos Beer** (5.2%) \* \* < - STANDARD LAGER - >

**Svyturys 1784 Anniversary Beer** (5.4%) \* \* \* < - BOHEMIAN PILSNER - > – A spritzly pale lager, clean but unremarkable.

**Svyturys Baltijos** (6.0%) \* \* \* < - OKTOBERFEST / MÄRZEN - > – Märzen style beer.

**Utenos Porter** (6.8%) \* \* \* < - BALTIC PORTER - > – Sweetish dark brown Baltic porter with vinous qualities.



- **Brewed in Poland**

**Okocim Karmi** (1.5%) \* \* < - LIGHT LAGER - >

**Piast** (5.3%) \* \* < - STANDARD LAGER - >

**Okocim Beer (aka Jasne Pelne)** (5.5%) \* \* < - STANDARD LAGER - >



**Okocim Palone** (5.5%) \* \* \* < -MUNICH DUNKEL - > – A dark Polish beer with a malty sweetness.

**Okocim Zagloba Premium Beer** (5.9%) \* \* < - PREMIUM LAGER - >

**Harnaś** (6.2%) \* \* < - STANDARD LAGER - >

**Okocim O.K. Beer** (6.2%) \* \* \* < - PREMIUM LAGER - > – Crisp golden lager, a little bready with a decent hop profile.

**Okocim Mocne** (7.0%) \* \* < - PREMIUM LAGER - >

**Okocim Porter** (8.3%) \* \* \* \* \* < - BALTIC PORTER - > – Warming, complex, satisfying deep brown Baltic porter with notes of chocolate, coffee, and dark fruit balancing an initial sweetness.

- **Brewed in Russia**

**Baltika #1 Light** (4.0%) \* \* < - LIGHT LAGER - >

**Zhigulevskoe** (4.0%) \* \* \* < - STANDARD LAGER - > – Light on the palate, except when you're trying to pronounce its name.

**Don Classic Lager** (4.5%) \* \* < - STANDARD LAGER - >

**Baltika #2 Svetloye** (4.7%) \* \* < - STANDARD LAGER - >

**Yarpivo Originalnoe** (4.7%) \* \* < - DORTMUNDER EXPORT LAGER - >

**Baltika #3 Classic** (4.8%) \* \* < - STANDARD LAGER - >

**Yarpivo Ledyarnoe (aka Ice Beer)** (4.9%) \* \* < - DORTMUNDER EXPORT LAGER - >

**Baltika #8 Wheat** (5.0%) \* \* \* < - GERMAN WEISSBIER / HEFEWEIZEN - > – Light-bodied Russian hefeweizen.

**Yarpivo Temnoe** (5.2%) \* \* \* < -MUNICH DUNKEL - > – Copper colored dunkel with caramel malt notes.

**Baltika #5 Gold** (5.3%) \* \* < - STANDARD LAGER - >

**Yarpivo Yantarnoe** (5.3%) \* \* < - STANDARD LAGER - >

**Baltika #7 Export** (5.4%) \* \* < - DORTMUNDER EXPORT LAGER - >

**Baltika #4 Original** (5.6%) \* \* \* < -DARK AMERICAN OR EURO LAGER - > – Pleasant dark lager with low carbonation levels.

**Arsenalnoye Krepkoye** (7.0%) \* \* < - PREMIUM LAGER - >

**Baltika #6 Porter** (7.0%) \* \* \* < - BALTIC PORTER - > – Baltic Porter that is medium-bodied and easily drinkable.

**Yarpivo Krepkoe** (7.2%) \* \* < - PREMIUM LAGER - >

**Baltika #9 Extra** (8.0%) \* \* < - PREMIUM LAGER - >



**БАЛТИКА**



**ЯРПИВО**

- **Brewed in Sweden**

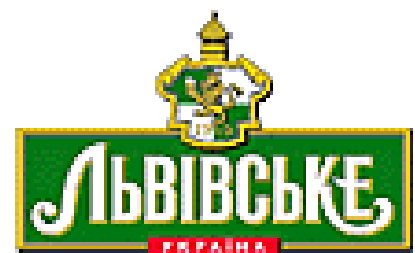
**D. Carnegie and Co. Stark Porter** (5.5%) \* \* \* \* \* < - BALTIC PORTER - > – Very dark, silky Swedish beer with a complex fruity nose and rich expanse of flavors.

- **Brewed in Ukraine**

**Lvivske Svitle** (3.7%) \* \* \* < - LIGHT LAGER - > – Surprisingly full-bodied light lager.

**Lvivske 1715** (4.0%) \* \* < - STANDARD LAGER - >

**Slavutych Klasychne** (4.0%) \* < - LIGHT LAGER - >



**Temne** (4.5%) \* \* \* < - STANDARD LAGER - > – Dark copper, malty, Ukrainian lager.

**Slavutych Premium** (5.0%) \* \* < - STANDARD LAGER - >

**Slavutych White** (5.0%) \* \* < - GERMAN WEISSBIER / HEFEWEIZEN - >

**Slavutych Yekstra** (5.5%) \* \* < - PREMIUM LAGER - >

**Lvivske Mitzne** (7.0%) \* \* < - PREMIUM LAGER - >

**Slavutych Mitzne** (7.2%) \* \* < - PREMIUM LAGER - >

**Lvivske Porter** (8.0%) \* \* \* \* < - BALTIC PORTER - > – Deep ruby Baltic porter with a complex palate of bittersweet chocolate and dark malts.



- **Brewed in Vietnam**

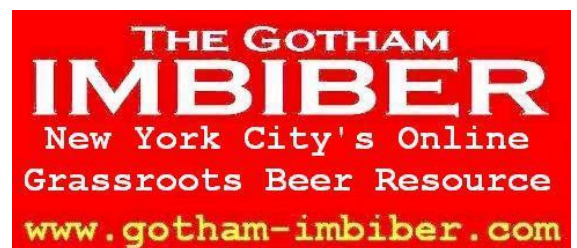
**Hue Beer** (4.8%) \* < - STANDARD LAGER - >

**Halida** (5.0%) \* \* < - STANDARD LAGER - >

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