

EB-5 Investor Visa Opens Path to U.S. Residency

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DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, October 13, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Mona Shah, Esq.](#) and [Sam Bayat, Esq.](#), leading experts in investment migration, highlight the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program as a proven path to U.S. residency, even amid changing immigration policies.

In decades of helping clients navigate residency and citizenship by

investment, both lawyers have witnessed how immigration policies change in line with political, economic, and security priorities. These shifts are happening worldwide, but nowadays they are especially noticeable in the United States.

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EB-5 remains one of the few U.S. immigration programs where investors can plan with confidence — its framework, safeguards, and benefits are firmly established in law, even as timelines vary.”

Mona Shah, Esq., Managing Partner at Mona Shah & Partners



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Under Trump’s second presidency, U.S. immigration is being overhauled. Long-standing visa routes now face stricter rules and new barriers. The H-1B visa program, once a reliable path for skilled professionals, now comes with higher wage thresholds, tighter quotas, and even a new \$100,000 fee for new petitions. At the same time, the administration has floated a proposal for a “Trump Gold Card” residency program. This program, still only an idea, would grant Green Cards to those contributing to the U.S. economy. Earlier, the administration suggested a \$5 million investment threshold, though discussions have considered a possible \$1 million level. These developments show that U.S. immigration is becoming more selective,

with entry increasingly favoring candidates who can make meaningful economic contributions.

Against this backdrop of uncertainty and untested proposals, the EB-5 Immigrant Investor

Program continues to stand out as a proven path. Firmly established in U.S. law, backed by decades of practice, and aligned with America's priorities of job creation and economic growth, EB-5 is authorized through September 2027 under the EB-5 Reform and Integrity Act (RIA) of 2022, giving investors a secure window to pursue U.S. residency under current rules.

For high-net-worth families from Asia, the Middle East, and beyond, the American Dream remains the ultimate prize. Many parents, having witnessed the volatility of student or work visa processes, now ask: How can I guarantee my children the freedom to study and build their lives in the United States without constant uncertainty? For those ready to invest in their family's long-term future, EB-5 offers the solution — a major U.S. route aligned with the current Administration's priorities.

The EB-5 program, created by Congress in 1990, was designed to attract foreign investment and create jobs for U.S. workers. It offers a direct path to permanent residency for investors who meet requirements, including investing a minimum of \$800,000 in a targeted employment area (TEA) such as rural regions, high-unemployment zones, or qualifying infrastructure projects; ensuring the capital is "at risk" for the purpose of generating return; and creating or preserving at least ten full-time jobs for American workers. Jobs can be created directly by the investor's own project or when investing through a USCIS-approved Regional Center.

The process includes filing the I-526 petition with detailed documentation of funds. Upon approval, the investor receives a two-year conditional Green Card, followed by the I-829 petition to remove conditions once investment and job creation requirements are met. Investors and their families then enjoy permanent residency, with U.S. citizenship possible within five years.

EB-5 has proven resilient through past U.S. immigration changes. Each time visa rules tighten, the program remains strong because it directly supports America's economic goals: creating jobs and channeling real investment into the country.

EB-5 offers significant advantages: no language tests or sponsorship requirements. Investors, spouses, and unmarried children under 21 can live, work, and study anywhere in the U.S., access resident tuition rates, freely change employers, and compete on equal terms with U.S. students for university admission. For nationals from countries with long waits under other visas, EB-5 can be the fastest route to U.S. residency.



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However, simply filing an EB-5 petition does not guarantee success. The program is complex and nuanced. Success depends on choosing experienced legal counsel and a viable project—ideally one with Exemplar approval from the U.S. government. The best investments are backed by strong development teams, sound financial structures, good locations, and secure collateral. Investors should avoid projects that promise unrealistic returns or downplay the importance of job creation.

In today's climate, where other U.S. visa options are narrowing, EB-5 remains a secure, congressionally protected path for investors making meaningful economic contributions. The EB-5 RIA of 2022 introduced safeguards against unscrupulous developers, though thorough due diligence remains essential. Note that the \$800,000 investment threshold may apply only to applications filed before September 30, 2026.

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□ Dubai, UAE, Sheraton Mall of the Emirates, 'Sapphire' meeting room

□ October 24, 2025

□ for the registration: <https://bayatgroup.com/lp/eb5-voco/>

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