Principal Guarantee and Exit Paths for the South Korea F2 Investment Visa

Explore how South Korea's principal-guaranteed F2 Visa fund secures HNWI capital. Globevisa breaks down exit mechanisms and compliant investment pathways.

SG, SINGAPORE, September 29, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- For High-Net-Worth Individuals (HNWIs) planning to acquire overseas residency through investment, the safety of fund management, investment duration, and exit mechanisms are core metrics for evaluating a project. According to the legal team at Globevisa, a Singapore-headquartered international cross-border identity planning agency, clarifying fund operation paths, official regulatory logic, and institutional risk control standards is the foundation of compliant investment in cross-border identity and asset allocation.

The "principal-guaranteed, non-interest-bearing" investment option under South Korea's Public Business Investment System (IISPB) is an institutional arrangement designed around capital safety and exit mechanisms. Public information from the South Korean Ministry of Justice indicates that the relevant funds are managed by designated institutions. Investors who complete the required



The cityscape of Seoul, South Korea, where HNWIs can secure a stable residency pathway through the government-backed F2 investment visa fund.



The four-step fund custody and secure exit process for the South Korea investment visa, mandated by the Ministry of Justice decree.

investment and meet specific conditions can withdraw their principal in full according to legal regulations.

Official Operational Framework and Principal Guarantee Mechanism
The South Korean Public Business Investment System is directly administered by the Ministry of Justice and currently includes two investment models: "principal-guaranteed, non-interest-bearing" and "profit-and-loss."

Official Institutional Custody and Public Use: The principal-guaranteed, non-interest-bearing investment funds are entrusted by the Ministry of Justice to designated official institutions, such as the Korea Development Bank (KDB). These funds are specifically allocated to support public welfare projects and small-to-medium enterprises (SMEs).
Non-Interest-Bearing Custody and Full Refund upon Maturity: This investment model is not designed for financial yield. Eligible investors who complete the required investment period can retrieve their principal in full under current institutional arrangements.
Current Investment Thresholds: According to the current regulations of the Ministry of Justice, the standard investment requirement for the Public Business Investment System is 1.5 billion KRW, while the high-tier investment requirement is 3.0 billion KRW (specific investment amounts, applicable conditions, and processing requirements are subject to the latest official announcements at the time of application).

Identity Pathway Alignment: F2 Resident Visa and F5 Permanent Residency Transition
In the South Korean investment immigration framework, financial arrangements correspond directly with residency pathways.

Upon completing the required investment, applicants can apply for an F2 resident visa in accordance with relevant policies. The standard investment immigration program requires applicants to maintain their investment for five years. During this period, after fulfilling annual entry requirements and investment maintenance conditions, investors can apply for the F5 permanent resident visa under current regulations and process the return of their investment principal according to institutional procedures.

Therefore, cross-border identity planning requires a comprehensive evaluation of investment durations, F2 visa renewal conditions, F5 transition requirements, and principal refund terms. During the assessment process, Globevisa integrates preliminary qualification reviews, fund maintenance, and subsequent F5 transitions into a full-cycle plan to ensure the legality of clients' residency status and the smooth exit of funds during the five-year maintenance period.

Cross-Border Fund Pathways and In-House Legal Risk Control
South Korean investment immigration involves multiple stages, including preliminary qualification reviews, family relationship verification, bank account opening, cross-border remittances, and document reviews. Strict compliance control is critical throughout these processes.

Unlike models that rely on external third-party collaborations, Globevisa utilizes its internal, dedicated South Korean legal and attorney team for preliminary case reviews. For non-standard cases—such as multi-nationality, second passports, complex family structures, and adult unmarried children—the legal team conducts targeted legal assessments and risk screenings prior to submission to ensure all documents meet the review standards of the South Korean immigration authorities.

During the fund execution phase, teams in both China and South Korea collaborate synchronously to assist clients in opening accounts at designated financial institutions, such as Woori Bank, transferring large sums, confirming fund arrivals, and obtaining investment certification documents, thereby reducing transitional risks in cross-border operations.

Project Experience and Residency Maintenance The South Korean investment immigration act was officially implemented in 2013, and Globevisa launched its related services in 2014. As a professional agency with over 50 direct global offices and a track record of processing more than 120,000 cross-border cases, Globevisa has assisted over 1,300 families in obtaining South Korean residency, accumulating extensive practical experience in F2 to F5 transitions and post-maturity fund withdrawals.

During the five-year maintenance period after acquiring the F2 visa, investors are required to fulfill annual entry and card renewal obligations. Globevisa maintains local reception and execution teams in Seoul and Jeju, providing clients with comprehensive localized support, including entry assistance, account opening, medical examinations, fingerprinting, document submission, residence card collection, and subsequent residency transitions.

Evaluating Capital Safety
The principal-guaranteed, non-interest-bearing investment under the South Korean Public Business Investment System offers relatively clear arrangements for fund management, investment duration, and exit mechanisms. When evaluating this project, applicants should focus on understanding the fund management institutions, applicable investment categories, investment maintenance requirements, and principal refund conditions.

Concurrently, legal reviews, fund pathways, and residency maintenance during the application process must also be factored into the overall assessment. Globevisa's service focus for the South Korean investment immigration program centers primarily on local South Korean legal compliance, cross-border fund processes, and long-term residency management.

A rational understanding of the current policies, investment mechanisms, and contract terms set by the South Korean Ministry of Justice serves as a crucial foundation for planning South Korean investment immigration.

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