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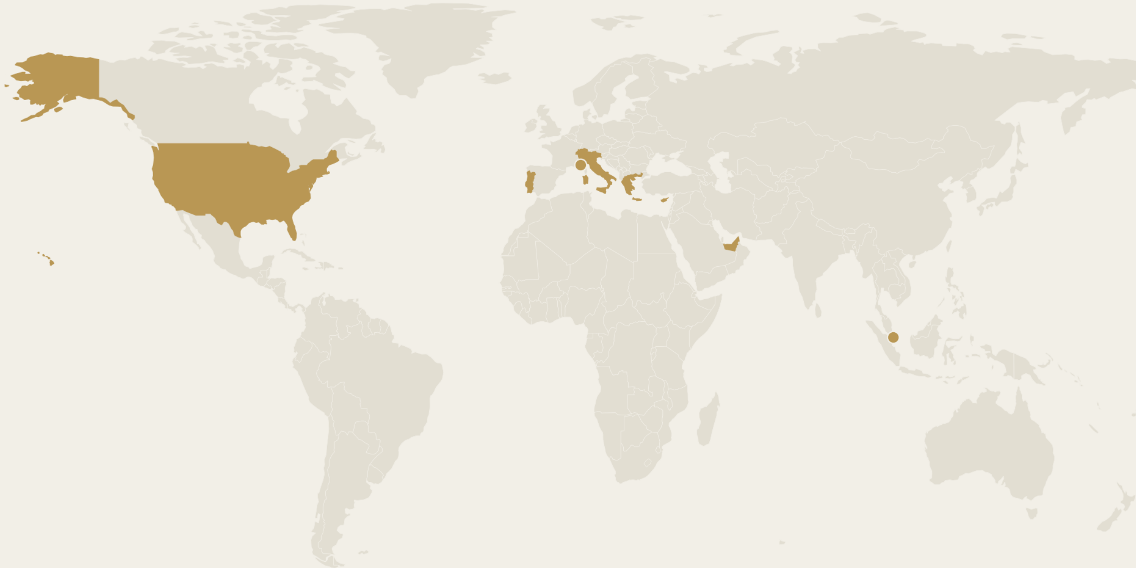
RESIDENCE BY INVESTMENT
GLOBAL COMPARISON

The Region at a Glance.



Residence by Investment worldwide: the nine programmes covered in this edition, compared side by side.

CYPRUS | GREECE | ITALY | MONACO | PORTUGAL | SWITZERLAND | SINGAPORE | UAE | USA

EUROPE

The European Base.

Schengen access, EU residence and a measured path to citizenship.

	Cyprus EU GATEWAY	Greece GOLDEN VISA	Italy INVESTOR VISA	Monaco PRIVILEGED RESIDENCY	Portugal GOLDEN RESIDENCE
INVESTMENT ROUTE & MINIMUM	From EUR 300,000 (plus VAT) in new residential or non-residential real estate, share capital of a Cypriot company (5+ employees), or Cyprus investment funds.	From EUR 250,000 via real estate conversion or restoration of listed buildings, completed prior to approval.	From EUR 250,000 in an innovative start-up, EUR 500,000 in a limited company, EUR 1,000,000 philanthropic donation, or EUR 2,000,000 in government bonds (2-year holding period).	Approximately EUR 500,000 average bank deposit in a Monaco bank (no mandatory government minimum); applicants must also hold suitable accommodation in Monaco.	From EUR 250,000 for cultural/artistic heritage capital transfer, or EUR 500,000 for scientific research, investment funds, company incorporation, or job creation of 10 jobs.
STATUS GRANTED	Permanent residence granted with no renewals required; processing time 2-6 months.	Immediate permanent residence on approval; processing time one to six months; permit renewable every five years.	Residence permit valid two years, renewable for three-year periods; processing three to four months.	Temporary residence card valid 12 months, renewable twice; ordinary card after three years; privileged card possible after nine years.	Initial permit valid two years, renewable for five-year periods; approval in principle in three to six months.
CITIZENSHIP TIMELINE	Eligible to apply for citizenship after five years of residence.	Eligible for citizenship after seven years of physical presence, subject to language and integration requirements.	Pathway to Italian citizenship after 10 years of physical residence, subject to other naturalisation criteria.	Programme is a residency route; no citizenship pathway detailed beyond long-term residence cards.	Pathway to citizenship subject to language, integration and other naturalisation requirements after permanent residence.
PRESENCE TO MAINTAIN STATUS	Only one visit to Cyprus required every two years to maintain status.	No physical residence requirement in Greece to maintain the permit.	No physical residence requirement to maintain the permit.	Three months per year required for temporary/ordinary cards; at least 183 days per year for the privileged card.	Minimum stay of seven days in year one, then 14 days every subsequent two-year period.
TAXATION & KEY BENEFITS	Favourable tax regime; requires secured annual income of at least EUR 50,000 from abroad (plus EUR 15,000 spouse, EUR 10,000 per child). No language requirements.	Full Schengen Area travel rights; family reunification covers spouse, dependent children and dependent parents; health insurance required.	Schengen Area travel rights; pre-approval Nulla Osta granted before investment funds are committed; combination investments not permitted.	Favourable tax system and high security; interview with Monaco Immigration Police required; no language requirement.	Full Schengen Area travel rights; family reunification covers spouse, dependent children and dependent parents; 20% fee reduction in low population density areas.

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EUROPE, ASIA & BEYOND

The Global Hubs.

Tax-led relocation, world-class business hubs and permanent settlement.

	Switzerland LUMP-SUM TAX DEAL	Singapore GLOBAL INVESTOR	UAE LONG-TERM GOLDEN VISA	USA EB-5 GREEN CARD
INVESTMENT ROUTE & MINIMUM	Minimum annual tax liability from CHF 250,000 (up to CHF 1,000,000, varying by canton) under lump-sum taxation arrangements confirmed by a canton.	From SGD 2,500,000 in a new or existing business, an approved government fund, or SGD 50,000,000 in a single family office with SGD 200,000,000 AUM.	From AED 500,000 project value for entrepreneurs, or AED 2,000,000 for investors in property, funds or company capital; no investment required for outstanding talent.	From USD 800,000 in a Targeted Employment Area (rural or high-unemployment area) under the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program.
STATUS GRANTED	B permit valid one year, renewable annually; processing time 3-6 months.	Permanent residence for main applicant and eligible family; processing approximately 3 months.	Long-term renewable residence visa valid for five or ten years; processing approximately 8 weeks.	Conditional Green Card issued for two years; conditions removed upon proof of job creation; processing at least 18 months.
CITIZENSHIP TIMELINE	C permit (permanent residence) available after 10 years, after which citizenship may be applied for.	Citizenship possible after two years of permanent residence (applicants aged 21+); Singapore requires relinquishing prior citizenship.	No standardised path to citizenship; possible only at the discretion of UAE rulers under the Nationality Act.	Citizenship possible after five years of permanent resident status.
PRESENCE TO MAINTAIN STATUS	Must maintain a place of residence in Switzerland and not be absent for more than six consecutive months.	Must reside in Singapore for more than half the time between obtaining permanent residence and renewal.	Minimal residency requirement; residing outside the UAE does not nullify the visa.	Minimum 183 days per year in the US; no more than 180 consecutive days' absence.
TAXATION & KEY BENEFITS	No gainful employment permitted in Switzerland; residence in a Schengen country; family reunification not automatic and subject to cantonal discretion.	Access to excellent infrastructure, education and healthcare; political stability; male children liable for National Service.	No sponsorship requirement; can sponsor spouse, children of any age, and unlimited domestic helpers.	Access to comprehensive US banking services; investment returns possible after five to seven years; embassy or USCIS interview required.

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MATCHMAKING THE INVESTOR

Best for.

Cyprus EU GATEWAY	Investors wanting fast, permanent EU residence with minimal physical presence obligations.	FROM EUR 300,000
Greece GOLDEN VISA	Investors seeking one of Europe's most accessible Schengen residence routes with no minimum stay.	FROM EUR 250,000, NO STAY
Italy INVESTOR VISA	Non-EU investors wanting flexible, low-commitment access to a major EU economy and Schengen travel.	FROM EUR 250,000 START-UP
Monaco PRIVILEGED RESIDENCY	High-net-worth individuals seeking prestige, security and a favourable tax environment on the French Riviera.	APPROX EUR 500,000 DEPOSIT
Portugal GOLDEN RESIDENCE	Investors wanting one of Europe's most established golden visa routes with very low physical presence requirements.	MINIMUM 7 DAYS A YEAR
Switzerland LUMP-SUM TAX DEAL	Wealthy individuals not seeking employment in Switzerland who want a bespoke, tax-based residence arrangement.	FROM CHF 250,000 TAX
Singapore GLOBAL INVESTOR	High-net-worth entrepreneurs and family offices seeking a stable Asian business hub with a fast route to citizenship.	FROM SGD 2,500,000
UAE LONG-TERM GOLDEN VISA	Investors and entrepreneurs wanting a flexible, low-tax, long-term visa without strict residency rules.	FROM AED 500,000
USA EB-5 GREEN CARD	Investors seeking permanent US residency and eventual citizenship through job-creating investment.	FROM USD 800,000

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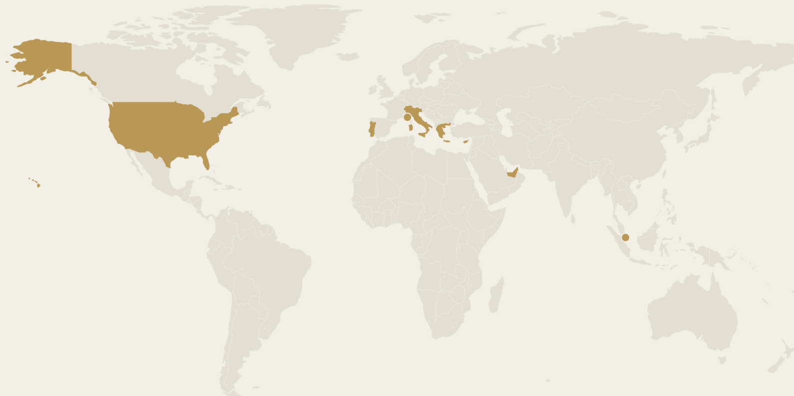
BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before you begin: the qualifying investment. Every programme on these pages grants residence in exchange for a qualifying investment. Minimums shown are the investment itself; government, due-diligence, legal and processing fees are additional and confirmed at engagement.

Residence is not citizenship. Several programmes lead to naturalisation, but the qualifying periods, language tests and physical-presence rules differ sharply. Where a programme carries no presence requirement, that usually applies to holding residence, not to naturalising.

Timing. Rules, thresholds and processing times change. Figures here are indicative and confirmed at engagement.



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