

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

### EB-5 Immigration Program (EB-5)



#### Advantages

- Can obtain a green card (permanent residence) in the USA for the investor and family members
- Current American economy is advantageous for international investment
- Diverse and multicultural society, represented by large cultural and ethnic communities
- Profitable real estate market
- Spouse and children under 21 years old are included in the same application
- Applicant is not required to participate in the daily operations of the business invested in
- Allows for a return on investment
- A high standard of education with a broad network of state and private schools, universities and higher education institutions

#### Requirements

- Invest in an eligible commercial enterprise in one of the following areas:
  - General. The minimum qualifying investment is USD 1 million.
  - Targeted Employment Area (High Unemployment or Rural Area). The minimum qualifying investment is USD 500,000.
- Investment must be at risk and create at least 10 jobs for qualified US workers in USA
- Investment funds have to originate from lawful sources
- Investment capital cannot be borrowed
- Proof of no criminal record

#### Investment Options

##### Direct Investment:

- Make the necessary investment in a commercial enterprise in the United States; and
- Plan to create or preserve 10 permanent full-time jobs for qualified U.S. workers

##### Investment into a Regional Centre:

- Applicants can invest directly into a qualifying regional center project
- No requirement to independently set up the EB-5 projects
- No requirement to manage the minimum job requirement

#### Process

The application process timeline varies and the number of applications permitted is limited by the government every year

- Visa: Successful applicants and dependents will be granted a conditional residency visa
- Permanent residency card: After 21 months, the candidate is eligible for the condition removal application and successful applicants can obtain the permanent resident card