



# HOUSTON EB5

Immigration  
Through  
Investment

# LOCAL ROOTS, GLOBAL REACH

**H**OUSTON EB5 IS UNIQUE IN THAT we invest alongside our clients and are a team of immigrants just like you. Headquartered in Houston, TX with global offices all around the world and proven business opportunities offered across the United States, we assist international investors with gaining permanent U.S. residency in return for making a qualified investment.

Over the years, the Houston EB5 team has worked diligently to provide success for clients on I-526 and I-829 approvals, sponsoring over 1,000 green cards for investors and their families.

# CELEBRATING OUR 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Certified by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) as an EB-5 Regional Center since 2011, Houston EB5 holds over a decade worth of experience and is one of the only regional centers to successfully assist clients from obtaining conditional residency to repayment of investment with profits. Our completed projects range from multi-family, retail, residential, and operational businesses.



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**AWARD-WINNING EB-5 REGIONAL CENTER**



**10**  
YEAR  
ANNIVERSARY

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**Your family obtaining U.S. citizenship  
 is more than just a powerful dream – it is  
 the most fulfilling part of what we do.  
 I did it myself through an EB-5 investment  
 and am now helping others safely and  
 legally follow the same path.**  
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– Roberto Contreras Sr.

**R**OBERTO CONTRERAS SR. WAS BORN IN MEXICO and moved to the United States in 1984 as a student at the University of Houston. Armed with his trademark entrepreneurial spirit, he has since earned respect as the recipient of numerous awards for his international business success, including Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 2002 and the 2017 "Arrival Award" by the University of Houston Law Center recognizing outstanding immigrant achievement.

Through the EB-5 program, Roberto Contreras Sr. finally became a United States citizen in 2008. Less than three years later, he established a regional center that would help other families just like his in taking the same steps toward prosperity.

“No doubt my dad was the biggest influence on the professional side of my life,” Contreras Sr. has stated many times. It's only natural that his own son, Roberto Contreras IV, echoes the exact same sentiment about him. Day in and day out, the two work a stone's throw from one another building a legacy of helping other immigrants fulfill their story.

*Roberto Senior has been featured in:*



*Houston EB5 President & CEO Roberto Contreras Sr. pictured with his son, Roberto Contreras IV.*



# SHARED EXPERIENCE

A TEAM OF IMMIGRANTS WORKING FOR IMMIGRANTS



**ROBERTO CONTRERAS**  
PRESIDENT & CHIEF  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER



**EMILIO GUZMÁN**  
EXECUTIVE VP & CHIEF  
INVESTOR RELATIONS



**ACHO AZUIKE**  
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER &  
MANAGING DIRECTOR



**DOUGLAS DILLARD**  
CHIEF FINANCIAL  
OFFICER



**ROBERTO CONTRERAS IV**  
DIRECTOR OF  
NEW MARKETS



**JULIE KLEINE**  
MARKETING DIRECTOR



**EMILIO ARAGON**  
INVESTOR RELATIONS MANAGER  
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**MAGALY SANCHEZ**  
INVESTOR RELATIONS  
MANAGER



**ALEXANDRA CERVERA**  
INVESTOR RELATIONS  
ASSOCIATE



**MELISSA GERHOLD**  
MARKETING MANAGER



**JORDAN LAWRENCE**  
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT  
ASSOCIATE

**MUCH LIKE ROBERTO** Contreras Senior, our founders and leadership team are well-versed in utilizing the EB-5 investment program to secure U.S. citizenship through a safe, secure investment. Originally from Mexico City, Executive VP & Chief Investor Relations Emilio Guzmán splits his time between the U.S. and his native country, positioning him to know the challenges immigrants face. COO & Managing Director Acho Azuiké grew up as a first-generation American, the son of Nigerian immigrants who not only fought to get into the U.S. but also to stay here on permanent citizenship.

Your story should never be referenced exclusively by decimal points. When contacting us, you are becoming a part of the Houston EB5 family, someone seeking a better life and brighter future for you and your loved ones—just like us.

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Our business model isn't based off raising money,  
it's investing alongside you and seeing the project become a success.”

– Emilio Guzmán, Executive VP & Chief Investor Relations

**A**T HOUSTON EB5, WE WOULD NEVER ASK AN INVESTOR TO DO SOMETHING we wouldn't do. That's why we personally invest in every project, right there next to every investor. If you don't receive any profits from your investment, neither do we.

#### Other Regional Center Models

- ✗ Acts as a middleman
- ✗ Do not invest in their own projects, letting clients absorb all the risk
- ✗ Profits from raising and loaning out EB-5 funds
- ✗ Higher risk and lower return for investors
- ✗ Do not have control over project success

#### The Houston EB-5 Difference

- ✓ Principal owner of each project
- ✓ Financially invests own capital in every EB-5 project.
- ✓ Profits from project success
- ✓ Lower risk and higher return for investors
- ✓ Vertically integrated with developer and operator to control project savings

WHY CHOOSE US





- Family members of EB-5 investors (including spouse and unmarried children under the age of 21) receive green cards.
- Investors and families have the freedom to live, work and retire anywhere they choose in the United States - there is no requirement to live near the site of investment.
- Investors are not responsible for day-to-day management of the commercial enterprise.
- Investment capital can come from any lawful source, including gifts, inheritances, and business ownership.
- Investors with EB-5 Green Cards may travel outside of the United States and return without a visa.
- Investors enjoy the same benefits as other US residents - including resident discount on tuition to attend US colleges and universities.
- Investors may apply for full US citizenship after 5 years.
- Investors will hold the ability to develop and run their own business.
- Investors can also sponsor green cards for relatives.

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At Houston EB5, we are honored to assist our clients in achieving their immigration goals. With our multiple investment immigration offerings, we strive to find hand-tailored solutions for your personal circumstances & family needs.

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– Roberto Contreras IV, Director of New Markets

**T**HE JOURNEY OF IMMIGRATING LEGALLY TO THE UNITED STATES

is not a one-size-fits-all package. Above all, Houston EB5 operates with a particular emphasis in helping people through a qualified business investment where they can share the profits for the project in which they invest. To do this, we offer a range of products to help you and your family achieve your dreams of immigrating to the U.S.



## EB-5

The EB-5 Immigrant Investor Visa Program was passed into law in 1990 through the Immigration Act. By investing the minimum amount in a United States business for either a Targeted Employment Area (TEA) or non-TEA, immigrant investors can apply for U.S. citizenship after proving the project created at least 10 American jobs. Currently, 10,000 green cards are available through the EB-5 program each year.  
Total Contribution: \$900,000 (TEA) or \$1,800,000 (non-TEA)

## E-2

With only a 4-month average processing time, an E-2 investor visa is the fastest route to achieving U.S. legal status. Along with your spouse and children under the age of 21, foreign investors receive a renewable non-immigrant visa to live, work, and play in the U.S.  
Total Contribution: \$195,000

## EB5 Plus

A unique combination of both the E-2 and EB-5 pathways, investors and their families are able to move to the U.S. in as little as 4 months, all while working towards permanent residency. No other regional center in the U.S. has this opportunity available.  
Total Contribution: \$900,000



# GETTING YOUR GREEN CARD

THROUGH THE EB-5  
VISA PROGRAM

**Timeline to Conditional Green Card**  
**18-30 Months**

## STEP 1: **PREPARATION**

Our first step will be to have you fill out an investor questionnaire. We will then meet—virtually or in person—to discuss your situation further and give you an in-depth briefing on the EB-5 process, our regional center, and our current projects.

## STEP 2: **I-526 PETITION**

Once we agree on the investment that's perfect for your unique situation, your immigration attorney will file an I-526 petition on your behalf. Note: if you do not have an immigration attorney, we can refer you to one who is fully qualified in this field.

## STEP 3: GREEN CARD APPLICATION & APPROVAL

Once your I-526 petition has been approved, you will receive a 2-year green card and be able to move to the U.S.

## STEP 4: I-829 PETITION

After 24 months, your immigration attorney will submit your I-829 petition to have your conditions removed. Following approval, your green card will become permanent and you are eligible to apply for U.S. citizenship after a period of 5 years.

*\*Processing times may vary and are subject to change. Houston EB5 is not directly responsible for investor processing times matching the exact time frame illustrated above.*

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From preparing their first petition to delivering their return of capital, we pride ourselves on walking investors through the entire process so they always know exactly where they stand.

– Magaly Sanchez, Investor Relations Manager

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**Do I need to speak English?**

No, the USCIS does not require you to speak English in order to be eligible for the EB-5 program. However, all documents submitted with your EB-5 application (Form I-526) must be English documents signed by the investor. Any non-English documents need to be accompanied by a certified translation.

**Do I need previous business experience or education?**

The investor is not required to have any prior business experience. Likewise, the investor is not required to demonstrate any minimum level of education. The only requirements for the investor are that he or she has the required investment amount from lawfully obtained capital and is able to provide the necessary personal background documentation to the USCIS.

**If I want to move to the United States and invest in an EB-5 project with Houston EB5 Regional Center, do I have to live in the area where the project is based?**

No. The EB-5 visa program allows investors to maintain their Permanent Residency by living anywhere of their choosing within the United States.

**Who is eligible to receive permanent residency (Green Card)?**

The investor, spouse, and all unmarried children under the age of 21 are eligible to receive Green Cards through the EB-5 program.

**What is the difference between a “conditional” and an “unconditional” green card?**

Under USCIS regulations, an investor who gets approved for an EB-5 investor visa receives a conditional Green Card that is valid for two years. One year and nine months later, a three-month window opens up during which an investor files another application with the USCIS to verify that all funds have been invested and that job creation requirements have been met. When the conditions are removed from the temporary Green Card, full resident status is granted and a permanent Green Card is issued to the investor. Otherwise, the two cards offer the same rights and privileges.

## What is the difference between permanent residency and citizenship?

Once you obtain a Green Card and become a permanent legal resident, you have most of the rights and obligations of U.S. citizens, except that you cannot vote and are not entitled to certain public benefits. You are subject to the same tax filing requirements and entitled to the same tax rates and deductions as U.S. citizens. One of the most important rights legal permanent residents possess is the right to apply for U.S. Citizenship after residing in the United States for five (5) years.

## Why would someone get rejected when applying for an EB5 Visa?

The most common problem area for investors has been insufficient documentation of the source of funds. Many people try to disclose the least possible information only to have the file returned with a request for further information. It is better to provide too much information rather than too little information. In this era of terror alerts and suspicions about money laundering, USCIS adjudicators require a well-documented source of funds.

## What is the role of the Regional Center in the project?

The Regional Center acts as General Partner of the Limited Partnership and will oversee the interests of all members of the Limited Partnership by being responsible for the day to day management of the Limited Partnership and reporting on the progress of the project.

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The beauty of the EB-5 program is there is no such thing as an ideal investor. Foreign investors in our projects include people from a wide variety of countries, cultures, and personal or professional backgrounds.  
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– Acho Azuike, Chief Operating Officer & Managing Director

### DON'T SEE YOUR QUESTION ANSWERED HERE?

>>>>>>>> Inquire at [info@houstoneb5.com](mailto:info@houstoneb5.com) about whatever it is you need clarified and we'll be happy to give you the in-depth answer you're seeking. We have team members to dialogue with you in the following languages; English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, or Mandarin.



# A PROVEN HISTORY— OF SUCCESS

**OUR BUSINESS MODEL IS SIMPLE: WE DO NOT FAIL ON BEHALF OF OUR INVESTORS.**

Working hand-in-hand with multiple immigration attorneys, economists, local political figures, and our affiliated companies, we surpass all requirements to deliver repeatable, predictable results.

- 1,000+ VISAS SPONSORED
- 100% I-526 PROJECT APPROVAL RATE
- 100% I-829 APPROVAL RATE
- 100% RATE OF EB-5 CAPITAL RETURN



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## LUXURY RESIDENTIAL HIGH-RISES

### **1. Astoria**

Uptown | Houston, Texas

### **2. Marlowe**

Downtown | Houston, Texas

### **3. Arabella**

Uptown | Houston, Texas

### **4. The Arts Residences (and Thompson Hotel)**

River Walk | San Antonio, Texas

## CLASS-A DEVELOPMENTS

### **5. District Lofts**

Imperial Refinery District | Sugar Land, Texas

### **6. Eighteen25**

Downtown | Houston, Texas

## CURRENT PROJECTS

(INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE)

### **7. The Allen (Phase I)**

Mixed-Use Development

Buffalo Bayou Park | Houston, Texas

### **8. Moderno Porcelain Works (Locations I, II, III, IV and V)**

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# HOUSTON EB5

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