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Investor Guide 2021

A new future in the U.S.

For many, a future in the U.S. is appealing for a host of reasons: a strong economy, good schools, employment opportunities, quality health care, and family-friendly. If you are qualified, the path to a permanent future in the U.S. can start with EB-5.

What is EB-5?

EB-5 is a Green Card by investment program created by Congress in 1990; its goal is to promote the U.S. economy through capital investment and job creation.

An applicant must make an investment in a new commercial enterprise, a lawful for-profit business, that creates 10 full-time U.S. jobs. The investment amount is $1.8 million for a standard investment, or $900,000 for a Targeted Employment Area (TEA) investment. A TEA investment can either be in a qualified rural or high-unemployment area. The investment capital must remain "at risk" until the end of conditional permanent residency.

How long until I get my Green Card?

It takes about 12–18 months from the date of application until you get your approval. It then takes about three months for a consular interview in your home country, or an adjustment-of-status application if you are currently in the U.S. Upon approval, you and your family are issued immigrant visas.

Does the investment include my family?

The EB-5 application includes the principal investor, spouse, and unmarried children under the age of 21.

How soon do I have to move to the U.S.?

You can move to the U.S. with your family as permanent residents once you get your immigrant visa. You could, however, delay the move for a number of years to suit your personal situation.

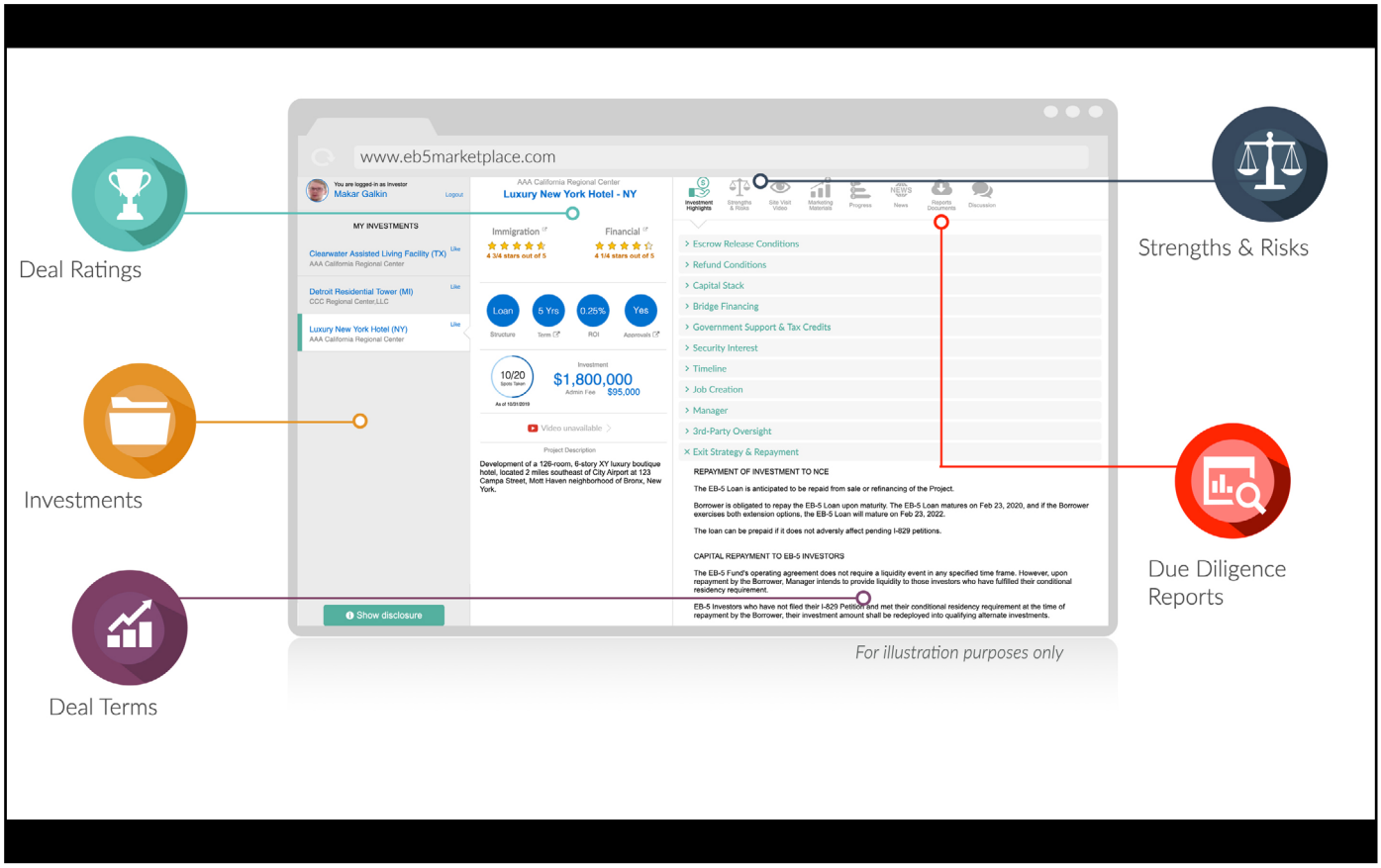
How much does it cost?

In addition to the $900,000 investment there are legal and fund management fees which could add up to $100,000 depending on the project you choose. A $900,000 investment often has a maturity of about five years, and is designed to offer a modest return.

All the information & analysis investors need — simply presented

Benefit from our expert guidance and thorough independent due diligence. We've been analyzing and performing due diligence on EB-5 investments since 2013 and are respected by major stakeholders in the industry.

The eb5Marketplace platform makes it easy to review and compare investments. See complete offering terms, a strengths and risks analysis, investment ratings, site-visit videos, and more. With eb5Marketplace, you can make an informed EB-5 investment decision in just a few days.



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What our due diligence examines

1. Review all key documents
2. Evaluate risk to project completion in a timely manner
3. Review market feasibility of project
4. Review collateral and identify risks to repayment of capital
5. Review I-526 petition denial refund terms
6. Review 3rd-party oversight, conflicts of interest, and other corporate governance matters
7. Evaluate NCE and project management backgrounds
8. Review compliance with EB-5 program requirements: business plan is "Matter of Ho" compliant; job creation requirements likely to be met; Targeted Employment Area (TEA) designation; capital meets "at risk" requirement with no guarantees of return of capital; etc.
9. Visit the project site
10. Provide updates throughout project lifecycle

Broker-dealer supervision & compliance

When investors work with a U.S. broker-dealer, they have a registered and experienced partner who is required to comply with the regulations enforced by the SEC, FINRA, and state securities regulators. A designated broker-dealer representative offers analytical skill, and a regulated environment for the offering of investment transactions.

Working directly with a regional center vs. a broker-dealer

It is critical to understand that if you buy an investment directly from a regional center, you're making that investment absent of any professional supervised to be in compliance with securities laws.

Isn't my immigration lawyer enough?

No. Immigration lawyers should only assist you with evaluating an investment for immigration-related matters. They are not investment professionals, and they would be in violation of securities laws if they provide advice on financial matters of an EB-5 investment.

Is USCIS regional center approval a guarantee of compliance?

No. USCIS itself says this on their website:

"Approval of an EB-5 regional center application does not in any way:

- Constitute USCIS endorsement of the activities of that regional center;
- Guarantee compliance with U.S. securities laws; or
- Minimize or eliminate risk to the investor."

Testimonials from top immigration lawyers

"My clients have been working with eb5Marketplace for several years and have found that it increases their understanding about the EB-5 program. **I believe choice is essential to making a sound investment decision. And eb5Marketplace is the only platform I know of that can provide independent analysis on an impressive range of EB-5 projects.** When I use their platform with my clients, I can swiftly analyze job creation methodologies, capital stacks, and immigration-related risks."

— Michael A. Harris, Esq., HarrisLaw, P.A.

"The eb5Marketplace platform has been an essential tool for my clients in selecting EB-5 projects.... **There is nothing else like it on the market to assist EB-5 investors in making their investment decision."**

— Joseph Barnett, Partner, Wolfsdorf Rosenthal, LLP

"It would be malpractice to handle an EB-5 regional center case and not include an expert like Kurt Reuss.... **He provides an invaluable service that greatly reduces the risk with investing in an EB-5 project."**

— Immigration Attorney from Am Law Top-100 Firm, Los Angeles, California

EB-5 success requires a good immigration lawyer — early on

For efficiency and the strongest petition possible, an EB-5 investor should work with an experienced immigration lawyer as soon as possible. Documenting a lawful Source and Path of Funds is a critical and time-intensive process. So ensure you have a lawyer with a strong EB-5 track record on your side. If you don't, just ask and we can offer multiple recommendations.

Learn how you can invest with confidence at eb5Marketplace.com

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