



International GOLDEN VISA



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Legal services rendered by the Law Firm Dantas Rodrigues & Associados

- Represent investors during the residence authorization process, under the responsibility of the Immigration and Borders Service (Portuguese acronym for SEF);
- Provide expert legal advice on investment;
- Offer guidance and advice to the creation of commercial companies;
- Legal aid to open or manage a bank account in Portugal;
- Guidance for business owners and legal advice when signing agreements;
- Certification, translation and authentication of documents;
- Legal recognition of signatures;
- Advice and guidance on tax planning initiatives before investing;

- Represent the investor in arbitration procedures;
- Confirm the attestation/apostille of documents;
- Promote and facilitate family reunification in the resettlement process.

Residency authorization due to investment activity (Portuguese acronym for ARI) – VISTO GOLDEN

- It is granted for a period of 5 years, with the possibility of extension, to citizens of third States (not members of the European Union), who carry out investment activities in Portugal, such as:
- Transfer of capital in the amount not less than € 1,000,000.00 (one million euros);
- Real estate acquisition value equal to or above € 500.000,00 (five hundred thousand euros)
- Acquisition of real estate with construction completed at least 30 years ago or located in an urban rehabilitation area, with the execution

of rehabilitation works. The minimum investment is reduced to €350,000 (three hundred and fifty thousand euros).

Golden Visa Benefits

- Entrance into the national territory without the need of a visa;
- Opportunity to live, work and study in Portugal;
- Access to health protection, social security benefits and legal assistance;
- Travel freely in the entire Schengen Area;
- Residence permit extended to the family to reunify it;
- Access to a permanent residence permit;
- Access to Portuguese nationality.

How to apply for a residence permit for investment activity

The residence permit is required through a computer platform and depends on the submission of personal data of the applicant/investor and evidence of the investments made.

All submitted documents must be translated into Portuguese and legalized with an apostille.

The authorization is granted whenever the investment conditions are seen and there is no significant criminal record of the applicant, or public health or safety motives that justify the non-granting of the aforementioned authorization.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Is there a minimum period during which the investor has to stay in Portugal?

In the first year – 7 days;

In the following years – 14 days over a period of two years.

2. Is it allowed to purchase real estate in co-ownership or through a commercial company?

Yes. In the case of a commercial company, it must be a sole proprietorship, certified by the ARI applicant, based in Portugal or in any European Union Member State and with a permanent establishment in Portugal.

3. What types of real estate properties can be purchased?

Stores; Apartments; Houses; Farms; Hotels... for personal or commercial use.

4. What types of investments can be made?

Bank deposits; Acquisition of real estate; Acquisition of shares; Acquisition of public interest.

5. What type of banking activity is required?

Open an account in Portugal. It is possible to take out a personal bank loan according to the investment to be made.

6. Are tax credits attributable?

If a building is purchased for rehabilitation, there are tax benefits that allow tax exemption/reduction.

Furthermore, the ARI applicant may have a tax residency in Portugal and request the application of the Non-Habitual Resident Status, which provides for taxation at a special rate on the income obtained in Portugal resulting from an activity considered to be «high added-value» and provides for the tax exemption for income received abroad.

7. How long does it take to get a residence permit in Portugal?

90 days.

8. How long does it take the renewal of a residence permit in Portugal?

60 days.