



United Arab Emirates

Residence by Investment

The UAE is a key country in the Arabian Gulf and offers modern infrastructure, transport, and communications systems. The country is an excellent place in which to conduct business, with easy global access. Dubai is the second largest of the seven emirates and ranks as the UAE's most important international city and financial and commercial center. UAE Residence by Investment is aimed at providing long-term residence to foreign investors, entrepreneurs, and talented individuals including specialists, students, and researchers who make a significant investment to the country.

Population: 9.9 million

Languages: Arabic, English, Hindi

Economy: Free-market, rich in oil, natural gas production, and financial services

Currency: UAE dirham

Program overview

- Minimum investment of AED 2 million (approximately USD 550,000)
- Processing time of a minimum eight weeks from submission of the application to approval
- The right to live in any of the seven emirates of the UAE

Key benefits



Gateway to Africa and the Middle East, Asia, and Europe due to the country's strategic geographic positioning



Safe, secure environment



High standard of services and good quality of life



Applicant's spouse and unmarried children of any age may be added at no additional investment



Among the top 30 countries in the world for ease of doing business



Favorable tax regime for investors — with no personal income, capital, net worth, or withholding tax (except for those levied in the domestic banking and oil sectors), and several double-tax treaties in place



Good value from real estate investments



Streamlined, efficient residence permit system




Member state of the United Nations, the Gulf Co-operation Council, and the Arab League






Procedures

Applications for UAE residence must include completed application forms and should be accompanied by the appropriate fees and supporting documents. Golden Residence visas obtained are valid for 10 years and can be renewed thereafter. Residing outside the UAE does not nullify the visa.

- 1 Client contacts *Henley & Partners*
- 2 Initial due diligence checks completed
- 3 Client agreement signed and retainer paid
- 4 Application for UAE residence submitted to the government
- 5 Due diligence checks completed
- 6 Initial approval granted
- 7 Requirements fulfilled
- 8 Client receives a six-month multiple-entry visa and travels to the UAE to apply for an ID card and undergo medical check
- 9 Full approval granted
-  Residence visa received

Main applicant requirements

There are numerous categories of beneficiaries for the UAE's Golden Residence visa, including real estate investors who can obtain a 10-year renewable residence visa by purchasing one of the following:

-  A property worth a minimum of AED 2 million (approximately USD 550,000)
-  A property worth a minimum of AED 2 million (approximately USD 550,000) with a loan from specific local banks
-  One or more off-plan properties worth a minimum of AED 2 million (approximately USD 550,000) from approved local real estate companies

About us

Henley & Partners is the global leader in residence and citizenship by investment. Each year, hundreds of wealthy individuals and their advisors rely on our expertise and experience in this area. The firm's highly qualified professionals work together as one team in over 40 offices worldwide. The firm also runs a leading government advisory practice that has raised more than USD 10 billion in foreign direct investment.