



GLOBAL
INVESTOR
IMMIGRATION
COUNCIL

GIIC MEMBERSHIP





INTEGRITY
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ABOUT THE GIIC

The Global Investor Immigration Council is a non partisan, not-for-profit organization addressing the opportunities and challenges of the movement of immigrant investors and global citizens.

The GIIC works to protect the reputation of the investor immigration industry and serve as solid ground for the development and maintenance of best industry practices. It is a self-regulatory organization and recognized global representative and proponent of the industry.

The GIIC engages with all constituents of the investor immigration industry to ensure ongoing success and stability.





WHO WE ARE

The GIIC was founded by six industry leaders, united by their common desire to introduce a framework to help protect and enhance the reputation of the industry and maintain high standards of conduct among its participants.

Together, they form the Governing Board of the GIIC and are responsible for overseeing the Council.



NURI KATZ

Apex Capital Partners

Nuri is President of APEX Capital Partners Corp., an experienced consulting firm providing expert advice in the areas of citizenship acquisition, global wealth and asset management, international finance, investor immigration and real estate investments. Since its foundation in 1993, the company has guided more than 2,000 clients through the complexities of engaging in foreign investment, undergoing immigration proceedings and obtaining a second passport.

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ARMAND ARTON

Arton Capital

Armand is CEO and President of Arton Capital, a global financial advisory firm, specializing in investor programs for residence and citizenship. The company's global operations are spread in over 12 offices around the world and have helped attract over \$2.5 billion foreign direct investment to countries. Arton Capital is a member of The Arton Group, which comprises of fully licensed banking, financial advisory and investment consulting companies tailored to the needs of global citizens.

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**SAM BAYAT**

Bayat Legal Services

Sam is the Founder of Bayat Legal Services (BLS), a boutique law firm specializing in business immigration, economic citizenship and corporate immigration. BLS draws upon more than two decades of practical experience and knowledge and has established offices in U.A.E., Malaysia, Beirut, Jeddah and Iran. BLS has associate partners in USA, UK, Australia, Cyprus, St. Kitts & Nevis, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Antigua & Barbuda, Grenada and Portugal.

bayatgroup.com**MICHA-ROSE EMMETT**

CS Global Partners

Micha is Managing Director of CS Global Partners, an international legal advisory group with many years of experience in citizenship and residence matters. Their focus is on citizenship by investment and residence by investment solutions for international private clients and families. CS Global Partners specializes in the St. Kitts and Nevis Citizenship by Investment Program, representing clients from Asia, Russia, the Gulf and Africa.

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STEPHEN LOCKYER
Confederation Partners

Stephen is Founder of Confederation Partners, a pioneer and long time specialist in business immigration and citizenship by investment programs. Since 1989, Confederation Partners has assisted over 5,500 families immigrate and settle in Canada, the USA, and other countries. These families have directly invested over \$1.5 billion in a wide variety of businesses, infrastructure, and other programs.

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MYKOLAS RAMBUS
Wealth-X

Mykolas is Co-Founder and CEO of Wealth-X, the global authority on wealth intelligence, providing sales, marketing, strategy and compliance solutions to clients in the financial services, luxury, not-for-profit and education sectors. Wealth-X has more than 250 staff in 13 locations, including Singapore, Hong Kong and New York. Its award-winning research and thought leadership are regularly cited by the world's media such as CNBC, Financial Times, Thomson Reuters and BBC.

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THE NEED FOR REGULATION IN THE INDUSTRY

In recent years, an increasing number of wealthy individuals have acquired additional citizenships and residences to diversify their personal exposure and options. Analyzing the high returns on investment that investor programs for alternative residence and citizenship offer, the GIIC expects the number of wealthy individuals pursuing such programs to increase at an even faster rate in the next 10 years. With the increase in such applications, there is a growing need for investment and legal advice. Until the formation of the GIIC, there had been no industry-wide body to support the industry and its clients

Many individuals and firms who operate in the industry are regulated by national organizations or government bodies. This level of representation and regulation falls short for two reasons:

1. These organizations are focused solely on the general concept of immigration as opposed to investor immigration, a growing niche that faces differing challenges.
2. These organizations are national bodies but many investor immigration advisors offer services in several jurisdictions, many of which are not regulated.

Poorly managed investor immigration programs and rogue advisors have contributed to a negative perception of the industry. The GIIC aims to protect the industry by:

1. Introducing a Code of Conduct by which its Members abide, thus ensuring advisors and industry practitioners are held to a higher standard
2. Serving as a voice to promote the industry and highlight the positive economic impact of investor immigration
3. Advocating transparency and ethical conduct in the industry

The GIIC aims to ultimately become the global self-regulatory body for the investor immigration industry. Governments, the public and all industry participants should be confident that GIIC Members are held to a higher standard.

As its membership grows, the GIIC will enforce more strictly its Code of Conduct and begin to audit its members to ensure they act in abidance.

In addition, the GIIC will introduce education and training programs for its members, to ensure they are kept up-to-date with changes in regulations and best industry practices.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



ENHANCED REPUTATION WITH CLIENTS, GOVERNMENTS AND OTHER INDUSTRY PARTICIPANTS

GIIC Members must abide by the Council's stringent Code of Conduct, and are thus held to a higher standard than other advisors in the industry. GIIC membership allows clients and other parties to feel confident that the Member adheres to the highest standards of ethics and professional practice.



CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP AND USE OF GIIC MEMBER LOGO ON WEBSITE

GIIC Members may use the membership logo on their website and marketing collaterals and display their Certificate of Membership in their offices.



INCREASED VISIBILITY THROUGH ONLINE SEARCHABLE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

GIIC Members will be added to the industry directory on the GIIC website, searchable by services and jurisdictions offered and languages spoken. Directory will include company and personal biographies, website link and contact information.



EXCLUSIVE ACCESS TO GIIC RESEARCH AND REPORTS

GIIC Members will enjoy exclusive access to the Council's inaugural report, "Freedom, Security and Opportunity: The Past, Present and Future of Investor Immigration", as well as future research, reports and industry analytics.



WEEKLY INVESTOR IMMIGRATION DIGEST NEWSLETTER

GIIC Members receive the weekly Investor Immigration Digest newsletter summarizing the week's major stories surrounding the field of residence and citizenship by investment, allowing them to keep up-to-date with global news, trends and opinion pieces.



ACCESS TO GIIC EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS AT DISCOUNTED RATES

GIIC Members benefit from discounted rates at GIIC events and training workshops.



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<http://www.giic.uk/become-a-member/>

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees are listed below. Fees cover membership for one year from the date the application is approved and membership is granted.

£1,000

**CORPORATE
MEMBERSHIP**

Corporate Membership allows for companies to become registered Members of the GIIC and include the GIIC Member logo on websites and marketing materials. Three members of staff are permitted to act as company representatives and can describe themselves as GIIC Members. Additional staff may also join at a fee of £300 per individual. This option is most suited to companies that primarily advise or provide financial and legal services related to investor immigration.

£300

**INDIVIDUAL
MEMBERSHIP**

Individual Membership allows for an individual to become a GIIC Member and describe themselves as such in their biography, profile or resume. This option is most suited to self-employed practitioners or advisors, or individuals providing investor immigration services within diverse firms which may not be interested in Corporate Membership.

FREE

**ACADEMIC
MEMBERSHIP**

Academic Membership is available to individuals, institutions or academic bodies focusing on research and analysis related to investor immigration and global citizenship. Academic Members are exempt from agreeing to the GIIC's Code of Conduct, but are highly recommended to read and understand it in order to better understand the GIIC's commitment to best practices and ethical conduct.



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